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Ways To Help Your Community During COVID-19



1 Donate Food & Supplies

Donate non-perishable food items to your local food shelter to help children that rely on school breakfast and/or lunch and families impacted by business closures. Donate supplies or make financial contributions to social service agencies that offer residential care like homeless shelters, and shelters for victims of domestic violence, children's homes, etc.



2 Offer Help To Elderly

Check on elderly neighbors and offer to grocery shop for them, or pick up their medications from the pharmacy.



3 Opt For Food To Go

Order take-out to support your local restaurants and reduce the spread of germs.



4 Buy Gift Cards

Buy gift cards from local businesses that rely on our purchases to support their employees.



5 Express Appreciation

Express appreciation to those still working during this pandemic to care for, and provide for the rest of us. Pay it forward with kind words, a cup of coffee, a meal, or tips when appropriate.



6 Reach Out To Family

Reach out to family, friends, and neighbors who may live alone. Social distancing and/or sheltering in place is way more difficult when you are alone. Call them, text them, Facetime them.



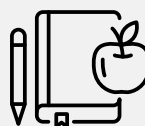
7 Send Cards

Send "thinking of you" cards to residents of nursing homes or have children make cards for nursing home residents who are not allowed visitors.



8 Donate Blood

If you are healthy and asymptomatic, consider donating blood.



9 Offer To Teach

If you have knowledge of a particular subject area or are a current or former teacher, offer to help parents in your community with their student's schoolwork.

President's Message

Over the last 30-plus years, it is heartening to see the progress towards greater liberty that Florida has made, especially in an unprecedented year as 2020. Our communities, state, country, and world faced challenges that we could never have imagined, an unprecedented worldwide pandemic and a hotly contested and razor thin presidential election—but nonetheless The James Madison Institute's (JMI) unwavering commitment to our mission of advancing public policy solutions that benefit all Floridians has made the Sunshine State a model for the country. Thanks to your generosity, we continue providing “trusted solutions for a better Florida.”

The James Madison Institute has had the pleasure of holding a front-row seat as Florida has become the single most important state in the country when it comes to policy and politics. Political philosophies and politicians come and go but one thing has remained true: JMI has led the way in the Sunshine State on what constitutes good policy for over three decades. The Florida Dream in many ways reflects the American Dream, and our citizens are reaping the benefits. Americans are voting with their feet and pocketbooks, and they are moving to states like Florida, that value freedom—to the tune of 1,000 people per day! This only makes our work here at JMI that much more

important! Each year, more and more people take up the mission we champion, and because of your support, JMI is the strongest it has ever been.

Throughout this edition of the Messenger, we hope you will see the depth and breadth of our efforts to advance good policy by promoting the principles we share. This work occurs, despite a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic during the Florida Legislative Session, in the halls of the United States Congress, in Federal Cabinet agencies, even in The White House. Our educational outreach occurs all across this state in dozens of meetings and events with friends and supporters, and on numerous college campuses in Florida.

And while our efforts are advancing the cause of freedom and liberty, our mission must continue to grow and develop with our ever-changing state.

We are forever grateful for your continued support of our mission. Your trust in us is an investment in the future of the Sunshine State and with our growing national profile, the country as well. We are honored that you have chosen to support us as we chart the course for a better, more prosperous, future

Please stay safe,



J. Robert McClure III, Ph.D.
President and CEO



The Quarantined Edition

Since our last edition of The Messenger, JMI has released seven major publications, hosted a dozen Zoom webinars, recorded two dozen Policy Gone Viral Videos, received mention in many major publications, hired a new director for our Center for Technology and Innovation, partnered with groups around the country for virtual events, moderated candidate debates, and so much more, all while working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

