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## *Championing Liberty, Inspiring Change!*

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American Policy Center founder, Tom DeWeese, presenting on Defending American Sovereignty, Property Rights and Individual Freedom in Omak, WA. - *Article on Page 5.*

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## **Washington State GOP Partners With Center For Self Governance**

For Leadership Training for PCOs

-by Tina Holan, Area 6 Chair

Around the same time I became a PCO, I began taking classes through the Center for Self Governance (CSG). For years, I had watched friends engage in the political arena while I stayed on the sidelines, convinced that world wasn't for me. The more I learned, the more I realized I had a *responsibility* to be engaged in the political process if I wanted my children and grandchildren to grow up in the same free country I was blessed to inherit.

With CSG's hands-on training, I found myself doing things I'd never done before: interviewing public officials, attending school board and county commissioner meetings, showing up to public health forums, co-hosting town halls, vetting candidates and learning to use my voice effectively. CSG has equipped me and many others across the nation with the knowledge and skills to maintain the boundaries of government.

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# Did you know....

## Before 1971, the voting age was 21!

On July 1, 1971 the US Constitution was amended for the 26<sup>th</sup> time and the voting age was changed to 18 nationwide.

## What drove the change?

The Vietnam War. Citizens did not feel it was right for their youth to be drafted into a war at 18, when they could not legally use their civil liberties to weigh in on whether the war should be waged to begin with. Hence the slogan: Old enough to fight, old enough to VOTE!

## Legislation without representation has consequences!

**Join your Okanogan County Republican party leadership at the Central Committee Meeting and bring a conservative friend or neighbor.**

**June 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday**

**Potluck starts at 5:30 PM**

**Central Committee Meeting starts at 6:00 PM**

**Location:** Varrelman's Barn, 24 Griggs Canyon Rd, Pateros

**July 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday**

**Potluck starts at 5:30 PM**

**Central Committee Meeting starts at 6:00 PM**

**Location:** Okanogan Commissioners Hearing Room  
123 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N. Okanogan

## Who Are We? We Are Republicans!

~By Stacy Storm, OCRP Chairwoman

### What do we stand for?

### Faith, Family, Freedom. Liberty and Personal Responsibility

President Trump is our 47th President, and he is aggressively targeting the deep state and fulfilling his campaign promises. The volume of the screams from the other side of the aisle tells me he is making really good headway. Now is not the time to sit back and be silent. Now is the time to stand firm in support of our President and the agenda he is trying to implement. We need to keep informing people that the Trump administration is intent on cutting waste, fraud and abuse, which protects funding for essential services. There is no thought of cutting Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security for those who need it.

Washington State is another problem, and we have lots of work to do here. We have to flip several seats in the next two elections if we are to enact Republican values into policy. We stand a good chance to do that, however, especially after Governor Ferguson signed all those new taxes into law. The Republicans proposed a budget that would have maintained services and increased police presence without raising taxes, but the Democrats shut them out of the final budget deliberations.

The Democrat majority in the Legislature further gutted our second amendment rights. The parental bill of rights was gutted. On top of it all, Governor Bob Ferguson and Attorney General Nicholas Brown are filing frivolous lawsuits against the Trump administration.

We cannot sit idle. We must boldly and proudly state who we are and what we stand for. There are many opportunities to do that: participate in OCRP booths at fairs and events, march in parades, write letters to the editor, share news articles and reports that explain our viewpoints, like and share OCRP social media posts, share posts from other Conservative sources on your social media feeds and with our OCRP communications committee.

Mainstream media is in the business of ratings. Drama and polarization sell. We have to demonstrate to our friends and neighbors that Republicans are rational people who believe in common sense solutions. We don't have horns and tails, nor do we want to push Grandma over the cliff. There are many people who simply believe what the media tells them. They don't have the background in civics and history to question what they are being told. If we are visible and willing to discuss issues in a calm and civil manner, we stand a chance to educate and draw people to vote for Conservative values in 2026.



OCRCP PCOs representing and participating across the state!

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### What is a PCO – And Why Should You Care?

