

Get Informed About Your Local Candidates!



If you're here, you probably believe that local elections matter. Progress is always excited about opportunities to help you get to know your options and invested in continuing to grow these relationships. We reached out to our aligned candidates for some information on them, and are pleased to share their responses with you. It is crucial that you look into candidates for yourself, find who you feel is the best option for you and your community, and support who you feel best about.

Introducing (drum roll please):

US Senate-

Chris Volpe is the most accessible candidate in Ohio's history, fighting for his neighbors who are working hard everyday and just looking for a little help and respect.

Follow him on social media <https://www.facebook.com/VolpeForAmerica/>

Follow him off of social media <https://www.volpeforamerica.com/>

Donate at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/volpeforamerica>.

Grove City City Council - At Large

Joel Newby is the Managing Attorney and Owner of The Newby Law Office, representing clients in a wide range of matters with a focus on small business law, contract law, construction law, and civil litigation.

Follow on social media @votenewby on all platforms

Off of social media at www.joelnewby.com

Donate at www.joelnewby.com/donate.

Julieann Burroughs is a proud Grove City resident, small business owner, and single parent raising her kids right here. She lives here, works here, and is committed to keeping Grove City strong, vibrant, and family-focused.

Follow her on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579969477062>

Donate at <https://venmo.com/u/elect-julieann-burroughs>

Grove City City Council - Ward 1

Ted Berry is a current council member with a long history of supporting great causes and sponsored first in nation Higher Ed and Skilled Trades Program, as well as Electric Aggregation Program saving residents thousands by using renewable energy, whose focus is livable wage jobs, public safety, economic development, a healthy community, and responsible growth and recreation facility.

Follow him on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/ted.berry.413012>

Greg Solt is an US Army vet, founded Hop Yard 62, and is active in the community today with volunteering.

Follow Greg on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579145731828>

His website <http://www.gregforgrovecity.com>

Donate at <https://www.gregsoltforgrovecity.com/>

Grove City City Council - Ward 3

Anthony Wilson, a U.S. Air Force veteran, retired law enforcement officer, and current Grove City Council member, is running for Ward 3 to champion public safety, infrastructure, and economic development.

Follow him on social media at: <https://www.facebook.com/share/19myn2TBrr/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Follow him off social media and to donate at <https://anthonywilsonforgrovecitycouncil.com/>

Grove City City Council - Ward 5

Mohamed Omar is the youngest candidate ever to run for Grove City Council, campaigning to expand affordable housing, support small businesses, improve infrastructure, and ensure

every resident has a voice in the community's future.

Follow him on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/people/Mohamed-Omar-for-Grove-City-Council-Ward-5/61577368185406/#>

Follow him off of social media at <https://omarforgrovecity.com/>

Donate here https://secure.actblue.com/donate/mohamedomar4gc?fbclid=IwY2xjawMn3ItleHRuA2FibQlxMQABHtb7UC3jwgrtsr8NHfCN-t4PnJetfVZ_vhOlyFHMYYR1wMmFtiNrTS7zgvVI_aem_ihxf8jb8MxO9JKiDvYOljQ

Jackson Township Trustee

Kevin Harr is running for Jackson Township to make Jackson Township, Grove City and Urbancrest a better place to live by keeping the firefighters and road crew's equipment up to date. This will allow them to perform their duties when they are called upon. Send donations to: Friends of Kevin Harr, 4450 Snowy Meadow Drive, Grove City, OH 43123.

Bryan Mulvany is a lifelong Grove City resident with a long history of service to others. An appointment to Jackson Township Trustee would give him another opportunity to serve those who serve our community.

Follow him on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/share/1DA6wXQy76/>

Donate at <https://www.venmo.com/u/mulvanyfortrustee>

South Western City School - School Board

Chelsea Alkire is a mom, wife, and educator of 13 years, with a passion for protecting public education and she wants to make sure ALL students and stakeholders are listened to and represented.

Follow them on social media at: <https://www.instagram.com/chelsealkire4swcs/>, <https://www.facebook.com/chelsealkire4swcs> , or [tiktok.com/chelsea.alkire](https://www.tiktok.com/chelsea.alkire)

Donate at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/chelsea-alkire-1>

Dr. Kelly Dillon is a long time resident of SWCS, has children in the district, and an educator herself.

