**2015 BRADLEY PRIZES**

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**John H. Hinderaker & Scott W. Johnson**

I don’t know any duo who have used the Internet as effectively in advancing principles of freedom as John H. Hinderaker and Scott W. Johnson via their enormously well-attended-to blog, *Power Line*. How scrupulously read? Between 30,000 and 50,000 people visit the site every day, with more than a half-*billion* page views over time.

Right before writing this endorsement I reviewed three-days-worth of *Power Line* to get a current sense of their production. I counted a dozen pieces, respectively written, on issues such as Senator Cotton on Gitmo, President Obama on the Crusades, and Brian Williams still on NBC.

John and Scott have been colleagues and friends for more than twenty years, and I’m pleased to say Center of the American Experiment was the first organization to publish a major paper of theirs: a refutation of an inaccurate report on racial bias in Minnesota’s criminal justice system which had been commissioned by the chief justice of the state’s Supreme Court. I mention this not to salute the Center (terribly much), but to note the courage it took for practicing lawyers to do what they did.

Their critique was direct and potent; akin to the intellectually and combatively acute approach that marks what they write for *Power Line* seemingly every day. I still have little clue about how they have done what they have done as part-timers given their fulltime practices.

This is the third time I’ve nominated John and Scott for a Bradley Prize. Proud to do so each time.