

With Regard to *The Fourth Estate* and some Significant Others

This little insert is one of those “items” that some suggested that I should not include in CS2 since it might bother some people. However, since my intent is not to bother, but to encourage some individuals and organizational entities to do good works for the nation – here it is anyway!

Courtesy of Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The term *Fourth Estate* refers to the press, both in its explicit capacity of advocacy and in its implicit ability to frame political issues. The term goes back at least to Thomas Carlyle in the first half of the 19th century.

Novelist Jeffrey Archer in his work *The Fourth Estate* made this observation: “In May 1789, Louis XVI summoned to Versailles a full meeting of the ‘Estate General’. The First Estate consisted of three hundred clergy. The Second Estate, three hundred nobles. The Third Estate, six hundred commoners.

Some years later, after the French Revolution, Edmund Burke, looking up at the Press Gallery of the House of Commons, said, ‘Yonder sits the Fourth Estate, and they are more important than them all.’”

My thanks to the people and contributors at *Wik*.

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The Founders Appreciation

The Founding Fathers both praised and challenged the Free Press, and referenced them as *The Fourth Estate*. The Founders knew how critical open communication among the People was to the protection of the general welfare, as well as to the proper care and maintenance of the young and maturing Democracy.

In the chart below you will see an interesting mix of press/media people and news organizations, various political and entertainment celebrities, and a smaller group of organizations. I originally wanted to have about 50 to 75 names of media types – mainly newspaper, network and cable news – and a few public-oriented organizations that came to mind. However, the list kept growing as I determined to add his or her name or an organization – although I mostly wanted people. Those that reviewed the draft were interested by the variety of people on the List. They made some suggestions and everyone was added. I hope that the names and reference titles are correct, if not you have my sincere apology for any errors. AJ

I consider it to be a very good list to be on. And there are those names that I will wish I had thought to place on the list, after the cut-off date for publication has passed. For the most part, I observed these people and groups as trying in their own way to be a positive force in society, and it is obvious they are not all on the same side on the issues! I sincerely hope no one is offended “to be or not to be” on *the Fourth Estate* list.

My Challenge to Them

My intent is to publicly challenge this unique group of people and organizations, to please take a hard and critical look at the message and content of CS2, with particular attention paid to An American Agenda. And not only from a professional viewpoint as many in the media naturally will, but more importantly *in this case* as an American, a concerned citizen, and as a parent, even if it does not yet apply to you. Discuss things about CS2 that are positive, as well as those you may take exception to for whatever reason.

The American Press – written, heard, and viewed – is challenged to step away from growing culture of “corporate politically correct and tabloid media” that has been creeping into their world since the 1980’s. I tried to put that as kindly as I could.

To me and I believe the vast majority of Americans, it is the American Press, above all others, that is supposed to “objectively challenge” if not harass the bad guys, bad business, and bad government. Just as Dan Rather regularly stood up in White House press conferences, asked the tough questions, and gave President Nixon hell! He was doing his job for the country and always represented his profession very well. What happened to him in recent times is, an example of how the “corporate media culture” has damaged the delivery of real news in favor of sensationalism — and the will gladly walk one of the best off a plank to protect themselves from the negative spotlight they deserve. Dan Rather remains one of the best reporters ever. And I am far from alone in that respect for him.

Called Upon to Raise the Debate

The celebrity names are included due to their past activity in the public’s interest, such as Bill Cosby has done over the years and has sometimes been slammed for it. At least he has cared enough to try and do something along the way — and he was correct!

Overall, I am asking those on the List to assist me in getting the word out about CS2, and An American Agenda to the Masses of the American public — and the sooner the better. To promote it over and through the screams that Special Interest business may well throw at its message. I fully expect their criticism

and I can handle it! As I tell people I was an IT consultant in DC for 30 years and I have been abused by professionals, or at least people that thought they were!

You and others like you that have a public voice – use it! Be critical, but fair about the proposals offered in the name of the Common Good of our fellow Americans. I have had thousands of conversations with ALL types of people over many years and I believe the nation yearns for such a message. Not everyone will like all of it — that is impossible — and not my mission in this personal problem-solving project for America.

So please give *The Second Coming of Common Sense*, a hard, but objective look and let's see how it plays on Main Street where it really counts.

Some will say this piece is just a marketing pitch to sell books. To that I say that selling books was a 'minor' positive consideration for adding the piece. If it really contributes to kicking-off the absolutely necessary national debate over the issues it raises and others — then fantastic!