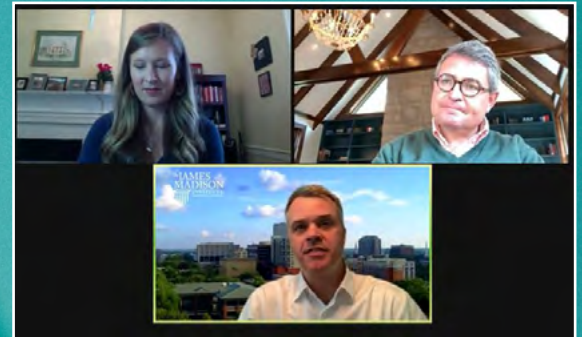
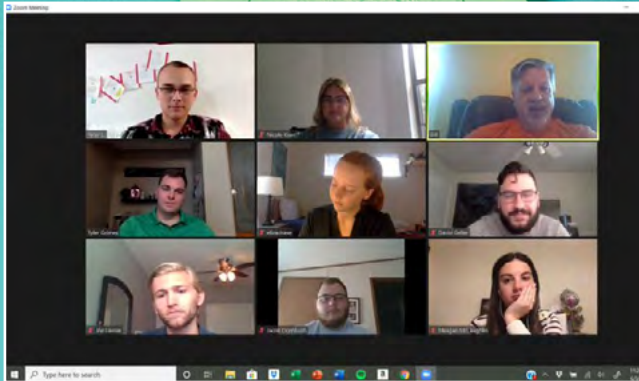
Many of our staffers have answered emails with pets on their laps or made calls with toddlers on their hips.

Like many others, we've been thankful for technology and the ability to stay in touch with each other, and of course with members and friends of The Institute. And through it all, we've stayed more productive than ever!



JMI EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

William Mattox hosting a book club with our Summer 2020 Internship class. Students read Jonathan Haidt's "The Righteous Mind."



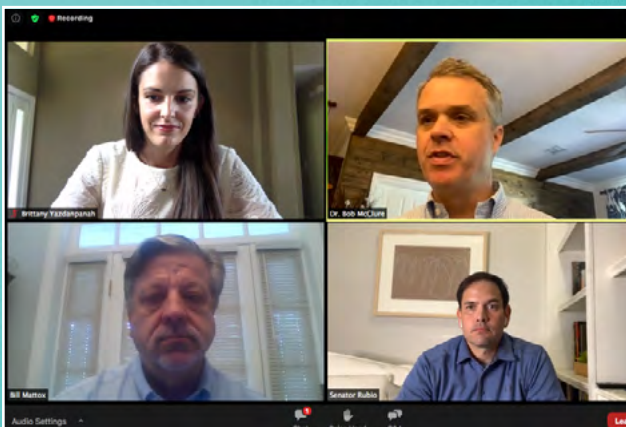
Leonard Leo of the The Federalist Society joining JMI for a discussion on judicial philosophy and the Supreme Court nomination.



JMI Staffers participating in a Zoom webinar on the future of Florida's education system with Jacob Oliva and Kathy Hebda of the Florida Department of Education, and Erika Donalds of OptimaEd.



Dr. Bob McClure interviewing Kathleen Kelly, Susie Busch Transou, and Sherman Rosier, each business owners in Tallahassee, about how the COVID-19 crisis is affecting their businesses.



JMI staff hosting a Zoom Webinar with Senator Marco Rubio.



Andrea O'Sullivan hosting a JMI Zoom Webinar with Jamie Grant of the Florida Division of State Technology, Ashkhen Kazaryan of Facebook, and William Rinehart of Center for Growth and Opportunity.

Influence



The Washington Times



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The Gainesville Sun

The Center Square

Orlando Sentinel



THE DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL

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Dr. Bob McClure participating in a webinar with State Policy Network on K-12 education reform.



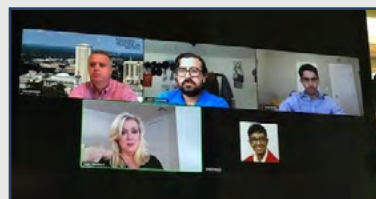
Fox Business' Neil Cavuto interviewing JMI's Andrea O'Sullivan on tech policy.