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-by Tina Holan

Before 2020, I didn't know what a PCO was... I thought I had checked all of the "being a good citizen" boxes. Vote. Check. Volunteer. Check. Had friends who did political stuff. *Check*. I was generally aware of what was happening in the political world, but I never considered that perhaps there was a larger role for me to play in keeping the Republic.

In 2020, when the world reached a whole new level of crazy, I heard Loren Culp and Steve Bannon talk about the importance of becoming a PCO. As a business owner and overall responsible adult, I felt completely ignorant. Apparently, I was not alone. My husband, who closely follows politics, didn't know either. The more I talked with people, the more I discovered that *many* had never heard of a PCO or understood what they did.

If this sounds familiar, you're not alone – and you don't need to stay in the dark.

A Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) is the elected or appointed representative of the Republican Party in your local voting precinct. A bridge between your neighbors and the county party.

PCOs play a vital role by attending monthly county party meetings, connecting with voters through door-knocking or phone calls, helping register voters, and promoting Republican values. They also raise money, distribute campaign materials like signs and voter guides during election season, and participate in key party decisions, including leadership elections and resolutions.

I became a PCO because I realized I could no longer afford to sit on the sidelines.

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Omak Town Hall

-by Suzy Taylor

Our 7th Legislative District State Representatives Andrew Engell, position 1 and Hunter Abell, position 2 came to Omak City Hall May 12th at 7PM for the LD7 Town Hall. They were greeted by a diverse crowd, as chairs were added to accommodate the citizens arriving to hear from their Representatives.

Hunter and Andrew spoke about their busy and enlightening first Legislative session in Olympia. Both gentlemen shared some of their experiences and then spent most of the evening answering a wide variety of questions from the audience. Afterward, they spent time with each person who wanted to speak to them personally.

It was a very engaging and informative night with our two members of the Washington State House of Representatives.

### Representative Hunter Abell gave us the following recap to share with the citizens of Okanogan County:

Representative Engell and I arrived in Olympia in January with our families in tow. Almost immediately, we were greeted with the news of a significant budget deficit. In our perspective, this was caused by years of irresponsible spending by majority Democrats. In a budget session dominated by spending and taxes, it would be essential for Republicans to show an alternative, responsible path forward for the people of Washington.

As budget debates raged, Representative Engell and I got to work focusing on issues important to the 7<sup>th</sup> District, including the rural/urban divide, housing, lack of law enforcement, Second Amendment rights, apex predators, and others. Representative Engell and I both sponsored bills addressing wolf management. While both bills received hearings, neither advanced to the floor. This was especially unfortunate in the case of Representative Engell's bill (HB 1311) which appeared to be on a glidepath to floor action and possible enactment into law. Unfortunately, in a closed-door political twist, the bill was killed when Representative Engell stood up for his district and refused to go along with a poison pill piece of legislation offered by the Democrats. As Senator Short said: "Olympia is a place that tests you."

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### What Is A PCO – And Why Should You Care?

Oppressive regulations had put a strain on my business, while others lost their livelihoods entirely. We were told who was essential and who was not. Families were forced apart in the most critical moments — people died alone, denied the comfort of loved ones by arbitrary rules. I couldn't ignore these injustices or assume they would simply fix themselves. It was time to get involved.

Our Republic doesn't preserve itself. It depends on ordinary citizens — people like you and me — being willing to step up in whatever way we can. We don't need to know everything. We just need to step up and be willing to learn.

If you've ever wondered what more you can do, becoming a PCO might be the answer. For your kids. For your grandkids. For the future of our country.

For more information on becoming a PCO, reach out to OCRP Chairwoman, Stacy Storm at [OCRPcoms@gmail.com](mailto:OCRPcoms@gmail.com).

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### WAGOP Partners with Center for Self-Governance

When Eliza Powel asked Benjamin Franklin: "Well, Doctor, what have we got? A monarchy or a republic?" Franklin famously replied: "A republic if you can keep it." Just as we are tasked with maintaining our health, our vehicles, homes, relationships and more, we are also tasked with maintaining our government. CSG teaches you the skills to do so.

