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Thurs, Feb 18

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Senator Dole

FROM: Yvonne

DATE: January 4, 1993

-- Paul Weyrich's Office has suggested the following dates for the reception they want to host honoring you. They will hold the reception at a hotel on Capitol Hill.

\_\_\_\_\_ Thurs, February 18 (FYI -- I am holding  
Wed, Feb. 17, for Jo-Anne for a  
possible Campaign America event.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mon, February 22

\_\_\_\_\_ Tues, February 23

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, February 25

\_\_\_\_\_ no commitment at this time



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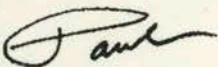
The Honorable Robert Dole  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Bob:

Per our meeting in your office I want to thank you for agreeing to do an evening reception where our organization, Coalitions for America, on our 20th anniversary will honor you and the leadership you have provided over the years.

I would ask that you consider choosing one of the following dates on February 10, 15, 17, 18, 23, or February 25 so that we could plan this event.

Sincerely,



Paul M. Weyrich  
National Chairman

July 18, 1993

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# COALITIONS FOR AMERICA





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## History



Paul M. Weyrich

When I came to Washington in 1966 I assumed that conservative leaders inside and outside of Congress met together on a regular basis to strategize on important upcoming pieces of legislation. I was sadly mistaken that by and large this was not the case.

In 1969 while I was working for Senator Gordon Allott of Colorado, I had the opportunity of going to a meeting on civil rights issues. At that meeting I learned how the liberal opposition operated. They had the aides to all the Senators there, and they had the authority to commit their bosses to specific strategies. They had the representatives of foundations, which could supply data on this or that. They had a legal group. They had outside lobbying groups, and they could say, "We need some pressure when we get down the line, and if they come up with this amendment, we want the whole country alerted." And they had a couple of columnists who said, "I can write something, just give me the timing of it." At this meeting I learned the essential elements necessary to orchestrate a successful legislative battle. From that time onward I was determined to duplicate that effort on the right in Washington D.C.

In the 1970's, we conservatives set out to match the highly effective structures of the liberals. We set up conservative

think tanks such as the Heritage Foundation and the Free Congress Foundation which provided issue bulletins on foreign, economic, and social policy to members of Congress who till this point had primarily relied on the public policy papers of The Brookings Institute, a liberal think tank. This was an important development in helping conservative leaders shape the policy agenda.

During the 1970's we conservatives also recognized the success of the liberal's informal group, Democratic Study Group. The DSG was formed by liberal members of Congress in the 1950's to get their members to pool resources to create a permanent staff to concentrate on critical legislative policy formulations. This proved to be an effective vehicle for liberal members of the House. It also was a central unifying unit for the left. This being the case, in the early 1970's conservatives established the Republican Study Committee for House conservative members and the Senate Steering Committee for conservative Senate members.

Along with the creation of the "inside" conservative structures in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate, during the decade of the late 70's there was an emergence of numerous "outside" conservative groups working on various defense, economic, and social issues. We began to hold our first coalition meetings in 1972. The meetings were originally run ad hoc and then backed by the Free Congress Pac.

In 1977 we decided the time was ripe to form a specific organization that would function as the place where "inside" members of Congress and their staff along with the "outside" groups could meet on a regular basis to strategize on important legislation, nominations, and public policy matters. That organization was Coalitions for America.

*Paul M. Weyrich*



Paul Weyrich and Coalitions for America participants meet with former President Ronald Reagan.



## Coalitions for America

Today Coalitions for America has grown into a broad-based organization comprised of over 300 different business, defense and social issues groups. It is one of the primary meeting places in Washington D.C. where the nation's leaders come to call upon groups to get action taken on legislation, nominations and confirmations, or other public policy matters. The regular meetings of the groups feature speakers from the President's Cabinet, high Administration officials, members of Congress and leading public figures.

