



Alabama GOP chairman recommends anti-Obama movie 'Dreams From My Real Father'

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[View full size](#)Alabama Republican Party Chairman Bill Armistead at the Alabama Republican Presidential Forum in Birmingham, March 12, 2012. (The Birmingham News/Jeff Roberts)

Bill Armistead, chairman of the Alabama Republican Party, caught the attention of a liberal watchdog group after he recommended the movie 'Dreams From My Real Father' to an Alabama audience. Armistead, speaking Wednesday to the Eastern Shore Republican Women in Fairhope, discussed the importance of electing GOP nominee Mitt Romney in the November election against President Barack Obama. "We have to win this election. This is about our country. Our country will not be the same," Armistead said. "I'm convinced, if Obama wins, our children and grandchildren will not live under the same conditions that we've lived in these wonderful years. Obama has a different ideology than we do."

Armistead suggested that audience members see the movie '2016: Obama's America,' a documentary by conservative commentator Dinesh D'Souza that is critical of the president.

"If you haven't seen it, you should," he said. "But I'm going to tell you about another movie. The name of it is 'Dreams From My Real Father.'

That is absolutely frightening. I've seen it. I verified that it is factual, all of it. People can determine." The movie, not in theaters but available to purchase on DVD, claims that Obama's real father is Frank Marshall Davis, an American labor activist and organizer for the Communist Party USA. Armistead's comment, which I tweeted on Wednesday, drew the attention of the People for the American Way, a Washington, D.C.-based liberal advocacy group.

Miranda Blue, a spokeswoman for the group, described the movie as a "fringe birther movie" in a report posted to the group's [Right Wing Watch blog](#).

"This is the first we've heard of a political leader embracing (director) Joel Gilbert's conspiracy theory," Blue wrote.

That report, in turn, drew [George Talbot@georgetalbot](#) the attention of national outlets including Salon.com, which posted a story Thursday under the headline "[Alabama GOP chairman goes birther.](#)"

Armistead is in Washington, D.C., today and not immediately available for comment, according to a spokeswoman for the Alabama GOP.

Armistead, a former state senator from Columbiana, has served as chairman of the Alabama GOP since 2011.

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