Follow her on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578935923539>

Donate at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/kellydillon4swcsd>

Camille Peterson is running to support students, empower educators, and strengthen our schools—championing equitable, high-quality education, meaningful support for teachers, and a strong family voice in every decision with integrity. \

Follow her on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/p/Peterson-for-South-Western-61576322237580/>

Donate at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/camille-peterson>, on Cash App: \$Peterson4Southwest, or Check: Friends of Camille Peterson

To follow and support all three of these amazing school board candidates at once, check out their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/p/Peterson-Alkire-and-Dillon-for-SWCS-61579601460022/>

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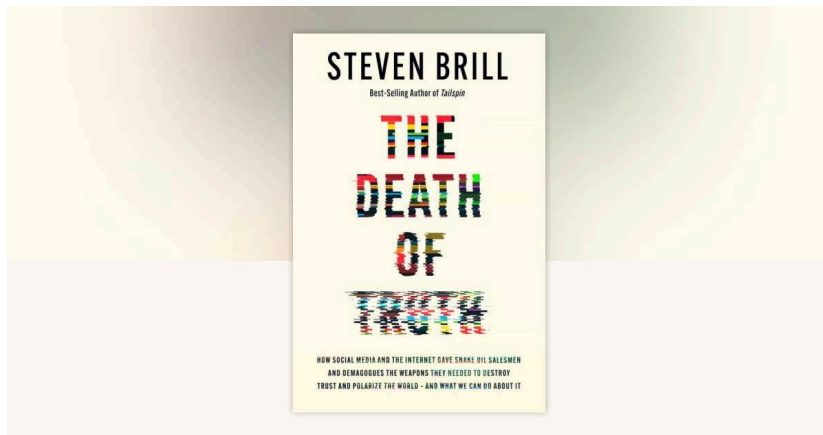
Donate to the Cause

Group News!



This design is a sample idea - not the final product.

We are finalizing the design for our group name tags and are looking forward to getting them ordered! These will be about the size of a credit card and you can customize whether yours is attached with a pin, a magnet, or a lanyard. **These are a membership perk, so if you have not officially joined as a member and would like a nametag, join us by clicking "Become A Member" above!** We will be reaching out to all members to make sure that we are ordering your nametag with your preferred name or nicknames.



The Death of Truth

How Social Media and the Internet Gave Snake Oil Salesmen and Demagogues the Weapons They Needed to Destroy Trust and Polarize the World—And What We Can Do
Book Written By: Steven Brill
Review By: Mandy Gooding

1. A sobering diagnosis of our fractured information ecosystem

Steven Brill offers a vivid and urgent analysis of how truth has lost its unifying power in a world awash with misinformation, conspiracy theories, and deeply polarized media bubbles. He traces the erosion of shared reality back to calculated decisions—platforms built to maximize engagement, not accuracy—and algorithms designed to reward divisive or sensational content. This ad-driven model not only sidelines trustworthy journalism but also empowers demagogues, foreign governments, and opportunists who exploit societal fissures. As a journalist and founder of NewsGuard, Brill narrates firsthand how these forces culminate in a “death of truth,” leaving individuals unsure of what to believe.

2. A vivid and personal reckoning with disinformation's real-world cost

The narrative gains emotional depth as Brill recounts personal attacks from both Russian disinformation operatives and political figures at home. His vigilant tracking of Russian propaganda—fake science documentaries, fabricated news sites—led to threats, intimidation, and even drone footage targeting his home, while simultaneously drawing ire from U.S. lawmakers who echoed the same baseless narratives. It's a chilling convergence that underscores how truth can become a casualty in the hands of adversaries and skeptics alike.

3. Not just diagnosis—but a blueprint for revival

What sets this book apart is how aggressively Brill moves from critique to action. He proposes concrete, pragmatic reforms—including amending Section 230 to hold platforms accountable for dangerous algorithmic amplification, empowering regulators (such as the FTC) to enforce platforms' own terms of service, ending online anonymity, and investing in media literacy from kindergarten through high school. He also challenges the pernicious infrastructure of programmatic advertising, suggesting filters to prevent major brands from inadvertently underwriting misinformation by placing ads on low-quality or deceptive sites.

4. A hopeful, urgent call to reclaim truth

Despite the grim landscape Brill describes, his tone remains constructive, even optimistic. He argues that reader-supported journalism—publications that rely on subscriptions and reader revenue rather than ad clicks—can help anchor trust in factual reporting. He stresses the importance of rebuilding our information foundations not through censorship but through system redesign: policy, education, and market incentives that reward truth, not sensationalism. The result is not only a report of decay but a roadmap for resurrection—timely, well-informed, and anchored in real-world experience.

