Politics and Medicine
A CANDIDATE’S PERSPECTIVES
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Disclaimers
Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you.

~Pericles
Study ran 1996-2002
- Only 42% of physicians voted
  - Compared with 50% general public, and 64% lawyers
- Reasons were unclear

- Party affiliations followed specialties
- Party affiliations followed practice parameters
In our age there is no such thing as 'keeping out of politics.' All issues are political issues, and politics itself is a mass of lies, evasions, folly, hatred and schizophrenia.

~George Orwell
One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.

~Plato
When we are sick, we want an uncommon doctor; when we have a construction job to do, we want an uncommon engineer, and when we are at war, we want an uncommon general. It is only when we get into politics that we are satisfied with the common man.

~Herbert Hoover
American Osteopathic Association / Indiana Osteopathic Association

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- Provides lobbyist for Osteopathic physicians, like you and me
The lobby of the House of Commons.

Painting 1886 by Liborio Prosperi
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- Educates elected officials
  - Impact bills have on patients
  - Impact on healthcare providers
- Politics ain’t cheap
Trying to take money out of politics is like trying to take jumping out of basketball.

~Bill Bradley
The Money of Politics

- Running for office (successfully) is expensive
  - Ads, flyers, business cards, radio, TV, newspaper
  - Travel
  - Raising more money
- Influencing votes is expensive
  - Ads, flyers, radio, TV, newspaper
  - Bringing in protestors, organizing protests
  - Hosting rallies
  - Lobbyist
Where does the Money Come From?

- More than $2 Billion was spent during the last election
  - Average Americans
    - $1 - $5400
  - Special Interest Groups
  - PACs
  - Super PACs
    - Unlimited Amounts
    - “Ready For Hillary”
A fool and his money are soon elected.

~Will Rogers
The taxpayers are sending congressmen on expensive trips abroad. It might be worth it except they keep coming back.

-Will Rogers
The taxpayers are sending Congressmen on expensive foreign trips that might be没必要.

The only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.

(Will Rogers)
MAKE CRIME PAY. BECOME A LAWYER.
The AOA / IOA play very important roles for you.

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So you want to be a politician?
Few businessmen are capable of being in politics, they don't understand the democratic process, they have neither the tolerance or the depth it takes. Democracy isn't a business.

~Malcolm Forbes
You can study government and politics in school, but the best way to really understand the process is to volunteer your time.

~Rob McKenna
Volunteering

- Phone Banks
- Door Knocking
- Hosting Fundraisers
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(Why you might want to consider running for an elected office)
My House District 99:
Are You Interested?

- Physicians have definite advantages to running, depending on your specialty.
- Know the job, and the requirements.
- It’s time consuming to win an election….sometimes.
- It’s probably easier if you have a shift-work specialty.
- Things don’t work the way they do in our real lives…At all!
Any time scientists disagree, it's because we have insufficient data. Then we can agree on what kind of data to get; we get the data; and the data solves the problem. Either I'm right, or you're right, or we're both wrong. And we move on. That kind of conflict resolution does not exist in politics or religion.

~Neil deGrasse Tyson
The hardest thing about any political campaign is how to win without proving that you are unworthy of winning.

~Adlai E. Stevenson
WE HAVE Waited
22 YEARS FOR
VANESSA SUMMERS TO
Make a positive
impact in our
neighbORHoods.
We can’t afford to
Wait any longer.

House District 98
Vote Blank
Dr. David Blank
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NEGATIVE ADS?

HIGH SCHOOL DROP OUT RATES REACHED 50%, YET VANESSA SUMMERS STILL VOTED AGAINST EDUCATION REFORM.

WITHOUT DIPLOMAS INDIANA'S YOUNG PEOPLE CAN'T GET JOBS.

WE HAVE WAITED 22 YEARS FOR VANESSA SUMMERS TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER.

HOUSE DISTRICT 59

VOTE BLANK

DR. DAVID BLANK

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VOTE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

HIGH SCHOOL DROP OUT RATES REACHED 50%, YET VANESSA SUMMERS STILL VOTED FOR BASELINE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOUSE DISTRICT 99.

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(Neither will a Political Party)
Door Knocking
Never believe anything in politics until it has been officially denied.

~Otto von Bismarck
You're invited to an Ice Cream Social
A family event supporting Dr. David Blank for Statehouse District 99
Special guest U.S. Senate candidate Richard Mourdock

When: Saturday, September 29, 3-5 pm
Where: The Blank House
4551 Sylvan Road
Indianapolis, IN 46228
Cost: Host $250
Families $100
Individual $50

Fundraising
Parades
Parades
let's get BACK TO WORK
Yard Signs
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Appearances
He too serves a certain purpose who only stands and cheers.

~Henry Adams
Volunteers
Be Creative
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Endorsements
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WEST SIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INDIANAPOLIS

Creating Connections on the West Side
Endorsements

American Osteopathic Association

Emergency Physicians

Creating Connections on the West Side
Debates:
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Debates
Only government can take perfectly good paper, cover it with perfectly good ink and make the combination worthless.

~Milton Friedman
Media
Media
Fundraising
I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

~Will Rogers
When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.

~Clarence Darrow
Never miss a good chance to shut up.

- Will Rogers