

THE SOUTH CAROLINA BLUES FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE



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Video: Affiliate Structure Between BluePAC and State PACs

Berry Trimble, Executive Director, Congressional and Political Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association discusses how important PACs are and how affiliated state PACs work together.

Please click on the image to watch the video.



SC BLUES FEDPAC
POLITICAL BOOK CLUB

Political Book Club

Our first book is the *The Best and the Brightest* by David Halberstam. Members will read and discuss chapters 1-14 in August and chapters 15-27 in September.

August 27th | 12:00 – 1:00 | Percival Private Dining

September 24th | 12:00 – 1:00 | Atrium Dining

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Birth Certificate of America

The nation celebrated Independence Day last week and it is the perfect month to discuss the Declaration of Independence.



While the Revolutionary War was raging, the thirteen colonies sent representatives to Pennsylvania for the Second Continental Congress. This Congress served as a de facto national government during the war and adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 in the Philadelphia State House (now known as Independence Hall).

The document was an announcement from the colonies to the Kingdom of Great Britain, and all nations in the world, they would now be thirteen united yet independent sovereign states.

The declaration is a straight-forward document, consisting of five main parts: an introduction, the rights of the people, grievances against the King of England, the colonies' attempts to not separate, and declaring independence.

Over the past 240 years, these five short sections have inspired multitudes of individuals and nations. "More than half of the 193 countries now represented in the United Nations have a founding document that can be called a declaration of independence."¹

Not surprisingly "one of the best known sentences in the English language" is straight from the Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

If you would like to learn more about the Declaration of Independence, check out this site: National Archives, Founding Documents - <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration>

¹ Source: The Wall Street Journal Online at <http://online.wsj.com/articles/the-declaration-of-independence-the-words-heard-around-the-world-1404415089>

¹ [▲] Stephen E. Lucas, "Justifying America: The Declaration of Independence as a Rhetorical Document", in Thomas W. Benson, ed., *American Rhetoric: Context and Criticism*, Carbondale, Illinois: Southern Illinois University Press, 1989, p. 85.