All across Washington State, more PCOs began turning to CSG training — seeking solutions to the many challenges facing our beautiful state. I'm excited to share that the Washington State GOP has partnered with the Center for Self Governance to offer Leadership Training for PCOs! These apprenticeship courses are FREE to Republican PCOs — and just \$25 if you're not yet a PCO.

Whether you've been actively serving for years or you're just starting to ask, "What more can I do?" — this is your next step. If you've felt that same sense of urgency I did, let this be your invitation: Your country needs steady hands, wise voices, and dedicated citizens.

#### **Testimonials from CSG Students and OCRP PCOs:**

*"CSG has been a game changer for me in helping me learn the system. It empowers us with skills to fix our political system."*  
~Sherri Martin

*"CSG is for all those who missed civics class or those who need a refresher on how our government works."* ~Isaac Taylor

*"I have learned so much from taking classes offered by CSG. It is a unique source of valuable information, I feel lucky to have found. Can't wait to take more classes."* ~ Suzy Taylor

### 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Omak Town Hall

Representative Engell passed that test with flying colors.

Representative Engell was, however, successful in getting an important piece of rural legislation enacted into law: HB 1947 removed unnecessary bureaucracy regarding Group B water systems. Group B water systems are those that serve comparatively few customers, and are commonly found in the 7<sup>th</sup> District.

As for me, I focused on law enforcement hiring and veterans issues. I was proud to sponsor HB 1435, which was the House Republicans' effort to get Washington out of last place in the nation in terms of per capita number of law enforcement officers. Unfortunately, that bill did not advance, and Governor Ferguson signed a watered-down alternative favored by Seattle Democrats. I also sponsored a bill addressing composition of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (HB 1541). HB 1541 would have revised the composition of the Committee that advises the Governor on military issues. That bill passed unanimously out of the House, but did not advance in the Senate. I am committed to continuing to work on the issue next year, and continuing to work on all issues impacting veterans.

We had some moments that were personally meaningful. Representative Engell's son (David) paged for Senator Short. My daughters made multiple trips over during the session, and were enamored of the beautiful Legislative Building and the legislative process. We also had a bus-load of constituents from the 7<sup>th</sup> District (including some from Okanogan County!) make a trip over to Olympia to see us and encourage us. We were blessed by their visit.

All told, the session was a wild ride. While the majority Democrats ultimately enacted a budget with significantly increased spending (and even more taxes), I am proud of our consistently conservative 7<sup>th</sup> District team. It was an honor to fight alongside both Representative Engell and Senator Short to advocate for our rural values. It was also a tremendous encouragement to hear from folks back home, especially those who reached out to say that they were praying for us. The prayers were needed and appreciated.

~Representative Hunter Abell

## Upcoming Events

Contact [OCRPsoms@gmail.com](mailto:OCRPsoms@gmail.com) for more information or to participate in any of the events below!

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – Okanogan Days Booth**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> – Methow Valley Republicans, Area 1 monthly meeting**

**June 26<sup>th</sup> – OCRP Central Committee Meeting, Pateros**

**June 29<sup>th</sup> – Tonasket Area 6 CSG Training**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> – Chesaw Parade & Rodeo Booth**

**July 24<sup>th</sup> – OCRP Central Committee Meeting, Okanogan**

### American Policy Center Comes to Omak:

Tom DeWeese, founder of the American Policy Center, graciously rerouted his scheduled tour through Eastern Washington at the last minute, specifically to visit with Okanogan County Republican Party members and county residents, May 16<sup>th</sup> at a well attended luncheon at the Omak Elks Lodge.

A steadfast advocate for Constitutionally guaranteed rights, DeWeese presented on defending American sovereignty, property rights and individual liberty. Highlighting the importance of citizen engagement if citizens are to keep those rights, Tom emphasized the need to hold ALL elected officials accountable to the duties of their offices and elaborated on examples of official regulatory powers being dispersed to non-elected government committees that do not answer directly to the citizens they are regulating. This allows duly elected office holders to step back from their obligated direct duties to their constituents and shift the ‘blame’ for unpopular regulations, fees, penalties, etc to an appointed office or committee for public ridicule; all while actually still holding the official power to make the ultimate vote both for the contentious issue and also for selecting the individuals who sit in the appointed office or on the appointed committees. Bait and switch. Listen to what my left hand is saying, drawing attention away from what my right hand is doing, all while keeping my elected public office free from the public stench of contentious issues.