My absolute and primary reason was to bring *critical public* attention to CS2 and An American Agenda. To do whatever possible to attract the public, the press, and book publishers! Consider that this is the type of non-fiction political book, which publishers won't touch until it is complete. And then it must seek the light of day and demonstrate some basic public appeal.

And if you think I would seriously consider doing something as blatant as sending one of my first copies of CS2, signed and with a dozen roses to Oprah – you would be absolutely correct!

Have nice day...

Individual/Entity	Vocation/Public Identity
Al Franken	Comedian/Activist
Al Gore	Former Vice President
Al Hunt	Bloomberg News
Al Sharpton	Civil Rights Activist
Alan Colmes	Hanity & Colmes
Ali Velshi	CNN Sr. Business Correspondent
Alison Stewart	NPR, The Bryant Park Project
Amanda Carpenter	TownHall.com
Amy Holmes	CNN Contributor
Amy Sullivan	Time Magazine
Anderson Cooper	CNN Host, Anderson Cooper 360
Andrea Koppel	CNN Correspondent
Andrea Mitchell	NBC News Correspondent
Andrew Sullivan	The Atlantic
Andy Rooney	60 Minutes/National Institution
Anne Keisman	Reporter Loudoun Times-Mirror
Arianna Huffington	HuffingtonPost.com
Arnold Schwarzenegger	Governor of California, Former Actor
Barbara Streisand	Singer and Actress
Barbara Walters	The View, News Personality
Barry Scheck	Innocence Project
Benjamin Bradley	Retired Editor, The Washington Post/Author
Bertha Coombs	CNBC, Financial Correspondent
Bill Bennett	Former Drug Czar, Secretary of Education
Bill Clinton	Former President #42
Bill Cosby	Comedian/Author/Activist
Bill Gates	Founder, Microsoft Corporation
Bill Hillsman	North Woods Advertising
Bill Kristol	Weekly Standard
Bill Maher	Real Time with Bill Maher
Bill Moyers	Bill Moyers Journal
Bill O'Reilly	The O'Reilly Factor, Political Talk Show
Bill Schneider	CNN Sr. Political Analyst
Bill Tucker	CNN, Lou Dobbs
Bob Dylan	The One and Only
Bob Garfield	Advertising Age
Bob Johnson	Founder of B.E.T.
Bob Shrum	Democratic Strategist
Bob Sullivan	Book, <i>Gotcha' Capitalism</i>
Bob Woodward	Author and The Watergate Duo
Brian Williams	NBC News Anchor
Brit Hume	Host, Speical Report with Brit Hume/FOX News
Bruce Fein	American Freedom Agenda
Calissa Lockhart	Actress/Activist
Candy Crowley	CNN Sr. Political Analyst
Carl Bernstein	Author and The Watergate Duo
Carson Daly	Host, Last Call with Carson Daly
Charles Gasparino	Book, <i>King of the Club</i>
Charles Gibson	ABC Evening News Anchor
Charles Grodin	Comedian; Book, <i>If I Only Knew Then</i>
Charles Krauthammer	Political Commentator
Charlie Cook	Cook Political Report

