

July 27 vote is a chance to support constitutional candidates

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The primary election is July 27 and it is as critical to the future of our nation and our state as the general election will be November 2.

Today I bumped into an old acquaintance, a businessman that I have a lot of respect and admiration for. I have known him for almost 15 years, and have on a few occasions over the years asked him what he thought about our presidential candidates. He was always upbeat about who would eventually occupy the office, regardless of which party they came from. In his opinion, it did not matter whether it was a Republican or a Democrat because, being in his seventies, he had seen presidents come and go without harming the country beyond its ability to recover. To him, America had been so resilient that even a bad President couldn't damage it beyond repair.

But today was a different story. In our brief conversation, in which he referred to the Obama Administration as "the regime," he agreed that the upcoming elections were going to either save our country or break it.

Who we vote for does matter. Whether there is an R, D, or I behind their name is relatively unimportant in the overall scheme of things. I've been a registered Republican since I was 18, and have always been loyal to the Republican Party. But over the last few election cycles (back to when Bob Dole ran for president), I have grown tired of pinching my nose and voting for people who, even though they were Republican, turned out to be no better than what the other parties could offer.

As a result, I can say that Republicans will no longer get my vote just because they are Republicans. I want to vote for someone who is a true conservative and a strict constitutionalist.

We now have someone who will undoubtedly prove to be the worst president in American history occupying the White House. Many, like my friend, who believed that America was too strong for any one president to ruin, now wonder if America can even survive long enough for his term to end. As Robert Weissberg recently wrote in the American Thinker, "I finally realized that the Obama Administration and its congressional collaborators almost resemble a foreign occupying force, a coterie of politically and culturally nonindigenous leaders whose rule contravenes local values rooted in our national tradition."

While it is highly unlikely that Obama or his ilk will ever be re-elected in 2012, it is also highly likely that he and his administration will stay in office until then. Most pundits see a massive Republican victory in the fall, but that will accomplish nothing if those who are elected don't have the political will and the spine to reverse all of the damage that has been done so far, and the even greater damage that will be done in November and December of this year by those

legislators who have been voted out of office. I have little confidence that a Republican majority in both houses will be enough to repair the damage.

That said, it is still possible to reverse the damages. In order to do so, enough states must assert their constitutional rights and authority over the federal government for any laws that do not fall under the enumerated powers given to the federal government under the U.S. Constitution. And states must also assert their demand that the federal government do its job for those items that do fall under the definition of an enumerated power.

But assertion alone won't be enough, as we have all seen with Arizona's battle with the Obama Administration to either do its job or get out of the way. Rarely do we see such righteous and rightful defiance of the federal government, but it is possible when there is a willing state legislator and a strong-willed governor, and when other states join in the battle.

If Oklahoma is to preserve its economy, its security, and its way of life (as well as helping other states to do the same), it is vital that we elect legislators who have the courage to stand up to the federal government. Just as important, if not more, is that we elect a governor who not only has the fortitude to lead our legislators to assert our Tenth Amendment state's rights, but also to reject federal legislation and veto state laws that are not in the best interests of the State of Oklahoma.

Among our gubernatorial candidates, the only person who qualifies for that position is Randy Brogdon. As a state senator, his 100 percent conservative voting record speaks to his sincerity and loyalty to our Constitution.

All of us have wished for citizens who would run for office who were in it for all the right reasons. Well, now you can have your wish. But it can only come true with your vote. This is an opportunity to elect someone who will be the kind of leader that Oklahoma truly needs. Vote for Randy Brogdon on July 27 and again on November 2.

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