Topic: Ron Paul

General Purpose: Educate about Ron Paul

Specific Purpose: To inspire my audience about the depth of Dr. Paul ideals

Central Idea/Thesis:

 He is an intelligent competent, honest man of his word. His record reveals this sure truth. In addition, Paul would not doubt the good that has become overseas through lives saved and hope restored and honestly attests that some sense of stability has come to Iraq in particular due to recent developments. He, further, supports our nation's military and their service to this nation. I cannot imagine a retired military captain not supporting the troops and hoping for a real "mission accomplished" in any endeavor. It would be hard to believe that he does not have the armed forces - as well as the safety of the American people in his thoughts and prayers. Ronald Reagan once said this about Paul: "Ron Paul is one of the outstanding leaders fighting for a stronger national defense.

I. Introduction

Ron Paul is a 72 year old Texas congressman, physician, and '08 Republican presidential candidate. He was born in Pittsburg, PA during the Great Depression. He moved to Texas upon his military service and currently resides in Lake Jackson, TX. He is married to his wife Carol, of 50 years. He has 5 children & 18 grandchildren. He is a Christian, raised Episcopalian and Lutheran; and currently a member of a Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College and Duke University Medicine. He is a physician specializing in Obstetrics, having delivered over 4,000 babies. He served over 5 years in the armed forces as captain and flight surgeon toward the end of Vietnam and during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He is a 10th term congressman faithfully representing the 19th Congressional district of Galveston, South Houston, and Brazoria County, TX. He has been involved in Congress for over 20 years, since 1976

A. Attention Getter: How will you grab the attention of the audience?

He has never voted to raise taxes of any kind. He does not support the federal income tax, as well as any other tax that violates the Constitution. He votes against a heavy inflation tax; and leans toward a low to nonexistent "flat tax" instead of a "fair tax," although he has said that a fair tax is world's better than our current tax system offers

Quotation, statistic, startling fact, etc:

"We have much goodness in this country; We SHOULD promote it, but never through the barrel of a gun. We should do it by setting good standards, motivating others, and having them emulate us..We can achieve MUCH more in peace than we can in war!" - Ron Paul

B. Relation: Why the audience would be interested in your speech and topic.

He has never voted to raise congressional pay. He hasn't even signed up for the lucrative congressional pension plan. He has never taken a government-paid junket from a lobbyist nor allowed special interest groups to sway his vote. Also, because of his concerns for the depleting U.S. dollar, he returns a portion of his annual congressional office budget to the U.S. treasury every year.

C. Central Idea: The reason for your speech.

I trust him to carry out this socio-political experiment that may just be the very thing that saves this country from real threat as we enter this century

D. Credibility Statement: Why the audience would trust you.

He is an intelligent competent, honest man of his word. His record reveals this sure truth. In addition, Paul would not doubt the good that has become overseas through lives saved and hope restored and honestly attests that some sense of stability has come to Iraq in particular due to recent developments.

E. Preview of Main Points:

1. He is a strong believer in private education and home-schooling. He desires to see much reform in or gradual elimination of the FEDERAL Dept. of Education and other federal education agencies. He also, generally disapproves of the tax-payer subsidized, FEDERAL Financial Aid system and how it's handled across the board. He supports tax credits and benefits to middle to lower income families in order to pay for education. He did not encourage or allow any of his children to receive student loans through their educational career.

2. He proposes a free market society with strict property rights, possible state regulations on auto/industry emissions, and research into areas such as alternative fuels to decrease pollution & the threat of 'Global Warming.'

3. Ron Paul votes to restore constitutional values in our nation and has consistently and principally voted against any legislation that threatens civil liberties and blurs constitutional lines.