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Chris Cillizza	Blog, The Fix; WashingtonPost.com
Chris Ferguson	Evening Talk Show
Chris Matthews	Hardball/MSNBC
Chris Rock	Comedian
Chris Wallace	Host, FOX News Sunday
Christine Amanpour	CNN Chief International Correspondent
Christine Romans	CNN, Lou Dobbs Correspondent
Chrystia Freeland	Financial Times
Chuck Todd	NBC News, Political Director
Cokie Roberts	Journalist/Author, NPR Contrib. Sr. News Analyst
Colin Powell	Former Secretary of State
Conan O'Brien	Late Night with Conan O'Brien
Craig Crawford	CQ Politics/MSNBC Analyst
Craig Ferguson	Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson
Cynthia Tucker	Political Commentator
D. L. Hughley	Comedian/Actor
Dan Popkey	The Idaho Statesman
Dan Rather	Political Commentator
Dan Savage	Columnist, <i>Savage Love</i>
Dan Tolivek	Reporter Leesburg Today
Dana Bash	CNN Correspondent
Dana Milbank	Washington Post
Daniel Shore	Columnist
David Becker	People for the American Way
David Brinkley	Political Commentator
David Brooks	New York Times
David Gergen	CNN Sr. Political Analyst
David Gregroy	NBC News Chief White House Correspondent
David Letterman	Late Show with David Letterman
David Shuster	MSNBC Hardball's Best Correspondent
David Yepsen	Des Moines Register
Dennis Kucinich	2008 Democratic Presidential Candidate
Denzel Washington	Actor
DeRoy Murdock	National Review Online
Diana Olick	CNBC, Realty Check
Diana West	Washington Times
Diane Rehm	Host, Diane Rehm Show, WAMU
Diane Sawyer	Good Morning America, ABC
Don Chedal	Actor/Activist
Donald Trump	Business Leader
Donna Brazil	Political Strategist
Doris Kearns Goodwin	Historian
Douglas Wilder	Former Virginia Governor
Dr. Charles Stanley	Pastor
E. J. Dionne	The Washington Post
Earl G. Graves	Founder Black Enterprise Magazine
Ed Rollins	Campaign Advisor
Ed Rosenthal	Cannabis Activist
Ed Schultz	The Ed Schultz Show
Eleanor Clift	Newsweek
Eleanor Smeal	An Original Feminist Activist
Ellen Degeneres	Host, The Ellen Degeneres Show
Erin Burnett	CNBC — Street Signs

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Errol Lewis	New York Daily News
Ethan Nadelmann	The Drug Policy Alliance
Eugene Robinson	The Washington Post — Op/Ed
Fareed Zakaria	Editor Newsweek International
Franklin Graham	Minister and Billy Graham's Son
Fred Barnes	Political Commentator, FOX News
George Clooney	Actor, Activist
George Mitchell	Former U.S. Senator
George Stephanopolis	Host, This Week with George Stephanopolis
George W. Bush	Former President #41
Glenn Beck	Host, Glenn Beck Program
Gloria Borger	CNN Senior Political Analyst
Gloria Steinem	An Original Women's Rights Activist/Ms. Magazine
Gordon Peterson	Political Talk Show Host
Greta Van Susteren	Host, On the Record with Greta Van Susteren
Hank Sheinkopf	Democratic Strategist
Harold "Hype" Williams	Film Director
Harrison Ford	Actor
Hillary Rosen	Democratic Strategist
Holly Bailey	Newsweek
Howard Feinman	Newsweek, MSNBC, Sr. Political Analyst
Jack Germann	Baltimore, Political Commentator
Jack McCafferty	CNN Cable News
Jamal Simmons	Democratic Strategist
James Carville	Democratic Strategist
James Kilpatrick	New York Times
James LeCamp	Financial Radio Host
James Pindell	Boston Globe
Jason Jones	The Daily Show
Jay Carney	Times
Jay Leno	The Tonight Show
Jean Garafalo	Comedian/Activist
Jeffery Toobin	CNN Sr. Legal Analyst
Jeffrey H. Birnbaum	Staff Writer, The Washington Post
Jeremy Scahill	Taxpayers of Common Sense
Jesse Jackson	Civil Rights Activist
Jill Zuckman	Chicago Tribune
Jim Cramer	Host, Mad Money/CNBC, TheStreet.com
Jim Jeffers	Former Congressman, Vermont
Jim Lehrer	The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Jim Wallis	Book, <i>The Great Awakening</i>
Jim Warren	Chicago Tribune
Jimmy Carter	Former President #39, Activist
Joan Walsh	Salon.com
Joe Biden	U.S. Senator, Delaware, Democrat
Joe Johns	CNN Correspondent
Joe Klein	Journalist, Author of <i>Politics Lost</i>
Joe Scarborough	Host, "Morning Joe" Political Talk Show
Joe Trippi	Campaign Advisor
Joe Watkins	MSNBC
John & Elizabeth Edwards	Former Senator and Wife
John Fund	Book, <i>Stealing Elections</i>

