



Attendees: {5} Saturday December 9th, 4pm @ The Alexander Hamilton Institute [AHI]

- * **Welcome by Chair Woman Mary Kay Vatalaro-** *Oneida Chapter Mission Statement*

- * **Guest Speaker: Dr. David Frisk discusses “Grassroots Politics & American Government In Our Time”-** Dr. Frisk is an award-winning journalist, political theorist and holds a Ph.D. in political science from Claremont Graduate University. His publications include *“If Not Us, Who? William Rusher, National Review, and the Conservative Movement”* (ISI Books 2012). Dr. Frisk has been a Resident Fellow @ the AHI for the past ten years. He teaches adult classes on history & political science, whilst also continuing on another book & essays. Tonights discussion delved into “conservative grassroots activism”. Having a democratic predisposition to “do the right thing” grassroots activists aim to make positive changes as private citizens without regard for power, compensation or leverage. There’s an attempt to educate the less informed by disseminating all sides of an issue, without bias or secret agenda. Concerns are addressed from all sides of the argument, then suggestions are offered for alternate paths other than the current trajectory with hopes of affecting a positive change that benefits all of society. Dr. Frisk suggested true grassroots activists try to identify the open-minded quiet citizens who are hesitant to get involved. The average person doesn’t like to hear “weird things” that stir controversy and disrupt their peaceful status-quo lives. These citizens are path dependent- they stay the familiar path, fear the unknown, avoid making waves or changes. There’s a tendency to take mental shortcuts and oversimplify when confronted with controversial material. This creates the appearance of laziness by avoiding the challenging work to become well informed. Moms For Liberty has accepted this challenge to inform the masses thereby fitting the description of a grassroots movement. We

are passionate about parent's rights and preserving the innocence of childhood. We are here to help educate our fellow Americans by shedding light on subjects we feel threaten our children both physically and mentally.

- * For example, Moms For Liberty is opposed to age-inappropriate sexually explicit books available to children in school libraries. As grassroots activists we offer samples of said books, hear arguments for and against their availability, then offer solutions to either remove these books from the school or limit access. **WE DO NOT BAN BOOKS!** A main goal is to protect very young readers from sexually explicit material. We are NOT against health classes or human reproductive instruction, nor against the LGBTQ+ community (as touted by the main stream media). We only suggest that a book rating system and/or parent permission slips be utilized in school libraries so parents are aware of the material offered their children. Adversaries of Moms For Liberty state we {paraphrased} "hate gays and transpeople and want to ban books which help children find themselves and make sense of sexual confusion". This is absurd! What kindergartner prior to 2019 did ANYONE know that was confused about their sexuality?? This is a recent phenomenon fueled by the "WOKE AGENDA" to garner power and control over the average citizen and thereby enrich themselves politically and financially. By promoting sexual merchandise, videos/movies, books, etc. the facilitators have become wealthy at the expense of the innocent children. Through many federal/state/local politically motivated policy changes parents' rights have been removed to determine what is right for their own children. We advocate for children's and parents' rights. Not control or repression by our own government, be it local, state or federal.
- * Check out "**Moms For Liberty-Library 101**" on YouTube. To assist parents decide if material is appropriate for their child, we've also created frequently updated book lists for each district of books available from K-12. [Emailed upon request.]
- * **Create a NYS Senate account to voice your support/opposition of a bill; sign petitions; follow issues, committees & bills; contact your senator: <https://www.nysenate.gov/user/login>**

Next Meeting: TBA ~ January will be a ZOOM meeting

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