

Dave Racer

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Personal

Dave has been married to Rosanne for 44 years. They have five children and six grandchildren. The Racers live in Minnesota.

Primary Occupation:

Author -
Publisher

Editorialist

Dave has authored, co-authored, edited, or ghostwritten 29 books. Most of these can be found at [Alethos Press](#). Eight of these books are related to health care issues. He is working on a new book -- always.

Prior to the days of blogging, Dave wrote dozens of editorials on government , education, moral issues -- a broad range of issues -- at [Dave's Editorials](#).

Dave blogs about government and culture as [America's Civics Teacher](#), about health care redesign as [The COHR Man](#), and discusses his faith at [Dave's Faith Stories](#).

He owns a small publishing company: [Alethos Press LLC](#), formed in 1999 and a communications company - DGRCcommunications, Inc., founded in 2010.

Businessman

From 1974 to 1983, Dave owned and operated two ServiceMaster franchises, employing an average of 15 fulltime employees while becoming the second largest franchise in Minnesota. He sold those franchises to a Twin Cities man whom he had helped train, and now who owns nine Minnesota franchises.

From 1984 to the present, Dave has operated as an independent businessman managing several projects. These included the national management of a national Presidential campaign with a staff of 35 and a budget in excess of \$5 million. In 1996 he founded The Declaration Foundation with Dr. Alan Keyes. Dave turned over The Declaration Foundation to Keyes' Washington, D.C.-based group in 1998. In 2002, he and two associates founded The Declaration Project LLC, of which Dave sits as Chairman and CEO.

Other business ventures have included the publication of a newspaper, the operation of a Twin Cities talk radio show, a consultant to numerous political campaigns and the owner/operator of a very successful ServiceMaster business (sold in 1983).

In the interim periods, Dave has worked as an independent communications consultant.

Political Veteran

Dave served as the National Campaign Manager for Alan Keyes for President '96, Inc. He is a four-time GOP endorsed candidate for the Minnesota Legislature. He has consulted to four gubernatorial campaigns (managed one) and numerous state house and senate campaigns.

The Reform Party of Minnesota elected Dave as its new chairman in April, 2000.

	<p>He has been a delegate to GOP conventions at every level, including serving as a national delegate to the 1996 Republican National Convention in San Diego, California and 2000 Reform Party USA Convention.</p> <p>He has served as a GOP party officer at the precinct and house district level.</p>
Teacher	<p>Dave teaches two classes for the YEAH Academy. <i>American Government—For Real!</i> first views government through the eyes of American's Founding Fathers. Then it covers all the facets of what drives modern governance. The second class, <i>Student Senate</i>, involves a dozen of home school's brightest high schoolers to come together and study, in depth, several critical issues. The Student Senate then creates its own position booklet on these seven issues. These courses are taught once weekly during 15 week semesters.</p>
Radio Commentator	<p>Racer's talk radio show, appropriately named The Dave Racer Show was heard on AM 980 KKMS in the Twin Cities from 1997-2001, and previously, from 2-5 p.m. weekdays on AM 1070 KMOM.</p> <p>He wrote and produced more than 230 :60-second "Declaration Minutes" for Alan Keyes nationally syndicated talk radio show, <i>America's Wake Up Call</i>.</p>
Speaker	<p>Dave has been the featured speaker in more than 25 states, talking on health care reform, the Declaration and Constitution, and a broad range of issues of freedom and liberty.</p> <p>As a veteran of fiscal conservative political battles, Dave addresses the impact of politics and culture on businesses and job creation. As a "Declarationist," he addresses contemporary issues from an historical perspective.</p> <p>He has spoken for a variety of professional groups -- physicians, surgeons, universities, business groups -- as well as Rotary, Kiwanis, Sertoma, Lions, Optimists, churches, graduations and numerous political events.</p>
Church Service	<p>Dave is a lay preacher and a very active member of the music program at First Evangelical Free Church, in Maplewood, Minnesota. For a dozen years, Dave sang in a Gospel quartet, <i>Four Free Men</i>.</p> <p>Dave has also served his church as Chairman and taught adult and college age Sunday School for more than 10 years. He served on the board of the 1999 and 2000 St. Paul Prayer Breakfasts.</p>
Civic Affiliations	<p>Dave is a member of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Physician and Patient Alliance. He is a member of the National Association of Health Underwriters, serving on the Minnesota AHU Legislative Committee, and the National Federation of Independent Businesses.</p> <p>Dave is the founding President of The Declaration Foundation. He served as the President (former Chairman of the Board and President) of The Constitution Educational Foundation. He is the current Chairman, CEO and co-founder of The Declaration Project LLC.</p>

Military &
Educational
Background

Dave served as a consultant to the Ikemba Foundation, a non-profit group seeking to raise funds to build a medical facility in Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria.

Dave was the Executive Director of Minnesota Proposition 180 Degrees, a small business advocacy group, during the mid-1980s. He also served the same position with the Minnesota Employers' RoundTable.

Dave holds a Master of Letters Degree from [Oxford Graduate School](#). He wrote his Masters Thesis on Comprehensive Health Care Reform. He majored in Educational Psychology (originally in Music Education) at the University of Southern Mississippi, the University of Minnesota and Macalaster College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Dave is a four-year Viet Nam era veteran of the United States Air Force, where he served as a program writer and classroom instructor.

He graduated from John A. Johnson High School in 1965.

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