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John Harris	Politico.com
John Harwood	Wall Street Journal
John Kerry	U.S. Senator, Massachusetts, Democrat
John King	CNN Chief National Correspondent
John MacLaughlin	Political Talk Show Host
John Nichols	Constitutional Law
John Roberts	CNN Political Analyst/Reporter
John Singleton	Film Maker
John Stewart	Political Talk Show
John Walsh	Child Protection and America's Most Wanted
John Zogby	Zogby International
Jon Soltz	VoteVets.org
Jonathan Alter	Newsweek, Political Analyst
Jonathan Capehart	The Washington Post
Jonathan Martin	Politico.com
Joyce Meyer	Joyce Meyer Ministries, Christian Women's Speaker
Juan Williams	Book, <i>Enough</i>
Judy Woodruff	PBS Correspondent
Karen Tumuly	Time Magazine
Kate Obeirne	National Review
Kathleen Crier	Author/Journalist
Kathleen Koch	CNN White House Correspondent
Katie Couric	CBS Evening News Anchor
Katrina Vanden Heuvel	The Nation
Katty Kay	BBC Political Commentator
Keith Olberman	Countdown with Keith Olberman
Keith Stroup	Founder of NORML in 1970
Kenneth & Gloria Copeland	Bible Minister and Wife
Kitty Pilgrim	CNN, Lou Dobbs Correspondent
Larry King	Host Larry King Live, CNN
Larry Kudlow	CNBC On-Air Editor
Latoya Foster	Host, "In the Know"
Laurence Fishburn	Actor, Director, Activist, UNICEF
Lawrence O'Donnell	MSNBC Political Analyst
Lester Holt	NBC News Correspondent
Lewis Black	Political Comedian
Linda Douglass	National Journal
Lorne Michael	The SNL Man
Lou Dobbs	CNN, Lou Dobbs Show
Lucas Guttenburg	ACLU
Lyndon LaRouche	Political Activist/Economist
Mara Liasson	NPR Commentator
Margaret Carlson	Bloomberg News
Marie Wood	Yellow Ribbon Fund
Mark Cuban	Entrepreneur
Mark Shields	Syndicated Columnists
Mark Taibbi	Contributing Editor, Rolling Stone
Markos Mouitas	Daily KOS Blog
Mary Matelin	Republican Strategist
Mary Snow	CNN Correspondent
Matt Cooper	Condena's Portfolio
Mel Gibson	Actor/Film Director
Melinda Henneberg	Book, <i>If They Only Listened to Us</i>

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Michael Cooper	Center for Immigration Studies
Michael Eric Dyson	Book, <i>Know What I Mean</i>
Michael Goodwin	New York Daily News
Michael Moore	Political Film Maker
Micheal Baisden	Radio Show Host/Activist
Micheal Crowley	The New Republic
Michelle Bernard	Independent Women's Voice
Miguel Perez	Syndicated Columnist
Mike Barnicle	MSNBC Political Analyst
Mike Gravel	2008 Republican Presidential Candidate
Mike Murphy	Political Analyst
Mike Rogers	BlogActive.com
Miles O'Brien	CNN Cable News
Montel Williams	TV Celebrity
Mortimer B. Zuckerman	Editor-in-Chief, US News & World Report
Morton Kondracki	Political Commentator, FOX News
Mos Def	Artsit/Activist
Nancy Gibbs	Time, Editor-at-Large
Nina Totenberg	NPR Legal Affairs Correspondent
Nora Roberts	CNN News
Norah O'Donnell	MSNBC Chief Washington Correspondent
Oprah Winfrey	TV Celebrity/Public Activist
P. J. O'Rourke	Book, <i>On the Wealth of Nations</i>
Pat Buchanan	Political Analyst
Pat Robertson	PTL/Televangelist
Paul Begala	Political Commentator
Peggy Noonan	The Wall Street Journal/Author
Peter Fenn	Democratic Strategist
Pope Benedict XVI	Head of the Roman Catholic Church, The Vatican
R. Jeffrey Smith	Staff Writer, The Washington Post
Rachel Maddow	Air America Radio
Ralph Nader	Public Activist
Rehema Phillips	NBC News
Rich Warren	Pastor
Richard Goldstein	Political Strategist
Richard Viguerie	Conservative Activist
Richard Wolffe	Newsweek
Robert Reich	Political Commentator; 22nd U.S. Secretary of Labor
Robin Morgan	Women's Rights Activist
Roger Simon	The Politico
Ron Brownstein	L. A. Times
Rosie O'Donnell	Actress/Activist
Ross Perot	Business Community
Rush Limbaugh	Host, Rush Limbaugh Show
Russell Simmons	CEO/Celebrity Activist
Ryan Lizza	The New Yorker Magazine
Sam Donaldson	Political Commentator
Samuel L. Jackson	Actor
Sean Hannity	Hanity & Colmes
Soledad O'Brien	CNN News Anchor
Spike Lee	Film Maker
Stephanie Jones	The Drug Policy Alliance
Stephen A. Smith	ESPN Analyst

