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The Right Side

Hawai'i Republican Party

Weekly E-Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed. 8/19/09 5:30-8:30pm	Volunteer Night at HRP HQ
Fri. 8/21/09	Hawai'i Statehood Conference "New Horizons 1959-2009," Honolulu Convention Center. For more info or to register click here .
Sat. 8/22/09 5:30-8:30pm	Maui GOP Social with Vice Chair of Events, Lei Enriques
Wed. 8/26/09 5:30-8:30pm	Volunteer Night at HRP HQ
Thur. 8/27/09– Sun.8/30/09	GOP Booth at the Kaua'i County Farm Bureau Fair, Vidinha Stadium
Tue. 9/1/09 5:30-6:30pm	"Empowering the Base" training for House District Chairs, HRP HQ
Wed. 9/2/09 5:30-8:30pm	Volunteer Night at HRP HQ
Tue. 9/8/09 5:30-6:30pm	"Empowering the Base" training for House District Chairs, HRP HQ
Wed. 9/9/09 5:30-8:30pm	Volunteer Night at HRP HQ
Fri. 9/11/09	Patriots Day/September 11 Remembrance Event, Kona. For more info contact konateaparty@gmail.com
Sat. 9/12/09	Governor Linda Lingle's Ball, Hilton Hawaiian Village. For more info or to purchase tickets click here .
Wed. 9/16/09 5:30-8:30pm	Volunteer Night at HRP HQ
Thur. 9/24/09 6:45-7:15pm	Honolulu County Voter Registration Training and Deputization, Honolulu Hale. For more info contact malia@gophawaii.com
Fri. 9/25/09– Sun. 9/27/09 8:30am-4:30pm	25th Anniversary Hawai'i Senior Fair Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, Booth 552. To volunteer, contact us at headquarters@gophawaii.com

Get Official! Voter Registration Training at Honolulu Hale

A great opportunity to help jumpstart voter registration is just around the corner! On September 24, volunteers can attend a 30-minute voter registration training and deputization at Honolulu Hale. Anyone interested in learning more about voter registration and getting certified to officially register voters can attend the event, starts at 6:45.

Whether you're interested in registering your neighbor or your entire neighborhood, this is a great way to learn how. Please email Honolulu County Chair at malia@gophawaii.com to RSVP. House district and precinct chairs are especially encouraged to attend!

Hawai'i GOP To Hold Media Boot Camp to Whip Candidates and Campaign Staff into Shape



HRP's Vice Chair of Communications, Jim Bryan, is putting together a special "Media Boot Camp" to assist potential Republican candidates and campaign personnel with media relations. The 5-hour seminar will be held on O'ahu and will be limited to 30 participants, although more Boot Camps will be held in the future to accommodate additional demand. Although the exact date & location has not been determined yet, please

let us know as soon as possible if you're interested in attending. Further info will be sent to you as it becomes available and the seminar will then be booked on a first-come/first-served basis.

According to VCC Jim, "This isn't going to be about elections laws, fundraising, or ideology. We have other great members of our GOP leadership team that are better trained to help you with those crucial areas of the campaign."

Instead, Jim says, "We're going to walk potential candidates and their key team players through the entire maze of dealing with the news media. As Republicans, we've never paid enough attention to all the land mines campaigns face when dealing with the media. The old cliché is really true - you never get a second chance to make a first impression! Just one wrong statement can destroy an entire campaign. TV reporters stick a microphone in your face, or newspaper reporters call you for a statement, and you're clueless. What should you say, and more importantly, what shouldn't you say? How should you respond to an opponent's attack? If it's a blatant lie, how should you respond? What if it's the truth? Most of the time, it's not *what* campaigns say, but rather, *how they say it* that will leave the greatest impression. This Boot Camp will definitely be intense and eye-opening, with tons of "insider" information that is seldom available to political campaigns unless they are willing to pay six-figures to a consultant."

VCC Jim and his team of Boot Camp instructors have a combined total of over 150 years experience in news and multi-media, working for major media organizations such as FOX, CNN, NBC, CBS, the Associated Press, and UPI, as well as numerous local TV and Radio stations, newspapers, and internet companies. "By the time we're done with you," Jim says, "you'll know the ins & outs of preparing effective press releases, appearing on live TV or radio, designing knockout advertising & websites, and much, much more. Doesn't matter if you're running for national office or the neighborhood board, we'll give you the basic training and tools to help you put your best foot forward and make the greatest impact in any election."