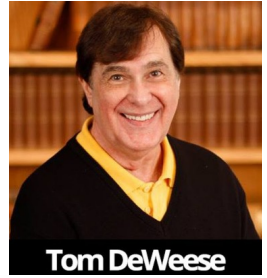
DeWeese is an experienced Speaker and Activist, with over 50 years as a businessman, grassroots activist, writer, and publisher. He is the Editor of The DeWeese Report and author of several books, including: *Sustainable: The WAR on Free Enterprise, Private Property and Individuals*, *ERASE*, and *Now Tell Me I Was Wrong*. His goal is to empower citizens with the knowledge to recognize government over-reach and stand ready to stop non-elected regional councils, appointed boards and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from slipping the globalist agendas in through the backdoor – into our local government.

To find out more information or if you are interested in starting local Freedom Pods go to:

[American Policy Center | 30 Years Leading the Fight for American Property Rights & Sovereignty](#)

# Citizens Can Stop the CO2 Pipeline Steamroller

-by Tom DeWeese



The fight to stop the carbon capture pipeline across five Midwest states is yielding some positive results. But the forces behind it haven't given up. Now, three more states are targeted. This tyranny over farmers can be stopped — but only if citizens' freedom-fighting determination and dedication stand strong.

The carbon capture pipeline is one of the worst environmental scams ever. In all my years of fighting the lies and insane policies of the radical Left, this is without doubt their DUMBEST plan – but it's also one of the MOST DANGEROUS that we have ever faced – especially for farmers.

Thousands and thousands of acres of privately-owned, food-producing Midwest Corn Belt farmland are being targeted for a 1300-mile-long carbon capture pipeline. The targeted states are South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Nebraska.

The scam is to capture CO2 carbon dioxide and TRANSPORT IT UNDERGROUND!

The CO2 is to be buried in underground tanks – to stop global warming! The worst part of this idiotic scam is that it ignores biological science. CO2 is NOT a pollutant. It is natural food for trees and plants. None can live without CO2.

Here's a scientific fact that the radical Greens are ignoring; For life to exist on earth, we need an average of 1,600 parts per million of CO2 in our atmosphere. However, right now, according to a chart provided by the U.S. Navy, we have only 400 parts per millions. That means we are facing CO2 starvation!

And yet, these so-called environmental “experts” are working to bury what we have in the ground – all to save the environment! This project is just as stupid and dangerous as Bill Gates' plan to put up a sky level shield to block out the sun. And he proposed that with a straight face!

Just as I've been warning for over thirty-five years, all of this is part of the plot called for in Agenda 21, Agenda 2030, the Green New Deal and the Great Reset. In their words, “A blueprint for the reorganization of human society.” It has nothing to do with protecting the environment. It's the scare tactic to get you to surrender your liberty to their global control.

Now, America's farmers are on the front lines of the ground war to enforce that reorganization. Control the food – control our entire society. They are facing powerful forces — from rich corporations set on grabbing federal tax money to build the pipeline — to non-elected appointed government boards that are providing the power of eminent domain to enable those corporations to take any farmland they desire — to ignorant or corrupt elected representatives who refuse to stand up and protect their landowners.

I've run up against them all! It all started a couple of years ago when I was sponsored by the John Birch Society to travel to Iowa to address the carbon capture pipeline issue. I learned that the two main corporations pushing to build the pipeline were Summit Carbon Solutions and Navigator CO2 Ventures.

They sent out letters to farmlands in the proposed path of the pipeline, saying “Our goal is to reach voluntary agreements with all landowners along the Project route...” The goal was to get all landowners to sign an easement to “voluntarily” give up their land in the path of the project.

That path of the pipeline is not along the edges of the property where it wouldn't interfere with the farmer's use to grow crops. No, the pipeline will meander across the farm wherever the corporations want it – sometimes even as close as 60 feet from the house. And it's not just a ditch for the pipes. It also includes buffer zones that could be twenty feet wide or more. The farmer loses control of that entire area.