What makes Coalitions for America especially attractive to Washington's leaders is the distinctive format of the meetings. For each meeting a timely array of speakers is prepared for an action packed agenda. There is a set procedure that each meeting follows so that the maximum amount of action is committed to by the members. The speakers themselves, Senators, Congressmen, Administration officials and coalition members come prepared to talk briefly about their issues. Then they take questions from the coalition groups at the meeting. Once the questions are answered, the speaker presents a specific strategic action plan on their issues to the participating groups attending the meeting. At this point the Chairman of the meeting asks the participating groups for volunteers on the speakers request for action. No one is compelled to volunteer so each organization can maintain its freedom and integrity to act when it wants to. Ordinarily, each agenda item requires no more than 10 minutes, which means the meetings move along swiftly. The group participants who make the pledge to work on specific action requested by the speakers at the meetings are expected to keep their commitments to do so. The action pledges of individuals are recorded during the meeting. At the next subsequent meeting, the Chairman checks with the individuals to see if they have fulfilled their action item responsibilities. Regular attendance by the participating organization's decision makers is required at the meetings. This

gives the meetings continuity and the necessary people there who can commit their organizations to take specific action.

The Coalitions for America meeting format is successful and useful to all concerned. The meetings are off the record which means the speakers on the agenda can feel they can be totally candid in their approach to the group. The speakers themselves find the meeting useful because they know the group will take specific action with their particular legislative agenda. The participating groups in turn feel they are able to have impact with Congressional and Administration figures. The group also benefits because with a regular schedule of meetings each and every member has the opportunity at some point to present their agenda to the group for action. Every participating organization is expected to accept some action items, to make a commitment to carry out some specific action to advance some agenda issue. By member organizations helping each other on the differing agendas, the individual groups benefit by being a part of a coalition. In addition to the knowledge that each participating organization will have the opportunity of getting action on their own agenda, the group itself feels a sense of accomplishment with the meeting in advancing an overall agenda.

The coalition meeting action to be taken from specific agenda requests can

be as varied as personally lobbying of Congressmen on Capitol Hill, meeting with the White House, motivating thousands of grass roots supporters to call and write their representative or actively writing articles in the media and newsletters. Coalitions for America stands ready to take responsible action as issues arise. Additionally, Coalitions serves as an educational function, providing a forum for leaders to meet regularly and share ideas.

Coalitions for America is a growing dynamic organization with an ever increasing number of coalition groups and meetings. There are now over 30 regular different ongoing meetings a month. The coalition meetings include Kingston (economic and institutional issues), Library Court (social issues), Stanton (defense and foreign policy), Resistance Support Alliance (freedom fighter policy), The James Monroe Working Group (South American foreign policy), The Wednesday Lunch (strategy group of conservative leaders inside and outside of Congress), 721 Group (judicial and legal policy), The Omega Alliance (young activist coalition), The Siena Group for Catholic Policy and the Jewish/Conservative Alliance. With a growing diversity of coalition groups and meetings, Coalitions for America will be having more impact on the Washington legislative scene for years to come.



Coalitions for America meets with Vice President Dan Quayle and Lee Atwater, Chairman of the Republican National Committee.



## The Kingston Group

The oldest of the coalitions, Kingston brings together representatives of a broad range of corporations, trade associations, small business, conservative and single-issue groups on a weekly basis. Although it began with a small number of conservative activists in 1972, it has grown since that time and now includes more than 40 organizations, all dedicated to the ideals of limited government and free enterprise. The Kingston meeting was the first original meeting where economic, defense, and social groups met. Kingston has been the successful prototype for other successful coalition meetings. During the end of the decade of the 1970's two new coalition groups emerged. The social issues groups formed a separate coalition meeting entitled Library Court and the defense and foreign policy groups developed a coalition meeting entitled Stanton.



Richard Rahn, Chief Economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, speaks at the Kingston meeting.

*"Coalitions for America with its supporting groups has been a highly effective force for achieving limited government pro-market, pro-opportunity and pro-growth economic policies."*

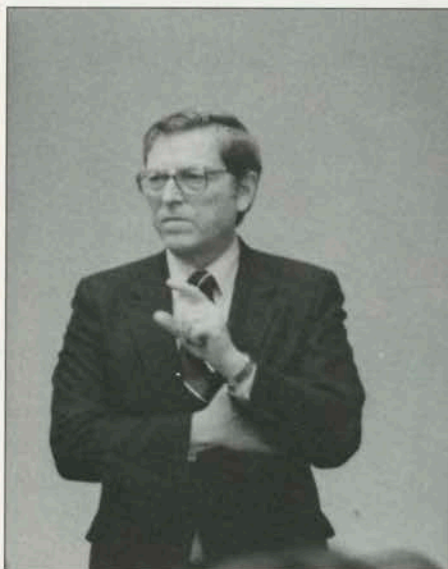
Richard Rahn  
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Senator Harry Reid (D, Nevada) is the feature speaker at the Kingston meeting.