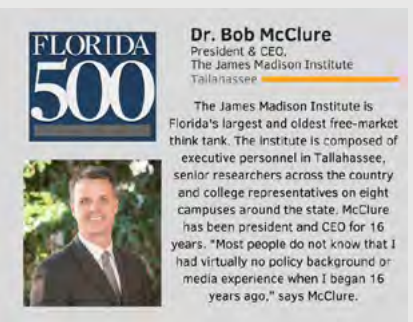
Sal Nuzzo moderating a debate hosted by Florida Citizen's Alliance between Byron Donalds and Cindy Banyai.



Dr. Bob McClure participating in a discussion hosted by the Miami Herald on the issue of social justice in communities across Florida.



Now in its third year, the Miami Herald, el Nuevo Herald and the Bradenton Herald have launched the 2020 Florida Influencers series, a discussion about the biggest issues facing the state. For a third year, Dr. McClure has been chosen as an "Influencer" and has participated in panels about the future of the Sunshine State.



For the third year in a row, Dr. Bob McClure was named one of Florida's 500 most influential people by Florida Trend Magazine.

Civics Education Initiatives

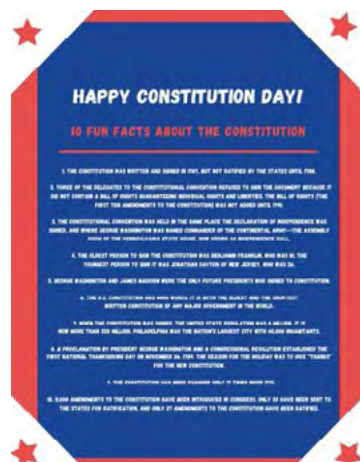
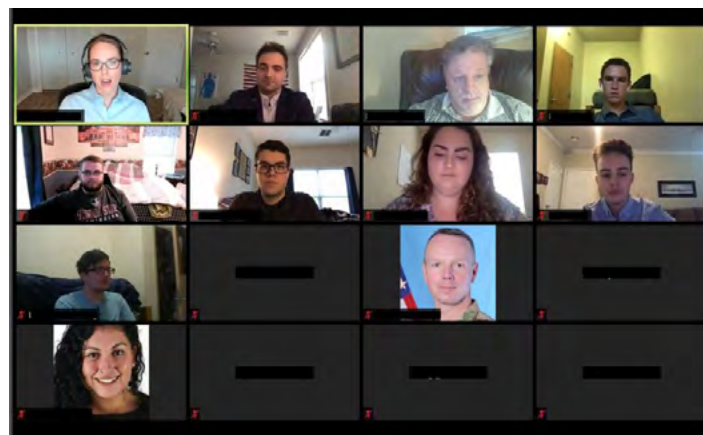
with the Preston A. Wells, Jr. Center for American Ideals

Constitution Day recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution. It is normally observed on September 17, the day in 1787 on which delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the document in Philadelphia.

Here are a few examples of events that our JMI Campus Representatives held on Constitution Day:

FLORIDA STATE

On Constitution Day, JMI's Campus Representative Corey Adamyk hosted a great online panel discussion that focused on our Founders' Constitutional principles.



AVE MARIA

JMI's Campus Rep at Ava Maria, Max Bodach, cosponsored a lecture with a Q&A from the school's Political Science department. The group discussed MLK's unique understanding of the Constitution. About 70 students were in attendance.



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

UCF Campus Rep Zak Myers partnered with the Campus Vote Project to do an online Zoom call with several students and asked them to remark on their favorite amendment of the US Constitution.



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My Town, Our State

One of our favorite parts about our roles at The James Madison Institute is being on the road and engaging with our donors, hosting intimate events and connecting with our campus representatives across the state.

During these current times, that is just not something everyone is comfortable doing, and we understand that. However, we still have the desire to hear from our members and supporters, so this summer JMI launched a virtual series called “My Town, Our State.”



These Zoom calls were hosted virtually, but the core content was tailored to each of our seven regions. Executive & policy team members from JMI were on each of these calls, but guest panelists included: Representative Alex Andrade from the Northwest Region; Representatives Chip LaMarca and Toby Overdorf from the Southeast Region; Representatives Scott Plakon, Tom Leek, and David Smith from the East Central Region; State Attorney Melissa Nelson and Representative Paul

Renner from the Northeast Region; and others.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our “My Town, Our State” virtual events.



