



## Forbes Online Blogger Endorses Ron Paul

In the blog, author John Thorpe commented that Ron Paul has been 100-percent accurate regarding the economy, and that all the various problems of massive debt, "quantitative easing" (inflation of the currency), unemployment, bailouts, and excessive federal spending "could have been averted if we had taken heed of Dr. Ron Paul's warnings years ago." He continued,



This man has been fighting with absolute integrity and honesty for the values that this country was founded on for the last 30 years — sound money, balanced budgets, free markets, non-interventionist foreign policy and civil liberties. Most every other GOP Presidential candidate is an Establishment panderer who is beholden to entrenched special interests. Why should we trust another Establishment politician after being subjected to the lies of George W. Bush and Barack Obama, not to mention nearly every other politician in Washington, D.C.?

Thorpe acknowledged Paul's clean and consistent character, as well as his fierce advocacy for the Constitution:

Into this void has stepped a man whose reputation for integrity, honesty, and principles is unimpeachable. He has ideas which address nearly every single problem that this country faces. He wants to follow the Constitution, restore civil liberties, end the foreign occupations, downsize government, restore sound money and reform the Entitlement State. If we elected Dr. Ron Paul would all of these things happen overnight? Of course not. Many of his solutions would take years to successfully implement, but the ideas are powerful and very important. Ron Paul represents the idea of a radical reformation of our country — based on the principles enunciated by the founding fathers.

Likewise, Thorpe indicates that the upcoming presidential election "may present one of the last opportunities for the American people to rise up against the oligarchy that has run this country into the ground for their own personal benefit at the expense of the majority of the citizens of this deteriorating Republic." In fact, he is confident that if given the opportunity to hear Ron Paul's ideas in detail, the American people would be very receptive to them:

If Ron Paul can sufficiently stir the American populace, his ideas will take root even if he does not



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subsequently win the GOP nomination. If this happens, U.S. policy and the entire course of our country could shift much faster than most people realize. Nothing is more powerful than an idea, and few ideas are as powerful as the concept of liberty. It is time that we finally tried something different. Ron Paul represents real change.

Just weeks away from the January 3 Iowa Caucus, Ron Paul has a firm footing as a top-tier candidate in the race for not only that caucus, but the January 10 New Hampshire one as well. Further, Paul's campaign is preparing for what is expected to be the biggest single-day online "moneybomb" in American history — December 16. Not that Paul's supporters are new to making history. In 2007, Paul managed to raise \$6 million in online contributions in just 24 hours, surpassing the single-day record for a national candidate. Still, the Paul campaign is encouraging supporters to donate sooner so that they may purchase more ads in Iowa prior to the caucus.

"If you were holding off on contributing until the Money Bomb later this month, I must ask you to please contribute today at least half of whatever you were planning to give on the 16th," Dr. Paul said in a recent campaign e-mail.

Michael Brendan Dougherty of *Business Insider* [acknowledged](#) the passion and drive of Paul's supporters in Iowa, and noted the efficiency with which his campaign has been run:

This is no longer a political novelty act. It's not a seminar on the Constitution disguised as a campaign. This is the emergence of a populist-libertarian force that is growing into an organized movement in American politics. And if Paul shocks the establishment in Iowa, January 3rd 2012 will be recorded in history as this movement's coming out party.

Similarly, the *Washington Examiner* reported that Jeff Stein, a political analyst and Iowa caucus historian, observed, "The people who like Ron Paul are intensely loyal and they will turn out [on caucus day] no matter what. I don't think there is that kind of loyalty for any other candidate in the field."

That intensity is a necessity for the Paul campaign. "We need to do well in Iowa and New Hampshire, because it's very important for perception," Ron Paul 2012 National Campaign Chairman [Jesse Benton](#) told Politico after the Michigan debate. "It's also important because the voters in those states are very adept and astute at evaluating candidates, so we need to be in the top three in those states, no question about it," he added.



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