Again, if you'd like to stay in the information loop for the Media Boot Camp, contact HRP Press Secretary Erin Kealoha at ekealoha@gmail.com, or, call her at (808) 277-9445 for further information. Participants will be asked for a \$75 registration fee payable to the Hawai'i Republican Party to help defray costs of the seminar and support the HRP's further Communications efforts.

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Republican happenings in
your area?

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HAWAII GOP IN THE NEWS

**"In Hawai'i, You Too Can Get Your Piece
of Government Pie!"**

By John Willoughby
[Hawai'i Reporter, 8/12/09](#)

**"Republican governors defend healthcare
town hall fury"**

By Andy Barr
[Politico, 8/10/09](#)

**"GOP Challenges Abercrombie shift of
campaign money"**

By Derick DePledge
[Honolulu Advertiser, 8/8/09](#)

MUST READ/LISTEN

**"The Whole Foods Alternative to
ObamaCare"**

By John Mackey
[Wall Street Journal, 8/11/09](#)

**"Maintaining America's Safety to Build
Our Prosperity and Freedom"**

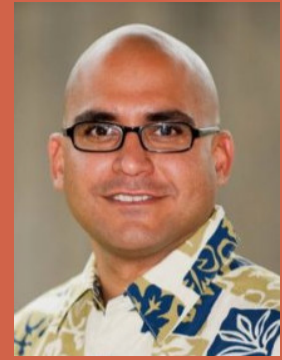
By The Honorable Newt Gingrich
[Hawai'i Reporter, 8/10/09](#)

**"Is Economic Equality Worth the Loss of
Prosperity?"**

By Bill Frezza
[Real Clear Markets, 8/3/09](#)

Jonah's Talking Points

Just how much are we paying in taxes? Sometimes it is hard to tell. We pay taxes in obvious ways, the annual federal and state taxes we file and the sales tax we pay for many of our purchases from local stores.



But what about those taxes we don't see every day? Taxes on products coming in and out of our island's sea ports, taxes on small businesses that stifle entrepreneurial growth and innovation, taxes on the hotel industry that drive up costs for visitors and deter more visitors from coming.

I wanted to share this article about "Cost of Government Day," which was established to give Americans a better understanding of just how much we pay the federal government. Hawai'i's COGD this year fell on the same day as the national average, Wednesday, August 12. That means it took the hardworking people of Hawai'i 224 days to make enough to pay for the government's out of control spending and rapidly increasing tax burdens. This year, it took us a whole month longer than last year to reach COGD. How long will it take us next year?

We must restore fiscal restraint and responsibility in government and reign in on out of control spending. Only then can we start using our hard-earned money on the things that better serve our families instead of letting the government dictate our financial future.

At Last: Happy Cost of Government Day!!

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On August 12, Americans mark the national Cost of Government Day (COGD), the date of the calendar year when the average American finishes paying off his or her share of federal, state and local spending, and regulatory burden. This means that the average American worker had to toil 224 days out of the year just to meet all costs imposed by government. In other words, the cost of government consumes 61.34 percent of national income.

"As taxpayers struggle to pay for their mortgages, and their gas and grocery bills, Cost of Government Day serves as a grim reminder that much of their struggle is a direct result of a government that has grown too big and eats up too much of their hard-earned money," said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. "Cost of Government Day moving into August is very disconcerting, but unfortunately, in light of bailout after bailout, the nationalization of entire industries, a misguided "stimulus" package and other bloated spending bills hardly surprising."

Cost of Government Day is calculated every year by the Americans for Tax Reform Foundation and the Center for Fiscal Accountability (CFA). While other indices look primarily at taxation as a measure of the cost imposed by government, the annual Cost of Government Day Report takes into account the total spending burden as a percentage of GDP coupled with government regulations, an oft-forgotten, but significant burden also borne by the economy.

Cost of Government Day falls 26 days later in 2009 than in 2008, when it fell on July 16. This is the latest Cost of Government Day has been since 1977, the first year for which this date was calculated. The 2009 date of August 12 even marks a sharp leap from the previous record date in 1982, when COGD fell on July 20.

The average American worker has to work 111 days just to pay for federal spending which is now consuming 30.36 percent of national income.

The average American worker has to work 49 days to meet the burden of state and local spending, compared to 42.5 days in 1999. This means that in the last ten years alone, state and local spending has grown almost 14 percent in relation to national income. Regulatory costs force the average American worker to labor 65 days this year, and will consume 17.7 percent of national income.