



IFFC PRESIDENTIAL FORUM DRAWS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE

October 27, 2011 - The Eleventh Iowa Faith & Freedom Coalition Fall Dinner is now history--and what an event it was! A record crowd of 1,200 plus packed into the Knapp Learning Center at the Iowa State Fairgrounds to hear six of the declared Republican presidential candidates. Based on a minimum polling criteria, eight Republican candidates and President Obama were invited to participate in the forum. The eight Republican candidates qualified were: Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Ron Paul, Rick Perry, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum. All candidates were notified early on so that they could put this important event on their calendar. All qualified Republican candidates but two (Jon Huntsman and Mitt Romney) chose to participate.

This is Iowa--home of the very first presidential contest of the year--the first caucus or primary state. Because of that history, any candidate that is serious about being nominated by his or her party, must come to Iowa again and again and make "their case" as to why they are the best person to be that nominee. Iowans are indeed blessed--we are the most important citizens in the entire country who get to scrutinize every public policy position of all the candidates.

The forum was preceded by a delicious dinner and program. Gopal Krishna, Vice President of IFFC, was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. He introduced dignitaries and elected officials. Carolyn Haugland and Emily Gerdts, the first two sisters to win the Miss Iowa Title, did an outstanding job in singing the National Anthem. Ralph Reed, Chairman of the national Faith & Freedom Coalition, gave stirring remarks about what was stake in the next election and the part that the Iowa Faith & Freedom Coalition would play in the 2012 elections. Reince Priebus, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, emphasized the special role that Iowa plays as the first caucus state and the importance of replacing Barak Obama.

The forum format was unique. Each candidate was on the stage one at a time. The candidates first spoke for ten minutes and then were questioned by a panel that consisted of Sen. Jerry Behn and Steve Scheffler, President of IFFC. Two questions were posed by Mr. Behn that dealt with energy issues. Two more questions were posed by Mr. Scheffler that dealt with abortion on demand and traditional marriage as well as a question that hit on jobs and spending policies. The general comments and then the Q & A were both very enlightening and informative.

Each candidate was treated fairly and honestly. We here at IFFC believe that our role is to provide this kind of forum so that you--the voter can analyze each candidate's responses and leadership abilities. Our job is to keep their "feet to the fire," so that you the voter--can make an informed decision as you go to your precinct caucus on January 3, 2012.

The event was covered live by C-SPAN and it also received national and international coverage! No doubt--the forum showed to the Nation that the Iowa Faith & Freedom Coalition is Iowa's prime and most viable multi-issue pro-family organization in Iowa.

Stay tuned for more exciting events--such as house parties featuring individual candidates in a location close to you during November and December. We will also be informing you of a caucus training location near you.

You--pro-family Iowans--can very well determine who the next President of the United States is. Your involvement, and your eventual choice, is crucial to the survival of the Republic and our freedoms!

Saturday we handed out Precinct Caucus Cards. If you are willing to act as a Caucus Contact in your precinct, wish to attend IFFC Caucus Training in your area, or wish to have Caucus Training material made available to you, please fill out your form and mail it to our office as soon as possible!

Visit <http://ffciowamedia.com/voter-guides/2012-precinct-caucuses> to print off a card.

Visit <http://ffciowamedia.com/events/2011-fall-presidential-forum> to view these pictures and watch a replay on CSPAN.



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