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Constitution Party

Presidential hopeful refuses to be wishy-washy

Candidate spends week in Utah drumming up third-party support

By **Cathy McKittrick**
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When it comes to America's future, Chuck Baldwin holds nothing back.

"I'm the only candidate that is 100-percent pro-life," Baldwin says of his unequivocal anti-abortion stance - he would outlaw the procedure under any circumstance.

The 56-year-old Baptist pastor, syndicated columnist and former radio talk-show host from Pensacola, Fla., is spending this week in Utah as part of his campaign for president on the Constitution Party ticket.

If voters elected Baldwin, the status quo could expect a seismic shakedown. In addition to outlawing abortion, Baldwin also intends to eliminate the Internal Revenue Service, federal income tax and the Department of Education.

After shrinking government, Baldwin says he would fund it through a 10 percent general tariff on all goods entering the country.

Baldwin condemns the invasion and occupation of Iraq, because it was done without a declaration of war. He pledges to reasonably and safely

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30 days. And employers who hire undocumented immigrants would face immediate jail time.

"If we cut off their food supply, we won't have to deport them - they would leave on their own," Baldwin reasons.

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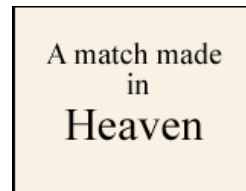
extract all troops.

A fan of home-schooling, Baldwin also pledges to get rid of No Child Left Behind, an act he calls a "monstrosity" and a huge intrusion into state and community rights.

Baldwin adamantly opposes free trade and the movement toward a global economy and universal currency.

"I will stop the New World Order the day I get into office," Baldwin told *The Salt Lake Tribune* on Wednesday. "It threatens our independence and sovereignty."

Baldwin would also work to secure the country's borders, a task he says could be done in




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Some think Baldwin could be the next Ross Perot in terms of making a significant third-party impact in November.

"I think we'll do amazingly well this year. We've struggled for so long and all of a sudden, it's mushrooming," Utah Constitution Party Chairman Frank Fluckiger says.

"For every two Republicans that come over our way, we're getting one Democrat and one independent."

By November, the relatively young Constitution Party - born in 1992 as the U.S. Taxpayers Party and then changing its label in 1999 - expects to appear on the ballot in at least 40 states, Fluckiger adds.

With Baldwin's quick-draw verbal skills - if given the chance to debate - Fluckiger and others see the opportunity to gain a slice of the country's discontented.

"People feel their government has not leveled with them. Baldwin is a breath of fresh air," Fluckiger says.

"You may not agree with him but you certainly know where he stands."

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