Today the focus of the Kingston meeting is domestic economic policy and institutional issues. The group meets every Friday. In the near future the Kingston Group will be involved with budget reform, tax policy, trade policy, labor policy and regulatory issues. The Kingston Group will also be looking at congressional reform of the institutional abuses.



Senator Pete Domenici (R, New Mexico) makes a point at the Kingston meeting.



Jack Kemp, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, addresses participants at the Kingston meeting.



Senator Phil Gramm (R, Texas) at Coalitions for America meeting.

## The Library Court Group

Formed in 1979, this coalition seeks to coordinate the activities of the growing number of organizations concerned with family and social issues.

More than 50 separate entities now participate regularly in the Library Court Coalition, which meets every other week on Thursday morning. The aim is to work to protect the family and to promote social policies which support traditional values, such as the work ethic and a sense of individual responsibility.



William Bennett, Director of National Drug Control Policy, speaks before the Library Court Group.

*"Coalitions for America is more effective than just about any other group in Washington."*

William Kristol  
Assistant to the Vice President  
for Domestic Policy



Library Court speakers Congressmen Henry Hyde (R, Illinois) and Vin Weber (R, Minnesota).



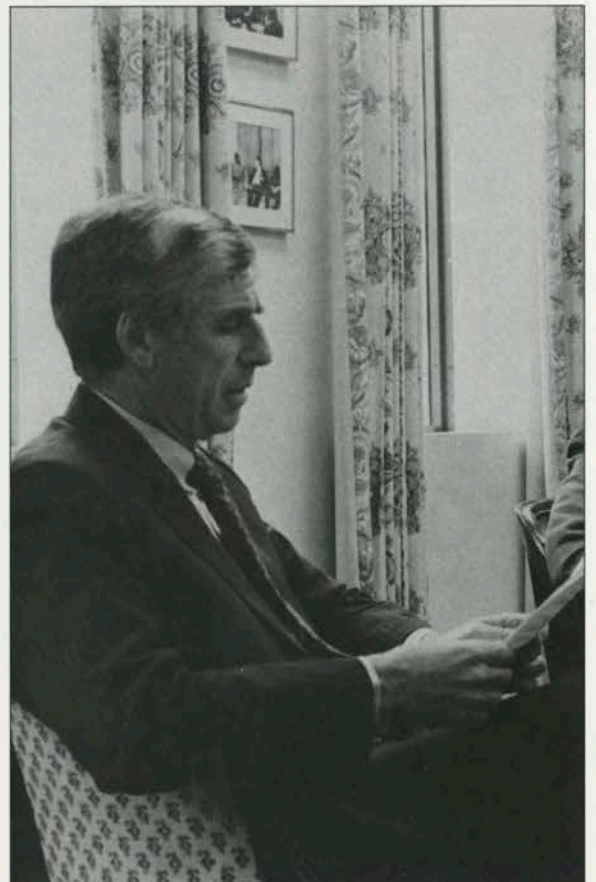
The Library Court Group is concerned with child care issues, drug policy, education, health care issues, and other important cultural issues affecting the nation. With mounting pressures in our society, the survivability of the American family is essential if we are to maintain our standard of civilization as we know it. The Library Court Group will be at the forefront in meeting the challenges facing today's family.



George Bush, Jr. addresses the Library Court Group as Kimberly Roberts, Director of Coalitions for America, and Paul Weyrich look on.



Kay James, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Department of Health and Human Services designate, meets with Paul Weyrich and Gary Bauer at the Library Court meeting.



Senator John Danforth (R, Missouri) speaks at the Library Court meeting.



## The Stanton Group

The Stanton Group concentrates on issues related to national defense and foreign policy. This coalition of 65 defense and foreign policy organizations is the standard against which all other coalitions meetings are judged. We have a standing room only crowd at virtually every meeting and have a hard time keeping up with the number of requests to come and address the group. More importantly, however, we always emphasize action.

The Stanton Group is involved in efforts to procure funding for the space based anti-satellite defense system and other critical defense systems.

Stanton also directs major efforts toward forging a strong anti-communist foreign policy. The need to support the nations threatened by Soviet aggression has been forcefully set forward by Stanton.