JMI continues to expand its influence with its podcast series, “Pundits on the Porch,” with Dr. Bob McClure and Sal Nuzzo. “Pundits on the Porch” features interviews with political and policy “pundits” about freedom, culture, and Florida’s future.

Head over to iTunes or the JMI Podcast Page to subscribe and listen!

An Update from Florida's College Campuses

Everyone, knowing or unknowingly, has the innate desire to be a part of something greater than themselves. I am no different than others, but my introduction to this idea was fueled by my internship here with The James Madison Institute. The summer of 2020 (obviously) was funky, so starting a new internship was far from a walk in the park. The traditional in-person internship was out and Zoom became the new normal; needless to say, I have never written so many emails in my whole life. However, through all this, my interest was piqued and I grew fascinated by the think tank world. JMI was something bigger than me, I



was a part of something more. While albeit a small part of the JMI puzzle, it still meant the world to me to be here.

I am a communications intern, tasked with digital promotions of publications from the JMI team and pertinent state politics. I aid in the creation of social media posts, uploading content to the website and various writings. These tasks have taught me more than I ever thought: the importance of timeliness, the value of words, the continuity of the company's voice – all intrinsic values necessary for a future in a communications job. JMI has taught me the importance of honesty in a



field that often lacks that quality to high degrees. JMI has created a platform to show everyone what providing honest information should look like and I am a small part of helping that platform grow.

Nicole Kiser is a junior at Florida State University majoring in Political Science and Public Relations

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of serving as The James Madison Institute's Campus Representative at The University of Central Florida. This year has brought distinct challenges to our campus representative team, which have impacted us individually and collectively on our respective campuses. Although the pandemic has presented notable hurdles for accomplishing initiatives, some good has certainly come from new methods to promote connectivity and engagement in the virtual realm. We've taken this opportunity to connect with hundreds of politically diverse and intellectually dynamic students, all focused on the betterment of our Central Florida community through free speech and civil discourse. However, I've also heard from students that feel disillusioned from the political process, which presents itself as an



optimal time to present clear, fact-based resources in anticipation of the 2020 general election. Students are consistently impressed with JMI's bipartisan track record and are willing to consider the resources provided by the team in Tallahassee. In such a politically contentious time,

I find it more vital now than ever to facilitate tough conversations concerning the economics, liberties, and private sector industries that enable Florida to be the best place to live and learn. It's necessary to challenge some of the conventional viewpoints held by students concerning the impact of public policy on our community. This is why, at UCF, I am proud to lead a focused mission to deliver critical information through civil discourse and mutual respect.

UCF students are among the best our state has to offer and are well prepared



to become the next top leaders in both business and government. I have unwavering confidence in my peers to consider the impact of their votes because we're not afraid to talk freely and openly about the issues affecting each other.

Go Knights. Charge On!

Zak is a senior at the University of Central Florida, working towards degrees in Political Science and Public Administration with minors in Emergency Management & Homeland Security and Urban & Regional Planning

POLICY GONE VIRAL

As Florida addresses the COVID-19 pandemic, our team at JMI is still hard at work – effective policy has never been more important to our state, and to our country.

Although we have postponed our events and scheduled gatherings for the near future, we are still impacting today's decision-making and working

to ensure that when this crisis passes – and it will pass – we emerge stronger. To that end, we have launched a video series called “Policy Gone Viral.”

We're using the technology of the day to provide short commentaries, highlights of research, hopefully some humor, and even some face-to-face interaction. Social distancing doesn't mean social seclusion.

We are releasing “Policy Gone Viral” on our Facebook and Twitter pages, and in our Newsletters – so please subscribe or follow us however

you like.

Noteworthy guests have included Carol Dover (Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association), Adam Thierer (Mercatus Center at George Mason University), Chantal Lovell (State Policy Network), Bob Poole (Reason), Clay Ingram (Volunteer Florida), Secretary Simone Marsteller (Florida Department of Juvenile Justice), Danny Burgess (Florida Department of Veterans Affairs), Mike Miller (Florida Virtual School), and Secretary Mark Inch (Florida Department of Corrections).