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Stephen Hayes	The Weekly Standard
Steve Colbert	Political Evening Talk Show
Steve Harvey	Radio Show Host/Comedian
Steven Jobs	Founder Apple, Inc.
Susan Sarandon	Actress, Public Activist
Suzzane Malvo	CNN Correspondent
Tavis Smiley	Host, The Tavis Smiley Show/Activist
Ted Koppel	Journalist, ABC News
Terry Gross	NPR , Host of Fresh Air/Author
Thomas Friedman	Economist, <i>The World is Flat</i>
Tim Robbins	Actor, Activist
Tim Russert	Meet the Press Moderator –The Best
Tom Andrews	The Win Without War Group
Tom Beaumont	The Des Moines Register
Tom Hanks	Actor, Activist
Tom Joyner	Radio Jockey
Tony Blankley	Conservative Commentator
Tony Harris	CNN Daytime Host
Tony Snow	Former White House Press Secretary
Trace Atkins	Musician, Book, <i>Personal Stand</i>
Tucker Carlson	Host, “Tucker”
Walter Cronkite	Political Commentator
Warren Buffet	Business Community
Wolfe Blitzer	CNN Situation Room Anchor
Woody Harrelson	Actor and Hemp Activist
Zain Verjee	CNN,State Department Correspondent
All Things Considered	National Public Radio
BBC — London, England	British Broadcasting Corporation
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	Canada, Established 1936
FaceBook	Internet Social Site
History Channel	Cable TV Channel — Documentaries
MySpace.com	Internet Social Site
NPR — National Public Radio	A National Treasure
NRA, National Rifle Association	Gun Owner Rights Group
PBS Television	Public Broadcasting Service
Rolling Stone Magazine	Popular News Magazine
SLATE.com	Daily Online Magazine
TalkingPointsMemo.com	BLOG by Joshua Micah Marshall
The Colbert Nation	That Says it All
The National Press Club	Press Organization, Washington, DC
The National Review	National Political Magazine
The New Republic	National Political Magazine
Time Magazine	News Magazine
U.S. News & World Report	World Business and News Magazine
U-Tube (my mistake!)	Internet Video Site
Wikipedia.com	<i>The Free Encyclopeda</i> Website
Arizona Republic	Phoenix Newspaper
Atlanta Journal Constitution	Atlanta Newspaper
Baltimore Sun	Baltimore Newspaper
Bismarck Tribune	Bismarck Newspaper
Boston Globe	Boston Globe

Chicago Tribune	Chicago Newspaper
Daily Press, Virginia	Newspaper, Newport News, VA
Dallas Morning News	Dallas Newspaper
Denver Post	Denver Newspaper
Detroit Free Press	Detroit Newspaper
Financial Times	Business Newspaper/London, England
Leesburg Today	Newspaper, Loudoun County, Virginia
Los Angeles Times	Los Angeles Newspaper
Loudound Times-Mirror	Newspaper, Loudoun County, Virginia
Miami Herald	Miami Newspaper
Journal Sentinel	Milwaukee Newspaper
New York Times	National Business/Financial Newspaper
Omaha World-Herald	Omaha Newspaper
Richmond Times-Dispatch	Richmond Newspaper
San Francisco Chronical	San Francisco Newspaper
Spokesman- Review	Spokane Newspaper
The Record-Argus	Newspaper Greenville, PA
USA Today	National/Regional Newspaper, Washington, DC
Virginia Pilot	Richmond Newspaper
Wall Street Journal	National Financial Newspaper, New York City
Washington Post	National Newspaper, Washington, DC
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Philanthropy in Global Health & Learning
CORE - Congress of Racial Equality	Original Civil Rights Group
DPA - Drug Policy Alliance	Drug Legalization Group
Green Peace	Environmental Activist Group
Harm Reduction Coalition	Drug Legalization Group
High Times Magazine	News Media
LEAP.com	Drug Legalization Group
Marijuana Policy Project	Drug Legalization Group
MinuteMan Project	A Citizens Vigilance Operation
MoveOn.org	Anti-War Group
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People	NAACP/Original Civil Rights Group
NORML	National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws
Students for Sensible Drug Policy	Drug Legalization Group
TaxPayers for Common Sense	Public Tax Reform Group
VoterNewsNetwork.com	Voter Information Website

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