But it gets worse. The Summit letter went on to explain that, if the farmer refused to voluntarily cooperate- “...if we are unable to do so (voluntarily) we may need to request the right of eminent domain (condemnation) from the (non-elected appointed Iowa Utilities Board. In other words, the corporation would use eminent domain to just take the land. Can you imagine how the farmers felt? Who stood with them to protect their land and their livelihood?

Then I was given a copy of a letter written by some Iowa county supervisors. It said the supervisors didn't support the pipeline, but “THERE'S NOT MUCH WE CAN DO. IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST GOING TO HAPPEN.”

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That's when I barnstormed the state and as I spoke to local audiences, I challenged all the county supervisors. "How dare you," I said. "Who do you represent?" "Who will stand for these citizens? You swore an oath to represent THEM." Further, I charged that the Iowa Utilities Board was not elected by anyone. And it was not the boss of these elected officials. I challenged them – "YOU COWARDS! When are you going to stand up and serve the people who elected you?"

I was surprised to learn that my speech was recorded by a local activist. He used the recording to make 300 DVDs and passed them out across the state, including to many county supervisors. And then he rented a movie theater and showed my recorded speech to a larger public audience.

The result was that several county supervisors did act. A few counties began to pass property rights protection legislation for the citizens in their individual areas. The legislation helped to serve as a roadblock to the pipeline, even as other counties took no action. That was a great start in the effort to stand up to the corporations.

Then the battle shifted to South Dakota where many farmers were publicly opposing the pipeline. Again, as in Iowa, I travelled across the state, speaking to local activists, providing ideas on how to stand up and fight to protect their property and farmers. In fact, I have been given credit by some of the local activists for inspiring positive action in their fight.

The fight in South Dakota became vicious as the corporations took action to silence opposition. One farmer, Jared Bossly, was very open in his opposition to the pipeline. He had signs posted on his property specifically notifying the pipeline corporations to not come on his property without his permission.

Summit Carbon Solutions decided to make an example of him to show other farmers what would happen if they openly opposed the pipeline. One day, without warning, as Bossly was out working in his fields, Summit arrived at his house. They began to walk around his property and even entered his barn where he had his farm office.

His wife, scared by these strangers on their land, called Jared, who was working out in the field. In a quick six second phone conversation with her, he said "we will need to get the sheriff involved."

Jared did not talk directly to the surveyors. But those surveyors reported that he had threatened their lives. HE DID NO SUCH THING. But a judge put a restraining order on him, as if he was a danger to these corporate trespassers.

Then, less than two weeks later, Summit sent another team to his property, complete with armed guards and huge equipment designed to drill 90-foot-deep holes into his soil. They drove this monster equipment over his soybean and corn crops destroying them. But, by order of the judge, Jared was not allowed to confront or interact with them – on his own property.

It is obvious that Summit's purpose in this intimidation tactic was to scare other farmers from opposing the pipeline on their own land, and to silence their opposition. That tactic backfired! Instead of silencing them, farmers rose up like never before in opposition. Within days, the farmers held a rally at the South Dakota state capital, demanding that the governor and state legislature take action to protect their property rights.

The battle has taken a positive turn. Suddenly, Navigator cancelled its plans to build its pipeline. In addition, recently, South Dakota Governor Larry Rhoden signed a bill banning the use of eminent domain for carbon capture pipelines.

Of course, that is a huge victory and should end the threat. But the real problem is Summit Carbon Solutions. It's planning legal action to stop the ban. Also, Summit is looking for a possible new route around South Dakota to continue the pipeline into North Dakota. Most recently, a new carbon capture pipeline project has been announced to cover Ohio, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania. For those states, the battle begins anew.

The Carbon Capture Pipeline is a scam that has nothing to do with protecting the environment. It is simply a weapon to take valuable farmland as evil forces work to impose their global agenda on us. The key weapon for stopping the threat is to fight for protection of property rights. Local elected officials must make the determination – **who do they represent?** – private corporations and non-elected Boards, or the people who elected them?

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***"Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom exists not to do what you like but (in) having the right to do what you ought... You weren't born to fit in. You were meant to stand out"***

*~ Jim Caveziel*

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