

The Power of Southern Speech

The Southern National Congress

- recognises an inherent right in private property and its disposal,
- recognises that people vote, and express themselves, in the ways they see fit,
- recognises that times change, as do ways of living.

Property exists to dignify Man, however the current acceptance of and promotion of consolidation in big-government, big-business, and big-media operates in opposition to that dignity. Instead, they spell death, if left unchecked.

Edmund Burke wrote, “There is a limit at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue.” For this reason, the Southern National Congress will elicit the thoughts and opinions of the whole South, for the first time, without preconceptions. For the first time in a long time, the South will announce what is, and what should be, here in the South, for the Southern people.

As the Southern classicist Richard Weaver noted, **power flows from speech**, from naming that which is. The Southern National Congress will do this. Its speech will be broadcast to the whole world.

The delegates of the Southern National Congress are committed to:

- Providing a forum for the authentic voice of the Southern People to be heard in the councils of Federal, State, and local governments;
- Promoting the traditional Southern principles of individual liberty and personal responsibility, reestablishing those principles within a framework of lawful government with strictly limited and enumerated powers; and
- Advancing the prosperity, welfare, and general interests of the Southern States and People.

If you wish to support the efforts of the Southern National Congress or would like to become a delegate to the next session of the SNC, please make contact with those listed below.

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The **Southern National Congress** is an organization of volunteer Southern citizens whose objective is to effect the freedom and independence of the several Southern States and their people so that they may restore their historic traditions of self-government and ordered Christian Liberty.

The South Is Unique

The population of the South is approximately eighty million persons. A clear majority of these people identify themselves as Southerners. The gross domestic product of the South exceeds one and half trillion dollars per year, sufficient to make it the fourth wealthiest country on the planet.

Southern history goes back some four hundred years, beginning with the first successful Virginia settlement in 1607. By contrast, modern Spain and Russia are barely a hundred years older, and Charleston, South Carolina, has been a city since before the current British royal family, the House of Windsor, ascended the throne.

The South is a unique place, with a particular people. Unique forms of the English language (and the French and Spanish languages as well), a bevy of various original cuisines, and hundreds of masters in the various civilised arts engendered themselves in this land once known for classical education, legal prowess, martial virtues and sophisticated societal forms. The South is a land unto itself.

The South Is In Crisis

While the Southern people number in the millions, with their own identity, speech, ways of life, and particular manners and values, there has been no identifiable Southern voice or Southern perspective, in politics. There has been no Southern interest, or large discernible party for the South, as there is in Westminster for Scotland for instance.

The great wealth and resources of the South are controlled from the outside, as if the Southern States were colonies. The stock exchanges and the commodity markets for the South are outside the South. Southerners must look for capital and finance outside their homeland!

Southern institutions of higher learning move in lockstep to transform themselves into inferior imitations of New England colleges. Southerners have no reason to look for cultural examples or models to emulate from the outside. The lifestyles of New York City and California should not be the aspiration for new generations. Southern forebears feel more and more like aliens while Ellis Island stories feel more and more like the shared heritage.

The South Needs a Positive Vision

One may always decide to whom one gives consent, and to whom one owes obedience. And a whole people may always decide to stand and not to cease.

The **Southern National Congress** is an application of this most powerful principle. Stand and do not cease. Ultimately, despite what anyone else says or does, the people may consent, or they may not consent — freedom exists in mind and in body.

The Southern statesman, John C. Calhoun, recognised that man is a social and political being, whose life nonetheless transcends politics. True politics must be *rooted*, rooted in soil and family; seeking harmony with the Christian heritage of the land. Recognising forms of authority other than (and higher than) the state — family, religion, even custom. True politics and true government aspire for the positive law to be minimally intrusive, giving place to the truths lodged in man's core, the sublime things that cannot be expressed.