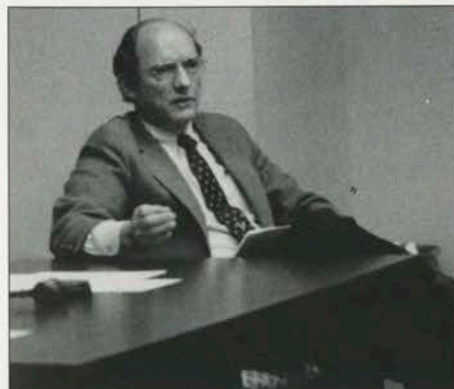
Jonas Savimbi, leader of the UNITA freedom fighters in Angola, meets with Paul Weyrich at a special Stanton Group meeting.



Ed Derwinski, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, fields a question at the Stanton Group.



Robert Gates, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, speaks before the Stanton Group.



Senator Malcolm Wallop (R, Wyoming) speaks at the Stanton Group meeting.



## The Resistance Support Alliance

The Resistance Support Alliance was founded in 1987 with the primary focus to be the advancement of the cause of freedom fighter movements which are struggling against communist regimes around the world.

The Resistance Support Alliance (RSA) position is that America should have a uniform policy of aid to all freedom fighters in all parts of the world. In that regard, RSA has taken the major initiative to have the Freedom Fighter Assistance Act introduced in the United States Senate and House of Representatives which would give aid to freedom fighter movements in countries of Asia, Africa and Central America.

While the Resistance Support Alliance provides support for resistance movements across the globe, a whole new dimension has been provided to the RSA coalition with the addition of the Liberation Support Alliance. Liberation Support Alliance seeks to liberate peoples in Central and Eastern European nations who have suffered under Soviet Communist domination since World War II.

Resistance Support Alliance now has an outreach to over 110 groups nationwide who all have the common goal of having freedom in all nations of the world.



Laszlo Pasztor, National President of the Liberation Support Alliance.



Senator Minority Leader, Robert Dole (R, Kansas), Senator Steve Symms (R, Idaho), former Senator Paul Trible (R, Virginia) and Senator Strom Thurmond (R, S. Carolina) introduce the Freedom Fighter Assistance Act.

*"Over the past few years Coalitions for America, the coordinator of conservative groups, has been instrumental in helping pass the President's tax cut program and has been helpful to all of us in Congress who are taking action to reduce budget deficits."*

Robert Dole  
Senate Minority Leader  
(R, Kansas)



## The James Monroe Group

The James Monroe Group on the American Democracies is an action-oriented coalition working together to increase and strengthen democracy and economic freedom in the Western Hemisphere.

Begun in 1988 the James Monroe Group is named for the fifth President of the United States, who first enunciated what came to be called "the Monroe Doctrine" which sought protection for democracies in the western hemisphere.

In assessing the democracies of the western hemisphere, the James Monroe Group considers whether a country has a free market economy; whether its citizens may participate freely, as candidates or voters, in free and open elections, and whether they enjoy constitutionally protected rights of individual liberty, such as the freedom of speech, the press, assembly, property, worship and the ownership of property without government intervention or confiscatory taxation.

Objectives of the James Monroe Group are:

- to study and assess the democracies of the western hemisphere, particularly those in South America, to determine whether their people are truly free constitutionally and economically.
- to develop and carry out strategies for enhancing and strengthening democracy in the hemisphere.
- to develop working relationships with democrats in other countries of the hemisphere assisting them in furthering democratic aims.



Juan Sosa, Ambassador to the United States from Panama, with William Kling and Mario Navarro da Costa, convenors of the James Monroe Group.

*"Coalitions for America is an outstanding group working to preserve the free enterprise system, limited government, strong national defense, and traditional values."*

Phil Gramm  
United States Senator (R, Texas)



## The Wednesday Lunch

Every Wednesday at noon, Coalitions for America sponsors the weekly conservative strategy luncheon with leaders from the House of Representatives, the White House and the conservative movement. The meeting, co-chaired by Burt Pines of the Heritage Foundation and Paul Weyrich of Coalitions for America, is held at our offices, at 721 Second Street NE, Washington D.C.

Members of the House leadership, staffers from the White House and key business representatives are in regular attendance. Some of the most creative challenges to the liberal welfare state have come from this meeting.

