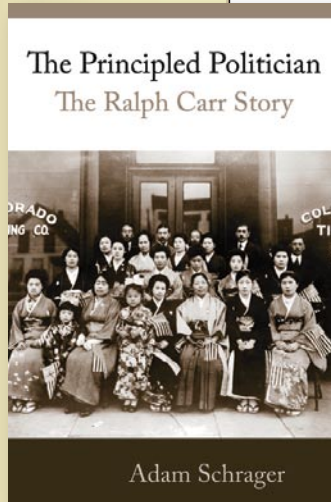


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The Principled Politician

The Ralph Carr Story

By Adam Schrager



Presidential candidate gave up his political career for his convictions

This inspiring story of Governor Ralph Carr and his fight for Japanese American rights after Pearl Harbor is an important example for today's leaders and voters.

Denver, CO (2/1/2008)—Governor Ralph Carr stood up for the Constitution while everyone else sat down. In *The Principled Politician*, political reporter Adam Schrager relates the biography of former Colorado governor Ralph Carr. Carr was an unwilling political candidate who catapulted to the top of the national Republican Party and was even pegged as a possible presidential candidate. But when he took a courageous, yet unpopular, stance on the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, Carr fell rapidly from favor. He resisted demands from his political opponents to call up the National Guard to keep the Japanese out of Colorado, declaring, “If you harm them, you must harm me first.” Carr told the country he wasn’t only standing up for Japanese Americans. He was standing up for the most American document of all: the Bill of Rights.

Whether it’s the jailing of Americans suspected of terrorism at Guantanamo Bay or the Patriot Act or calling up the National Guard to stem immigration, Ralph Carr’s words and actions can serve as a guide. We are debating today the very issues he faced in 1942. History has proven Carr right. This August will be the 20th anniversary of President Reagan signing into law an official apology to Japanese Americans for their treatment during WWII.

Ralph Carr is the elected official we all say we want. Someone who doesn’t stick a finger in the air to determine the position of the day, but one with principle. Someone who is willing to walk away in order to do the right thing.



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For more information on *The Principled Politician*, please visit www.fulcrumbooks.com or the author’s website, www.adamschrager.tv.

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Advance praise for The Principled Politician

“Adam Schrager ... has old-school values rejecting his industry’s growing fixation with mindless celebrity and hot-button issues. He focuses instead on people and stories of genuine value, and does so with humanity and a touch of humor. He brings that refreshing sensibility as well as a reporter’s professionalism to Ralph Carr’s story.”

—Bob Costas, NBC sportscaster

“This story that Adam Schrager has unearthed touches on one of the periods in my life that defined me. I was one of those children in the Colorado internment camps caught between the War’s hysteria of some and the racism of others. This is a story that needed to be told, one that proves that principle and leadership go together.”

—Michael Honda, U.S. congressman (California)

“As a third-generation Japanese American, The Principled Politician gives insight into the wartime hysteria that my grandparents and mother lived through but never talked about. Would that all of us should establish and adhere to our principles as Ralph Carr did. Honor and integrity would become the norm instead of the exception.”

—Adele Arakawa, KUSA-TV anchor (Denver)

“Adam Schrager has written an engaging book about a courageous man. I encourage anyone interested in Colorado history, civil rights, or WWII history to read this book. You will be inspired.”

—Bill Ritter Jr., governor of Colorado

“[The Principled Politician] helps renew your faith in the system to know that there are courageous leaders like Governor Carr. Adam Schrager tells a story of a genuine American political hero.

—Hank Brown, University of Colorado president

“It was my great pleasure to read [this] marvelous biography of Governor Ralph Carr, which both edified and captivated me. ... It is a masterpiece.”

—Arthur A. Hansen, professor emeritus of history and Asian American studies, California State

“As one of Colorado’s preeminent political reporters in the past decade, Schrager has captured the spirit of Governor Carr’s unique impact on the West and this Nation. ... ”

—Ken Salazar, U.S. senator

The Principled Politician is much more than history. It is a vibrant story. Schrager uses his skills as a journalist to bring the story alive. ... ”

—Bill Owens, former Colorado governor

“This book is a must-read for all seeking to understand the importance of democracy, civil liberties, and diversity, and how the lessons of the past continue to have relevance to our country’s future.”

—Irene Hirano, director, Japanese American National Museum (Los Angeles)

“Schrager’s book is political biography at its best: briskly paced, well-researched, and wonderfully readable. One of the great unwritten chapters in American history has finally been written.”

—Rob Witwer, Colorado state representative

“In this book ... not only do we read about a great Coloradan, but about his many friends and associates who illuminated his character.”

—Wayne Allard, U.S. senator

“Brilliant! Ralph Carr was a giant. ... Adam Schrager paints a vivid picture of a Colorado governor who sacrificed his career before he would compromise his principles. A must-read book.”

—John Hickenlooper, Denver mayor



Swearing in as U.S. attorney for Colorado in 1929



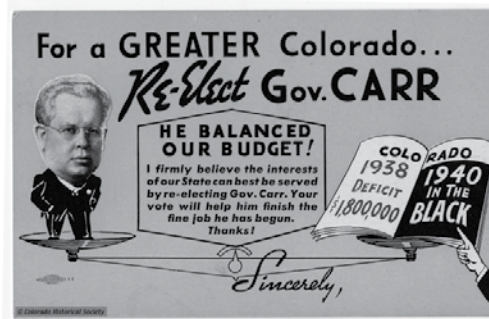
Carr and second wife, Eleanor, listening to primary returns in 1950



Carr and Lowell Thomas (author and Carr's friend and promoter)

Ralph Carr Timeline

- 1887—Ralph Carr is born in Rosita, CO.
- 1890—Spends childhood in Cripple Creek, CO.
- 1910—Graduates law school from the University of Colorado–Boulder.
- 1912—Meets Lowell Thomas, who is his rival newspaper editor in Victor, CO.
- 1929—Nominated by President Herbert Hoover to become U.S. attorney of Colorado.
- 1938—Becomes Colorado governor.
- 1940—Asked by Wendell Willkie to be his vice presidential nominee, refuses, and wins reelection as Colorado governor.
- 1942—Stands up for the rights of Japanese Americans when no other national leader is doing so. Threats of impeachment and physical harm are common.
- 1942—Loses against incumbent U.S. senator Edwin Johnson in one of Colorado's closest elections in history.
- 1950—Convinced to run for governor again. Wins September primary and then dies days later at the age of 62.



1940 campaign card