Why this book matters

- It speaks with urgency and clarity, dissecting the anatomy of misinformation while refusing to resign to despair.
- It's grounded in Brill's deep journalistic roots and his work with NewsGuard—adding credibility and vivid insight.
- Its prescriptions are neither idealistic nor vague; they're actionable, rooted in law, education, and media economics.

In summary, *The Death of Truth* is a compelling and invaluable text—one that not only charts how we arrived in this post-truth moment but also lights a path out. Brill gives us a structured, hopeful strategy to restore our collective belief in truth—and that's a message well worth amplifying.

Five Minute Activism

Don't have an hour to volunteer? No problem. Here are simple actions you can take in just 5 minutes to help candidates you believe in:

Boost Visibility

- Share or repost one of their campaign updates on social media.
- Add a supportive comment or emoji to a candidate's post.
- Snap a photo of your yard/window sign and share it with a short "I'm voting for ____!" message.

Start a Conversation

- Text one friend or neighbor: "Hey, I'm supporting [Candidate] for [position]. Have you heard about them?"
- Mention your support in casual conversations ("I really like how ____ is focused on ____ in our schools.").
- Drop a quick note of support in a neighborhood Facebook group or on Nextdoor.

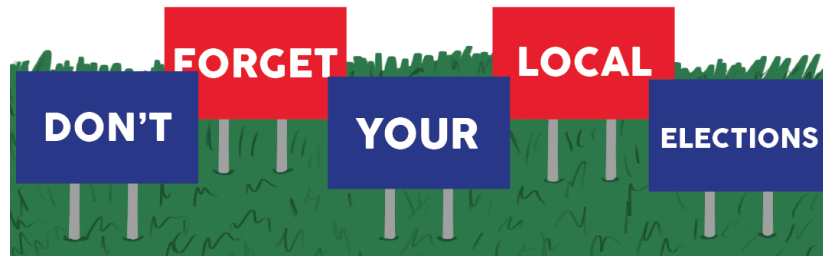
Micro-Volunteer

- Sign up for their campaign emails or text alerts.
- Send \$5 (or whatever you can) to show grassroots support.
- RSVP "interested" on one of their events—it helps build momentum.

Community Support

- Write just one postcard or letter if the campaign provides them.
- Leave a positive online review/comment to balance negativity.
- Share a quick personal story about why you care about this race.

Tip: Pick one thing from this menu each week. If everyone in our community does a little, it adds up to a lot!



Monthly Meeting Recap - August

We had an End of Summer Picnic for our August monthly meeting. It was a huge success and everyone had a wonderful time. ICYMI:

We invited all and were able to meet most of our value aligned candidates that are running! This included South Western City Schools board of education, Grove City city council, Jackson township trustee, and US senate in 2026. Joining them were some of our current city council members **Melissa Anderson** and **Jodi Burroughs** along with State house representative for district 10 **Mark Sigrist**.

Grove City city council candidates in attendance:

Ward 1: Ted Berry and Greg Solt

Ward 3: Anthony Wislon

Ward 5: Mohamed Omar and Amy Cowell

At Large: Joel Newby

South Western City Schools BOE candidates in attendance:

Camille Peterson

Chelsea Alkire

Dan Miller

Dr. Kelly Dillon

U.S. Senate district 15 candidate in attendance:

Chris Volpe

Jackson Township trustee candidate in attendance:

Kevin Harr

Grove City Area Progress also collected donations of paper towels, tissues, clorox wipes, and hand sanitizer for our SWCS Head Start program. Along with those items we received \$140 in cash donations which will be used to purchase underwear to stock the clinic for Head Start.

A big shout out and thank you to Michael Koop! He brought and set up a science table for our attendees with a few experiments laid out for kids and adults to enjoy. Michael really excited many and made learning fun.





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Register [here](#) for the location, stay tuned for more information, and as always, bring a friend!

Join Our Partners In Action

If you're eager to make a significant impact in your community, consider taking action now. It's time to address the issues that matter to you and express your concerns about leadership. Our friends with Indivisible Central Ohio are planning in person visit's to Senator Moreno's office. Please consider joining them to share your thoughts and help drive meaningful change! You can find the sign up sheet at [this link](#).

Thanks everyone!!

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