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'This is going to be fun'

- Summit closing speaker Dick Morris, talking of America's right turn

Hundreds rally for liberty at conservative summit

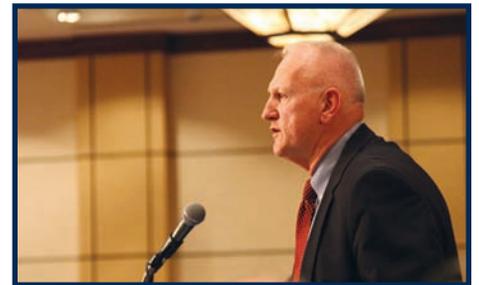
Western Conservative Summit 2010, Centennial Institute's first annual rally in the Rockies, made waves July 9-11 with a stellar speaker lineup, overflow crowds, and sizzling enthusiasm for the conference theme of "Right Turn, Right Now." This special report gives you a feeling for the weekend's excitement in pictures, words, and personal glimpses. A video record of the full 15 hours is now on sale. Plans for Summit 2011 will be announced soon.



Michele Bachmann, congresswoman from Minnesota, roused the summiters with her Friday keynote on defending liberty.



The Battle, a new book by Arthur Brooks of AEI, focused his warning on the threat to free enterprise from big government.



America must resist Islamic aspirations for dominance through jihad and sharia, said retired Lt. Gen. William Boykin.



Former congressman Tom Tancredo deconstructed liberalism, a week before his late entry into the governor's race.



"Peace through strength," Reagan's watchword, must now be ours, urged Frank Gaffney of the Center for Security Policy.



Colorado Springs columnist Michelle Malkin joked that the rollicking crowd at Saturday lunch was no "angry mob."



Freedom is inborn, because we are each precious to God, proclaimed author and Hollywood actor Joseph C. Phillips.



Foster Friess, investment wizard turned policy innovator and philanthropist, argued for market reforms to replace Obamacare.



Adversity is easier, said radio host Dennis Prager after a standing ovation. Playful boing, now on YouTube, resulted.

'Not a place to find liberals'

- Denver Post, July 11



The election stakes are a freedom revival or economic ruin, warned Fox News contributor Dick Morris at Sunday brunch.



Starring on Fox News before she was 30, Mary Katharine Ham enlivened the Summit with insights on the youth vote.



John Eastman of Chapman Law School told how the founders' grievances against George III remain relevant today.



Ex-terrorist Kamal Saleem hushed the room with his question, "What price are you willing to pay for freedom?"

Summit Snapshots: "Crazy Great"

Who Came: Over 850 people from a dozen states took part during the three days. Summiteers heard greetings from U.S. Senate candidates Ken Buck and Jane Norton, Governor candidates Dan Maes and Scott McInnis, Congressional candidates Cory Gardner, Ryan Frazier, and Scott Tipton, plus numerous local candidates.

Who Helped: Twenty-four conservative partner groups including Heritage Foundation, Focus on the Family, KNUS Radio, Independence Institute, and Tea Party Express all pitched in, along with a volunteer corps of CCU students and staff.

Who Raved: Nearly everyone. 93% of comment sheets rated the conference as Excellent, the rest as Good. "Invaluable," "inspirational," "exceptional," "superb," "insightful," "fantastic," "superb," and "crazy great" were among the superlatives used. Besides several days of Denver Post coverage and a Fox News mention, the Summit was noted on local TV and radio, Facebook, YouTube, and two national columns.

Student Jacob Delargy: Unexpected Lesson in Patriotism

As a future soldier, the words I remember most are: "What price are you willing to pay for freedom?" They were from the last man from whom I would expect to receive a lesson in patriotism – the former PLO operative, now an American and a Christian, Kamal Saleem. Too few of us today are willing to make a conscious decision to stand guard for freedom. Whether it be with a microphone, a pen, a computer, or a rifle, we all have a part to play. *Delargy is a CCU sophomore and ROTC cadet. He posted this on our '76 Blog.*

Professor Gregory Schaller: Now Maintain the Momentum

These conservatives had a positive agenda to restore our sacred faith, protect the entrepreneur, revitalize our nation, protect our fundamental liberties, reestablish our leadership in the world, and defend our nation. What we seek to conserve is important. America is indeed "the last best hope." Coming down from the Summit weekend, we must maintain the momentum for accountability. *Schaller teaches political science at CCU and is a Centennial Institute Fellow. This also ran on our '76 Blog.*

Columnist Jay Ambrose: Summiteers Marching toward Something Big

Maybe we've come to a non-violent revolutionary moment in America. The Summit impressed me not just because of the recitation of principles, but because of the mood. The audience and speakers struck me as cheerful, positive and informed more by an idea of mission than anger at the other side. Dennis Prager told the crowd that liberals were mostly good people. Don't attack them, he said. It's their fallacious arguments you want to deal with. Michele Bachmann talked about self-sacrifice, unity and dedication to one another as Americans. She told of four chaplains in World War II who went down heroically on a troopship. From such earnestly conveyed feelings, I had an image of an emotionally balanced, powerful, alert, energized, morally informed, widely inclusive force awakened from slumber by an overly leftist administration and marching toward something pretty big. *Ambrose writes a twice-weekly column for Scripps Howard Syndicate. This ran July 13.*

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