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JBS Brings Optimism to Fox's "Freedom Watch"

The [exchange](#) happened on "Freedom Watch," an Internet program broadcast from FoxNews.com. It features former New Jersey Superior Court Judge Andrew Napolitano as a host who interviews significant persons in the freedom movement every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcJuKnRdbN8>

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The line of conversation opened up when Judge Napolitano mused: "Wouldn't it be great to have a Ron Paul-like person on the ballot everywhere across the country?" The conversation revolved around how citizen activism could restore constitutional limits to government, to which McManus responded: "Here's the point I'd like to make: We take our country back through the House of Representatives. The House of Representatives [has] the power of the purse. All bills for raising revenue have to originate in the House. If they don't originate one for this and this and this, it's over. So we take our country back through the House of Representatives."



The two men, joined by Columbia University Professor David Buckner, went on to have the following discussion:

McManus: We take the country back through the House of Representatives.

Buckner: But you are going to have to have 220 Mr. Smiths [like the movie, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*]. You are going to have to have people with honor and integrity to do that.

Napolitano: When you say 220 Mr. Smiths, you mean people like John McManus is describing you are going to have to win a majority of the seats in the House.

McManus: Here's my point. If you get 10, 12, 15, 18 types like Ron Paul in the House of Representatives, a lot of the fence sitters will say, "Hey, I better move over this way. I better start following these views." That's reasonable and that's doable.

Napolitano: Just as the rolling of the ball has caused people to jump on the bandwagon towards big government, the rolling of the ball in the other direction can cause them to jump on that bandwagon.



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McManus: Exactly.



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