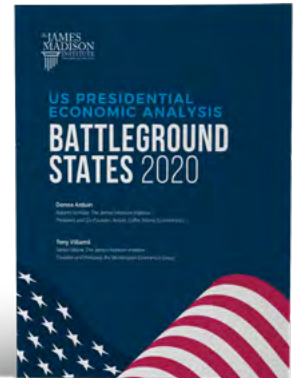


Recent JMI Publications

Battleground States 2020

In October, JMI released an analysis comparing the economic policy agendas of the two major presidential candidates, President Donald J. Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden, across five battleground states—Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. The study was mentioned in national and state media outlets around the country.

JMI compared the agenda Candidate Biden has proposed versus President Trump's existing economic agenda. In total, Biden's policies are projected to cost U.S. taxpayers more than \$36 trillion. The impact of these policies would create budget shortfalls in the five states totaling approximately \$27.7 billion.



Citing Candidate Biden's proposed policies, this is the total cost breakdown by issue:

- Healthcare – Medicare for All: \$32.6 trillion
- Climate – Green New Deal: \$2.0 trillion
- Taxes – repeal of Tax Cuts: \$3.8 trillion
- Education – higher ed subsidies: \$1.3 trillion
- Trade – protectionist regulations: \$700 billion
- TOTAL: \$36.4 trillion

In analyzing the impact of this agenda, JMI also concluded what it would translate to in cost-per-resident in each of the five selected states, along with a family of four (in additional taxes):

- Florida – \$9,389 / \$37,556 family of four
- Michigan – \$8,142 / \$32,556 family of four
- Ohio – \$12,299 / \$49,197 family of four
- Pennsylvania – \$10,605 / \$42,419 family of four
- Wisconsin – \$9,020 / \$36,078 family of four

JMI partnered with two of the nation's most respected economists to produce this analysis of the economic platforms of each of the two major candidates vying to be President of the United States:

- Antonio Villamil – JMI Senior Fellow; Founder and Principal, the Washington Economics Group
- Donna Arduin – JMI Adjunct Scholar; President and Co-Founder, Arduin, Laffer, Moore Econometrics

To read “Battleground States 2020,” visit <http://www.BattlegroundStates2020.org>

The Journal

The James Madison Institute recently released the 2020 edition of The Journal. Typically each issue of the Journal has a common theme--either explicit or implied. It is our hope that you will see this issue as a little bit like society right now--a few common themes, narratives, and thoughts that reflect a society being tossed about from wave to wave, looking for a break in the battering storms.

For the first time ever, individuals who were born after September 11, 2001 will be voting for President of the United States. This is why, among the traditional articles from scholars around the country, we are including several articles written by younger writers in this edition of The Journal. Students, new graduates, young professionals--their perspectives and outlooks are of paramount importance because they are on the cusp of inheriting the reins of our society.



Common Themes from the Commonwealth: Puerto Rico's Growing Role in Florida Politics

Puerto Rican voters in the United States have steadily become a large and influential voting bloc. Since 1898 in the post-Spanish-American War era, the resulting diaspora has led to more Puerto Ricans living in U.S. states than in Puerto Rico.

In 2017, Florida became the state with the largest Puerto Rican population in the U.S., comprising 1.1 million potential voters. In a swing-state that has chosen the winner of 17 out of the last 18 presidential elections, this population's perspective is crucial in securing the presidency. Additionally, most Puerto Rican residents of Florida live in Central Florida, a region that has been decisive in every U.S. presidential election since 1992.

A new report from JMI adjunct scholar, David Freddoso, titled, "Common Themes from the Commonwealth: Puerto Rico's Growing Role in Florida Politics," examines the impact of Florida's Puerto Rican voters' attitudes towards a variety of issues and how candidates could appeal to this crucial segment.

The analysis concludes that candidates for office, especially those running statewide or for President, would be wise to consider the best approach to win this influential segment of voters.



