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## **Reagan Foundation & Institute Launches *Time For Choosing Speaker Series* to Address the Future of the Conservative Movement and the Republican Party**

*Remarks from national leadership and distinguished speakers will answer fundamental questions and advance ideas to animate the future of the GOP*

**WASHINGTON, DC --** The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute today announced the launch of its *Time for Choosing Speaker Series*, a new forum for leading voices in the conservative movement to address critical questions facing the future of the Republican Party.

Through formal speeches delivered at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California, speakers will be invited to specifically address fundamental questions:

- Why are you a Republican?
- What should the Republican Party stand for?
- How as a party are we succeeding? How are we failing?
- What foreign and domestic policy positions are critical for the Republican Party to take in the future?
- What are the Republican philosophies we can all agree on?

The series derives its name from the iconic 1964 address Ronald Reagan delivered to support Senator Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign. A political newcomer at the time, Ronald Reagan presented the country with a choice between "man's old-aged dream, the ultimate in individual freedom consistent with law and order" and "the ant heap of totalitarianism."

"In 2021, the Grand Old Party faces its own 'time for choosing,'" said Roger Zakheim, Washington Director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. "Having lost the presidency and Senate majority, Republicans must take a fresh look — through reasoned, intellectual discussion — at the issues, ideas and policies that will define the Republican Party for decades to come. Thus, the mission of the series is not to promote Reaganesque policies and approaches. Reagan was modern-minded in his own time and knew that as times change, new challenges and solutions abound."

The Reagan Foundation & Institute will provide a national stage upon which the conservative movement's brightest minds and most promising future leaders can convene for the purpose of reinventing the Republican Party as a true and modern conservative party with ideas deserving of the support of the American people.

Speakers will include leading intellectuals, U.S. representatives, U.S. senators, governors and emerging 2024 presidential candidates. They will embody a range of viewpoints: As then-Governor Reagan said in 1967, "There is room in our tent for many views; indeed, the divergence of views is one of our strengths."

**Former Speaker of the House Paul Ryan** will deliver the first address of the series at the Reagan Library on May 27th, 2021. Additional confirmed speakers include:

- **Senator Tom Cotton**, U.S. Senator for Arkansas
- **Ambassador Nikki Haley**, former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.
- **Peggy Noonan**, *Wall Street Journal* Columnist
- **Vice President Mike Pence**, former Vice President
- **Secretary Mike Pompeo**, former Secretary of State
- **Senator Tim Scott**, U.S. Senator for South Carolina

"It is a great honor to kick off the Time for Choosing series," said former Speaker Paul Ryan. "I look forward to addressing these fundamental and timely questions, but more importantly I am eager to hear how other Republican and conservative leaders, each with their own convictions and priorities, address the same questions. I am confident that our substantive, reasoned dialogue will do a service to the legacy of President Reagan and the party he once led."

Speeches will be broadcast online through the Reagan Foundation & Institute's website and social media channels. Live audiences will be present based on COVID-19 restrictions.

For more information, and to [watch the Time for Choosing promotional video trailer](#), please visit [www.thetimeforchoosing.com](http://www.thetimeforchoosing.com).

#### **About the Ronald Reagan Foundation & Institute:**

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is the sole nonprofit organization created by President Reagan charged with continuing his legacy and sharing his principles — individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. The Foundation is a non-partisan organization which sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Presidential Learning Center, The Air Force One Pavilion, the award-winning Discovery Center and the Reagan Institute, which carries out the Foundation's mission in Washington, DC.

The Reagan Library houses over 55 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It also serves as the final resting place of America's 40th President and his First Lady.

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