Topics at the lunch vary from week to week, but we keep it on current events. What makes the Wednesday strategy lunch so unique is having 30 leaders with their own particular expertise inside and outside of government coming together each week to discuss strategy on the issues of the day and then each individual agrees to take action on legislation, personnel decisions and public policy issues as they arise. Having a relatively small group with a diversity of backgrounds and responsibilities makes for an effective chemistry in moving the political landscape in Washington.

*"The Wednesday strategy lunch is the most important two hours I spend every week."*

Newt Gingrich  
House Minority Whip  
(R, Georgia)



John Sununu (center), Chief of Staff to President George Bush, meets with the Wednesday Lunch Group at the Coalitions for America offices.



Newt Gingrich (right), House Minority Whip (R, Georgia), Burt Pines of the Heritage Foundation (center) and James Pinkerton, Deputy Assistant to the President for Policy Planning, discuss strategy at the Wednesday Lunch.



## The 721 Group

Formed in 1983, the 721 Group is a coalition of conservative legal organizations and law enforcement groups who meet regularly to plan legislative strategy on criminal justice issues, judicial nominations and broad questions of judicial reform. The group observes developments in the Department of Justice and other litigation arms of the federal government and makes recommendations for personnel and public policy. This group was the principal outside operation for the passage of the Criminal Code Reform Act of 1984.

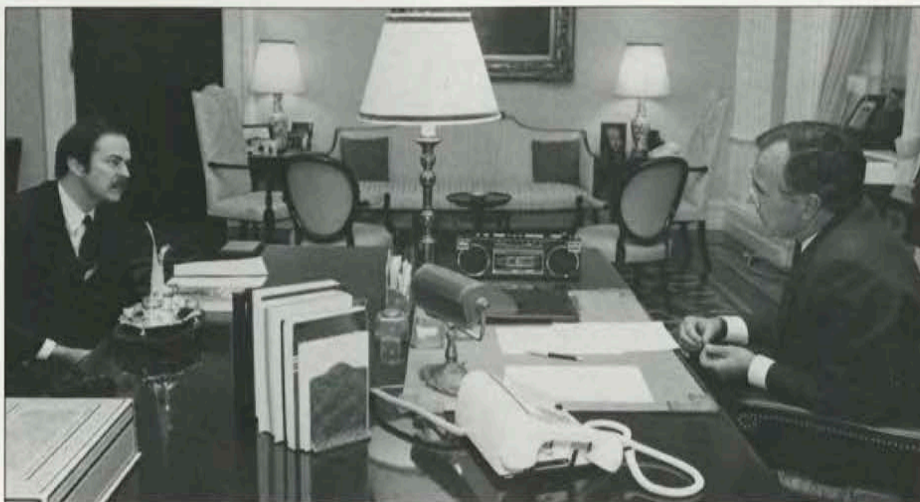
White House Counsel C. Boyden Gray and Attorney General Richard Thornburgh (and their top aides) have met regularly with members of the 721 Group on issues of judicial selection, personnel and other matters of mutual concern.

In the coming years, Supreme Court nominations and other judicial appointments will be a major focus for the 721 Group.

## The Omega Alliance

Founded in January 1988, the Omega Alliance is a coalition of young conservative activists who work for different government agencies, professional organizations and congressional offices. The main purpose of the group is to unite these young people into an effective working coalition to take action on public policy issues, both domestic and foreign. A secondary purpose of the Omega Alliance is to provide a forum in which information on upcoming events and activities can be shared with other activists.

In fulfilling these purposes, the Omega Alliance serves a unique part of the conservative movement. Washington has long attracted young people—college students and recent graduates—who travel to the nation's capitol to become involved in the process of government, whether working on the “inside”



Pat McGuigan, Chairman of the 721 Group, meets with George Bush.



Paul Weyrich, National Chairman of Coalitions for America (left), Pat McGuigan, Chairman of the 721 Group (right) meet with Attorney General Richard Thornburgh (center). They are joined by Murray Dickman, Special Assistant to the Attorney General (far right).

in one of many congressional offices and government agencies or on the “outside” as members of lobbying groups or other associations.

Though the Omega Alliance has been active for a shorter time than the others, it already has a solid record of achievement in uniting young conservatives to take action on critical public policy issues. In recent months, the Omega Alliance organized a demonstration at the Ethiopian Embassy in Washington to protest the Marxist government's policies which have led to the starvation of its own people. Congressman Toby Roth of Wisconsin spoke at the protest, introducing a resolution in Congress condemning the Ethiopian government's human rights violations.