Bitcoin Beach: Reforms to Attract Cryptocurrency Innovation and Investment in the Sunshine State

Over the last decade, cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin have provided viable alternatives to traditional third-party financial institutions. Florida, which has already embraced the "fintech" revolution by creating a regulatory sandbox, has a great opportunity to also become a leader in the advancement of this developing monetary technology.

However, money transmission regulations designed to oversee legacy institutions that hold customer funds fit awkwardly on cryptocurrency activities. Many cryptocurrency businesses do not hold customer funds at all, yet outdated regulatory language means companies don't know when they will run afoul of the law. Legislators should clarify these unnecessary regulatory uncertainties to better fit our state's current technological needs.

In August, JMI released a new report from Tech and Innovation Director Andrea O'Sullivan titled "Bitcoin Beach: Reforms to Attract Cryptocurrency Innovation and Investment in the Sunshine State." This report explores what cryptocurrency is, how it can benefit Florida, and how legislators can update money transmission regulations to encourage blockchain innovation in the Sunshine State.



The Road Ahead: Why Florida Should Shift from Per-Gallon Gas Taxes to Per-Mile Charges—and How to Do It

Florida's road network depends heavily on per-gallon taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel. Unfortunately, this funding system is threatened with a long-term decline in revenue. The reason is that long-standing federal policies are focused on reducing the use of petroleum-based fuels over time. In response, auto companies continually increase new-vehicle fuel economy and are now making major investments in electric vehicles, which use no petroleum. A new policy study by Robert Poole establishes that a transition from per-gallon taxes to per-mile charges will be necessary over the next several decades.

In July, JMI's Center for Economic Prosperity released, "The Road Ahead: Why Florida Should Shift from Per-Gallon Gas Taxes to Per-Mile Charges--and How to Do It" (published by JMI in partnership with the Reason Foundation). This study finds that by 2035, today's 36.7 cent per gallon gas tax would have to be increased to between 67 and 77 cents per gallon to offset the projected decline in gas-tax revenue.



Combating 'Idea Suppression': How Florida Universities Can Continue their Rise to National Prominence

This new JMI report compiles a variety of different measures that examine how well today's universities protect free speech, promote a campus culture open to different viewpoints, and respond to speech-bullying by those seeking to drown out viewpoints they oppose.

This report builds upon JMI's 2017 report and measures how much progress our state universities are making in promoting free expression and viewpoint diversity and identifies "next steps" that would help Florida's universities continue their rise to national prominence as beacons of intellectual freedom and academic excellence.

In 2008, the Florida Legislature adopted the Campus Free Speech Expression Act, which outlawed so-called "free speech zones" at any and every state university. This action alone was not enough to alter the FIRE "campus free speech" ratings of most Florida universities.

Eight of the 11 Florida universities that the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) has rated consistently showed no change in status from 2017 to 2020. UCF moved from "red" to "yellow." Conversely, the University of South Florida moved in the opposite direction from "yellow" to "red." Only Florida State University made significant progress moving all the way from the "red light" designation to FIRE's green light in 2020.

Six other Florida universities have improved their FIRE ratings since JMI collaborated on a similar report in 2013 – Florida Gulf Coast, Florida International, New College, North Florida, South Florida, and West Florida. Of these, UNF stands out, as it went from "red light" status to "green light" status. Nationally, only 11 percent of the 473 schools rated by FIRE receive a "green light" designation; 64% receive a "yellow light" rating and 23 percent receive a "red light" rating.



JMI Welcomes New Director of the Center for Technology and Innovation



In June, The James Madison Institute announced the newest addition to our team, Andrea O'Sullivan, director of JMI's Technology and Innovation Policy Center. Launched in 2019, this center focuses on policy goals to ensure Florida is best positioned to be a major driver of innovation in the 21st Century. The Tech and Innovation Policy Center focuses on areas such as data privacy, broadband infrastructure, antitrust, transportation innovation, and the future of work in the digital age.

