

I am honored to be here standing in front of a group of patriots. I want to thank Secure Arkansas for inviting me and for making this event possible.

I am here because I am a concerned citizen. I am concerned about the direction our government is taking our country. I am afraid of big government and my liberty being taken away.

I have already experienced the effects of big government and the loss of freedom. I lived in Cuba during the transformation of a free society into a totalitarian oppressed society. I believe some of the transformations that took place in Cuba is starting to occur here now.

I agree with Glen Beck who suggests that we look back into history in order to understand the problems of our time. Being that I am Cuban American a bit of Cuban history could make us understand more clearly the problems of our time and the direction we need to take.

In 1956 Fulgencio Batista, who was the Commander of the Cuban Armed Forces under President Carlos Prío Socarrás, overthrew the democratically elected government by a military coup. Batista's dictatorship became a terrible dilemma for the Cuban people. Castro used this Cuban dilemma to transform Cuba into a totalitarian state. During Batista's regime Castro emerged as a leader in the opposition. He was captured by Batista and sentenced to 2 years in prison. After serving time in prison he left for Méjico to start organizing the revolution to transform Cuba into a communist state. In Méjico he recruited 59 followers which included his brother Raul and Ernesto Guevara (El Che Guevara). He named some of these men as his commanders in the revolution. His followers joined the cause because Castro promised to bring freedom and democracy back to Cuba. Castro and these 59 other men then returned to Cuba as rebels and started what he called "the Revolution."

Most of the Cuban people, hungry for freedom, supported his cause and joined his side. And after a bloody struggle that took a few years, Batista left the country and his Army surrendered to Castro. This took place on January 1st, 1959. I was then 9 years old and I remember very well.

By mid 1960 the Cuban people began to wonder "what happened to the promised democratic government and free elections."

—Do these broken promises sound similar to the broken promise of transparency?

Instead they were hearing rumors of disappearance, imprisonment and accidental death of his commanders and close followers.

In late 1960 Castro declared himself a proclaimed Socialist and the nightmare for Cubans began. The Cubans came to the realization that Castro's revolution was nothing more than a power grab by deception using the Cuban dilemma created by Batista. He continued using deception and propaganda to implement his radical socialist agenda.

—Deception, opportunity in crisis. Doesn't this sound familiar?

Castro immediately went on to nationalize businesses, to confiscate all private property, individual savings and investments. Capitalism was evil, and rich people were evil.

—That sounds to me like "Spread the wealth".

He then confiscated all fire arms and disarmed the citizens, closed all the churches and private schools. Indoctrination of the public with particular attention to children and children's programming on television was underway.

The entire Cuban economy collapsed and Castro put the blame on the United States.

—Putting the blame on someone else, does that sound familiar?

He abolished the Cuban Constitution and the rule of law.

—My God I hope we don't go there.

By 1962 everything was rationed, the retail stores were empty and the Cuban tragedy and Cuban exodus was underway. Executions and imprisonment of Castro's resistance was massive and they still occur.

I see some similarities happening here in America lately: Deception by the Congress and the current administration. They are taking advantage of America's crisis to advance a radical socialist agenda; e.g.

1. They took advantage of the financial crisis to take control of some of the private sector.

2. They created a healthcare crisis so that they could take control of our health.

3. They are taking advantage of the oil spill disaster to pass “Cap and Trade” energy bill.

The socialist radicals in America want to take your money, your liberty and your way of life as you know it. The socialist radicals are vicious, they are cruel and they do anything to gain power. I personally think that they are a bigger threat to America than Islamic terrorist. They are here and the great majority of them are American citizens.

As I remember Cuba was the shining star of the Caribbean and Latin America. It is now a country oppressed by communism.

Cuba and America share strong historic bond. I remember a brief portion of American history when Teddy Roosevelt, with 16,000 men “rough riders” landed on the beaches of Daiquiri in 1898 to liberate Cuba. Many of these men gave their life for the cause of freedom. (By the way I believe it was Emilio Bacardi the founder of Bacardi rum who named the famous rum drink “Daiquiri” in remembrance of this great event in history.) We must not forget those who gave their life for the cause of freedom. We must not forget the sacrifices of the founding fathers so we can enjoy the freedom we have.

I will never forget the power grab by the communist in Cuba. It was a horrific experience. I would be dead if I had remained in Cuba. I do not want to see anything that resembles the Cuban tragedy to happen here in America.

I am sure most of you are familiar with the situation we are facing. We need to elect politicians who are committed to defending the constitution, our liberty and our way of life. We need to elect individuals who are committed:

1. To reducing the size of the federal government and to pass a balanced budget
2. To repeal the new healthcare legislation
3. To secure the border and enforce the existing federal immigration laws
4. To lower taxes
5. To pass legislation favorable for companies to do business in America

The radical socialist groups in the United States are nothing new. They have been here for decades working to advance their socialist agenda. We are all in

part to be blamed because we were just too busy with our private lives and we ignored it.

The socialist went unchecked for years. We cannot continue leaving the enemies of the United States unchecked. We need to be involved. We need to get our families and friends involved. We must not leave elected officials unchecked.

Now I want to turn to illegal immigration because it is one of the initiatives of Secure Arkansas.

The American people are generous and compassionate people. We are a nation of immigrants and we strongly support legal immigration. We understand that in order to be a sovereign nation we must gain control of who enters our country so that we can protect the citizens and the survival of our country. But the federal government is failing to do their job.

The vast majority of illegal aliens come to America looking for work and for a better life and we understand that. But they must follow the law and do it legally. Illegal aliens come to America knowing that they are breaking the law. The solution is clear; we need to stop illegal immigration. The only way to stop it is by securing the border and enforcing the existing immigration laws. The rest is politics as usual with disregard for what is best for America. This might be difficult or painful but, it is necessary. We are putting our citizen's safety at risk and bankrupting the country. We need to secure the border and enforce our laws before having any discussion about immigration reform.

Amnesty? We tried that before and it made the problem worse. In 1986 President Regan gave amnesty to roughly 10 million illegals. And what happened as a result of that? We got more illegals. The current estimate is 15-20 million.

A common argument from supporters of amnesty is: We cannot send back good working families who have been here for years. My response is we don't have to send them back. They will leave on their own once we enforce our immigration laws. Those families that believe in the American dream and want to be Americans will return eventually as legal immigrants.

In conclusion our sovereignty, safety and financial survival are important. Illegal immigration must be stopped by our federal government by securing the border and enforcing the laws.

The direction our country has taken is unsustainable. We are heading for unimaginable horrific consequences unless we change the course we are going.

So I urge every citizen who believes in our Constitution, liberty and our way of life to be involved in the political process and to defend our nation. We are a nation under siege. We need to act in order to get through this time to secure liberty for future generations. We must not compromise our Constitution. We must not compromise our liberty.

Thank you and God Bless America.