In all of its activities the Omega Alliance seeks to tap into the energy and resourcefulness that young leaders have to offer. When working together they are empowered to make a difference.



Congressman Toby Roth (R, Wisconsin) speaks in front of the Ethiopian Embassy.



## The Siena Group for Catholic Policy

Established in April 1988, The Siena Group for Catholic Policy is the newest member of Coalitions for America. The Siena Group is a coalition of approximately forty Catholic organizations, publications and institutions, all sharing a generally conservative viewpoint. These groups work together to deal with issues of how the Church affects public policy.

Historically, the Catholic Church in the United States has been an influential force in favor of traditional values on social and cultural issues and on questions of national defense and anti-communism. Over the past generation, however, most official Catholic agencies have become dominated by leftist elements, with attacks on our free enterprise system and the promotion of the nuclear freeze movement. The Catholic people, on the other hand, are quite diverse in their views and there remains a strong conservative Catholic element. The organizations which participate in the Siena Group find their constituencies among these conservative Catholics.



Michael Schwartz, Chairman of the Siena Group, meets with George Bush.

The Siena Group is less than a year old, but it is already playing a key role in the formation of a genuine movement of conservative Catholics. One project underway, aimed at overcoming the logistical problems of building a working relationship among organizations scattered across every part of the country is the linking of Siena Group participants into a computer communications network.

*"Coalitions for America is a group I go to when I want to take action on legislation. I value their input."*

Congressman Ralph Hall  
(D, Texas)

## The Jewish/Conservative Alliance

Formed in the 1980's the Jewish/Conservative Alliance seeks to identify areas of agreement between Jewish and conservative organizations. The leaders of both groups get together periodically to share better understandings of each others' perspectives on issues. One common interest of the Jewish/Conservative Alliance is the human rights policies of totalitarian regimes throughout the world.



Paul Weyrich meets with Natan Sharansky.



## Coalitions Personnel



Paul M. Weyrich

Paul M. Weyrich is a writer, public policy specialist and political activist who has been on the Washington scene for nearly 20 years.

He is National Chairman of Coalitions for America, which brings together more than 300 pro-free enterprise, pro-defense and pro-family groups, organized into several different coalition groups, which meet on a regular organized basis to work on common legislative strategies. Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole has called Weyrich "the key conservative in Washington for bringing together groups to accomplish our goals."

He also serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Free Congress Research and Education Foundation whose staff members and resident scholars produce more than 150 books, monographs, policy bulletins and newsletters per year on political trends, judicial reform and family issues. In addition, the Free Congress Foundation sponsors training and educational conferences in a variety of fields ranging from the social sciences to grass roots politics.

Weyrich also serves as National Chairman of the Free Congress PAC (formerly the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress). The Free Congress PAC teaches conservatives of both parties how to build precinct organizations and how to network with conservative and values oriented groups.

In addition, Weyrich serves as senior editor of *Conservative Digest* and writes a regular think piece for each issue of the magazine. His op-ed pieces frequently appear in leading newspapers throughout the nation.

Besides these responsibilities, Weyrich is Chairman of the Board of the American Society of Local Officials, Vice Chairman of the Committee for Effective State Government and Treasurer of the Council for National Policy. He is also on the Board of Directors of WEEL, the all news radio station in Boston, Massachusetts.

In early 1985, Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole asked Weyrich to serve as Chairman of the Dulles Access Task Force, a committee which has now recommended a light rail system between the Washington subway system and the airport. He continues to serve as Chairman of that transportation group, as well as being a member of the Section 15 Advisory panel of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. In 1987 Transportation Secretary Dole named Paul Weyrich as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak). Weyrich has a long background in transit writing and at one time did transportation work in the United States Senate.

Weyrich was the founder and first President of the Heritage Foundation, a major public policy research institution in Washington. He worked on the formation of the Republican Study Committee and the Senate Steering Committee in the early 1970's. Both are caucuses of conservative Republican legislators in the Congress. He has been active in the formation and training of various components of the Religious Right, and currently advises a number of religious right figures.

He served on the U.S. Senate staff for 11 years for Senator Gordon Allott, the Chairman of the GOP Conference.

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