

Roswell, Georgia



Pulling up in a darkly tinted black SUV, Dixie Senator /u/DexterAamo arrived at the scene of a large rally in Roswell, Fulton County, Georgia, a prominent, wealthy, and historically Republican suburb just north of Atlanta. Arriving, Dexter could smell the beautiful aromas of cooked meat: some smart vendors, arriving early to the rally, had already gotten a head start on their competitors, and were rapidly selling off well-cooked tailgate barbecue to attendees.

Unfortunately for the Senator, who loved a good rack of ribs as much as the man (especially with barbecue sauce), he couldn't sample any: he had a rally awaiting him.

Walking over to the stage, he was greeted by his campaign manager, who stuffed a couple of sheets of paper into his hands as the crowd warmer, local County GOP Chair Mr. Trent Kelly, finished off his speech.

Kelly: "So if you're tired of incompetent government, you've got a Senator in Dexter! If you're tired of the overburdensome costs of taxation, you've got a Senator in Dexter! If you're tired of depending on fickle paper over hard money, you've got a Senator in Dexter! If you believe in our moral values, if you believe that America is great and always will be, if you love this country and it's constitution, give a warm hand of applause to our proud conservative, Mr. Dexter A Aamo!"

Arriving from left stage, Dexter strides onto stage, waving and grinning at the crowd as Mr. Kelly greets him and briefly shakes his hand before moving to stand behind him.

DexterAamo: “Wow. I’d like to begin by thanking Mr. Kelly for that lovely introduction. It’s not often that I get to hear such inspiring words about the important battles we’re fighting in Washington, and I’m excited to join y’all here on this beautiful spring day!”

DexterAamo: “When our Founders brought our Constitution into being, they specifically entrusted Congress with its most important responsibilities in the area of fiscal responsibility. Our Founders believed in a limited government, authorized by the consent of the governed, for the intention of protecting our rights to life, to liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Today, I am proud to take up that mantle as a member of the US Senate and Republican candidate for election in the great State of Dixie.”

DexterAamo: “Now, the issue I want to y’all foremost to y’all about tonight isn’t one that gets lots of blood pumping. No one’s gonna cry on television about it, and no one’s going to claim that the future of this nation depends on it. But it’s just as important anyway, and as your Senator and your Congressman, and among such a group of fine constitution loving patriots as yourselves, I think it’s something that’s important we address.”

DexterAamo: “Now, please y’all raise your hands if you’ve ever heard of the gold standard. Don’t be shy now, it’s ok if you don’t haha. I wouldn’t expect most people to, it’s a rather obscure topic!”

A few hands go up.

DexterAamo: “Well, no worries! That’s what I’m here for.”

DexterAamo: “For most of human history, our money has been real and concrete. Whether it’s been expressed in paper form, or metal form, or shell form, or whatever it may be, our money has always been worth something, which means it’s a good that we can trade for concrete purposes, and that the government can’t just print more whenever it wants and pick winners and losers and destabilize our economy with inflation. That’s how it worked for hundreds of years, and it worked well. In good times and bad, people could always be sure that the bills they had in their hands were more than just scraps of paper: they represented real, concrete, valuable goods that were being traded for other goods and services. This brought important stability to our economy, and allowed for easy trade and commerce.”

DexterAamo: “But in 1971, Richard Nixon, seeking quick headlines to buoy his re-election, ended the Gold Standard, a decision that was fundamentally harmful and against the intent of our Founders.”

DexterAamo: “When I think of the Gold Standard, I like to think about what our Founders said, when they wrote our constitution, which, more than just a legal document, is also one of the greatest **political** manifestos of all time. Our Founders specifically said, in Article 1 Section 8, that Congress is supposed to select the official weights and measures of currency, because our money was meant to be a measure, a standard of value, not just a number drawn in the sand by bureaucrats in the Federal Reserve. That’s an important principle, and it’s one we should follow today. Our money is meant to work the same for anyone in the economy, regardless of who they are and when they’re trading: it’s important that our currency serves our purpose as a reliable measure, allowing for productive trade and commerce without worries of inflation or anything of the like.”

DexterAamo: “To be quite frank, you can’t have a true free-market economic system without a Gold Standard. It’s crucial to the very workings of our economy. Money is the most vital tool of what allows markets to work, and it is through money that the free market transmits the signals to investors and individuals of where to place capital and assets for future growth and job creation. Without a Gold Standard, our currency is at risk of blurring and distortion and political manipulation by White House pressure or by Federal Reserve pressure, and that’s a major cause of economic instability.”

DexterAamo: “As your Senator in this upcoming term, I will fight to bring currency stability back to this country. I pledge on week 1 of my term to introduce a Sound Currency Amendment to the United States Constitution, to ensure that our markets can work as they’re meant to, and to ensure that our people can barter in goods and assets that they **know** are sound.”

DexterAamo: “It won’t be easy, but it’s an important part of our fight. As we continue to resist the ongoing and ongoing spread of government and to defend our free-market economy, I will work to cut taxes, as I have on the current budget this term and in my proposed tax cuts last term. I will work to fight the national deficit, and to reduce the burgeoning spending of government, money that both comes from and ought to be returned to Americans pockets. And I will, just as importantly, continue to fight for the great Gold Standard, which will allow our country to continue on its path of prosperity and greatness.”

DexterAamo: “When we get the government out of where it doesn’t belong, we allow the private sector to get to work. We allow for job creation, by skilled small businessmen, big businessmen, ordinary savers and shakers, investors, and you, the people of Georgia, as you all continue to do the great work you’ve already been doing by lifting yourselves up, by creating economic growth, and by building up all this crazy new growth up here! I swear to God, the last time I was here I was next door in Johns Creek, and hoo boy even since then it just keeps growing, because that’s what happens with free markets. When you allow the American people to work hard and prosper for themselves, we do it, and we do it well, because we’re a nation founded on a culture of rugged individualism, free spirit, and self-sufficiency. Thank you Atlanta, thank you Roswell, thank you to those excellent tailgaters over there whose food I’ll be sure to try after this, *(the crowd laughs)* and good night to y’all, the fine folk of Georgia!”