In her position, Andrea is responsible for examining the current technology policy issues facing Florida in the decades ahead and educating policymakers and all Floridians on how market-centered policy can make Florida a pivotal force. Andrea joins JMI as a successful tech policy expert with vast knowledge in cybersecurity, surveillance, internet freedom and the economics of technology.

Before joining our team, Andrea served as a program manager at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, where she coauthored *Liberalism and Cronyism: Two Rival Political and Economic Systems* with Randall G. Holcombe and *Bitcoin: A Primer for Policymakers* with Jerry Brito. Her writing has been published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Newsweek*, *Washington Times*, *US News and World Reports*, and other outlets. In addition, Andrea pens a regular column on technology topics for *Reason*. She was selected as one of *Forbes'* 30 Under 30 in policy in 2016.

After studying economics and political science undergrad at Florida State University, Andrea went on to George Mason University where she studied economics at the graduate level.

After only three weeks at JMI, Andrea was featured on Neil Cavuto's "Coast to Coast" on Fox Business. Since then, producers have asked her back two more times to appear on the show with Cavuto.



Like Father, Like Son

Having made West Palm Beach his home for nearly the last five decades, George Blumel has been a life-long conservative political activist after having been recruited into a socialist organization in high school.

An entrepreneur, George founded and ran several businesses (printing, publishing, data processing), served on the boards of public and private companies since 1992 and, until recently, was a financial planner with Raymond James & Associates—just like his son, Phil Blumel.

As an active writer for decades and staunch supporter of U.S. Term Limits, George currently writes about how career politicians are debasing our beloved Republic for their own gain.

George's son, Phil Blumel, is currently the president of U.S. Term Limits, an organization dedicated to advocating for term limits at all levels of government. Phil's day-time job is that of his father's—financial planner at Raymond James & Associates in Palm Beach.

George and Phil have been dedicated supporters of The James Madison Institute (JMI) since the early 1990s—both contributing financially, while also being published in JMI's *The Journal*—a collection of relevant articles written by individuals to keep Floridians informed about their government, advance practical policy solutions, stimulate civil discussion of major issues, and to recognize individuals who exemplify civic responsibility, character, and service to others.

Both George and Phil said they have been motivated to stay involved with JMI over the years, because...



“JMI provides practical policy work that delivers tangible results. JMI gets into the weeds and does the much-needed work. We can't solve problems as a state if no one is doing the work. JMI does just that, the work to find the answers needed. And most importantly, JMI educates policymakers and our fellow Florida citizens.”

This father-son duo also cited that there are plenty of other national organizations out there, but their sole focus is on national issues and do not focus on state issues in-depth. “That is why every state needs a state-based think tank, like JMI,” said Phil Blumel.

Phil commented on JMI's most important work at hand...

“All across the board on economic issues—from healthcare and school choice to tax & regulation and tech & innovation, JMI produces specific policy studies for each of these areas that go into depth. These policy studies get in front of policymakers, the ones that make the decisions for our state. It's not so much what JMI does in the public eye, but the work that no one else has done or plans to do on issues affecting Florida.”

While George is proud of the legacy he has built in his own right, he hopes that JMI will continue to grow to become one of the most effective state think tanks in the country. “I'll sure do what I can to help it succeed.” With three beautiful grandchildren, he says, “The title I now hold that motivates me to continue the fight for liberty (eternal vigilance is, after all, the price of liberty) is Grandfather. I want to do what I can to pass on the freedoms I've enjoyed to my posterity—and yours.”



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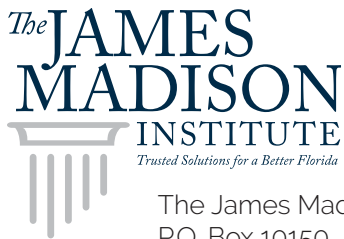
MISSION: To promote liberty, economic prosperity, and the rule of law by recommending property rights policy that will:

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 2. Prevent government attempts to overregulate the use of property, limit government ownership of property, and eliminate government abuse of property owners
 3. Promote responsible stewardship of all property regardless of ownership—private, corporate, and public
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