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“Reviving the Constitution”

An Online Town Hall

January 30, 2010

- 9:00 – 9:15      Welcome
- 9:15 – 10:00      **Session I:** America’s Foundational Principles  
Dr. David J. Bobb  
Director, Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship, Hillsdale College  
*This session examines the ten core principles of the American Founding—all of which are as true today as 220 years ago.*
- 10:00 – 10:15      Break
- 10:15 – 11:00      **Session II:** The Founders’ Constitution  
Dr. Matthew Spalding  
Adjunct Fellow, Kirby Center; Director, Simon Center for American Studies, Heritage Foundation  
*This session explores how citizens should understand the plain, written meaning of the Constitution.*
- 11 – Noon      **Session III:** The Constitution and the Civil War  
Dr. Paul Moreno  
Senior Fellow, Kirby Center; Dean of Faculty; William and Berniece Grewcock Chair in Constitutional History and Associate Professor of History, Hillsdale College  
*The Constitution endured its greatest crisis in the Civil War. This session gives an account of Abraham Lincoln’s statesmanship and constitutional efforts to preserve the Union.*
- Noon – 1 p.m.      Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:45      **Session V:** The Progressives’ Constitution  
Dr. Ronald Pestritto  
Senior Fellow, Kirby Center; Charles and Lucia Shipley Chair in the American Constitution and Associate Professor of Political Science, Hillsdale College  
*Rejecting the principles of the American founders, the Progressives advanced political and moral “values” in their place. This session, emphasizing the thought of Woodrow Wilson, examines the Progressive movement and its understanding of the Constitution.*
- 1:45 – 2:00      Break
- 2:00 – 3:00      **Session VI:** The Administrative State and the Duties of Citizens  
Dr. Larry P. Arnn  
President, Hillsdale College  
*The administrative state—more than just “big government”—advances a theory of human nature and the rule of experts. How should citizens think about the Constitution in an age that largely ignores it? And how can they act upon the constitutional principles on which the country was founded?*