

# **Paul M. Weyrich Scrapbooks**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Paul M. Weyrich Scrapbooks

**Span Dates:** 1942-2009

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1960-2008)

**ID No.:** MSS85568

**Creator:** Paul M. Weyrich

**Extent:** 15,000 items ; 44 containers ; 17.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Political activist and commentator. Correspondence, speeches and writings, photographs, press passes, media scripts and programming guides, news clippings, political cartoons, news releases and newsletters, agenda, conference schedules, programs, minutes of meetings, advertisements, posters and flyers, brochures and booklets, as well as rail transit, family, school, and church records.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Allott, Gordon, 1907-1989.

Curtis, Carl T. (Carl Thomas), 1905-2000.

Weyrich family.

Weyrich, Paul M.

### Organizations

Amtrak Reform Council (U.S.)

Amtrak. Board of Directors.

Catholic Church--Byzantine rite, Melchite.

Catholic Church.

Free Congress Research and Education Foundation.

Heritage Foundation (Washington, D.C.)

Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church.

Kriebler Institute.

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )

University of Wisconsin--Madison.

### Subjects

Abortion.

Broadcast journalism--United States.

Christianity and politics--United States.

Conservatism--United States--Religious aspects.

Conservatism--United States.

Evangelicalism--United States.

Federal government--United States.

Feminism.

Gay rights.

Journalism--United States.

Labor unions.

Radio journalism--United States.

Railroads--United States.

Social values--United States.

### Places

Racine (Wis.)--Social life and customs.  
United States--Politics and government--1945-1989.  
United States--Politics and government--1989-  
United States--Religion.  
United States--Social conditions--1945-

### **Occupations**

Commentators.  
Political activists.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Provenance**

The papers of Paul M. Weyrich, political activist and commentator, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Joyce Weyrich, in 2010.

### **Transfers**

Sound recordings have been transferred to the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

### **Copyright Status**

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Paul M. Weyrich in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

### **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Paul M. Weyrich are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

### **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Paul M. Weyrich Scrapbooks, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Biographical Note**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1942, Oct. 7	Born, Racine, Wis.
1960-1962	Student, University of Wisconsin, Racine, Wis.
1960-1964	Active in Racine County Young Republicans and Barry Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign in Wisconsin
1960-1966	Radio announcer WFNY (Racine, Wis.); political reporter, WLIP and WAXO (Kenosha, Wis.); political reporter, <i>Milwaukee Sentinel</i> ; political reporter and weekend anchor, WISN-TV (Milwaukee, Wis.), and news director, KQXI-TV (Denver, Colo.)
1963	Married Joyce Anne Smigun
1967-1970	Press secretary and staff assistant on transportation, Colorado Senator Gordon L. Allott
1968	Joined Byzantine Rite Roman Catholic Church

1971	Established Analysis and Research, Inc., providing conservative public policy analysis
1973-1976	Special assistant and consultant, Nebraska Senator Carl T. Curtis
1973	Cofounder with Edwin Feulner and Joseph Coors, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C. Cofounder, American Legislative Exchange Council (director, 1975-1978) Co-organizer with Edwin Feulner and Congressman Phil Crane of Illinois of the Republican Study Committee
1974-2008	Founded Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress with support from Joseph Coors, in 1977 renamed Free Congress Research and Education Foundation and commonly known as the Free Congress Foundation (President, 1977-2002, and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, 1996-2008)
1977	Cofounded Christian Voice with Robert Grant
1979	Coined phrase “Moral Majority” used by Jerry Falwell and worked with him to coordinate political activism among conservative Protestant and Catholic evangelicals
1980-1990	<i>Conservative Digest</i> columnist (senior editor, 1985-1988, and copublisher 1988)
1981-2008	Member, Council for National Policy, serving as treasurer, 1981-1992, and on executive board, 1992-2008
1987-1993	Member, Amtrak Board of Directors
1989-1996	President, Kriebel Institute of Free Congress Foundation, promoting democracy and capitalism in the former Soviet Bloc
1990	Ordained as deacon, Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek Catholic Church, McLean, Va.
1993-1997	Directed National Empowerment Television (NET), rebranded as NET-Political NewsTalk Network, 1995-1997
1998-2002	Vice chairman, Amtrak Reform Council
2008, Dec. 18	Died, Fairfax, Va.
2009	Posthumous publications, with William Lind, by the Free Congress Research and Education Foundation, Alexandria, Va.: <i>The Next Conservatism: Paul Weyrich’s Last Testament</i> . South Bend, Ind.: St. Augustine’s Press; and <i>Moving minds: Conservatives and Public Transportation</i> . Alexandria, Va.: Free Congress Foundation

## Scope and Content Note

The scrapbooks of Paul Michael Weyrich (1942-2008), conservative political activist, journalist and broadcaster, author and editor, span the years 1942-2009 with the bulk of the material dating from 1960 to 2008. The collection was compiled by Weyrich throughout his lifetime as a chronological scrapbook in 134 volumes. The scrapbooks contain representative items, rather than a comprehensive set of records, that document Weyrich’s political and church activities through newspaper clippings, correspondence, speeches and writings, reports, photographs, press passes, media scripts and

programming guides, political cartoons, news releases and newsletters, agenda, conference schedules, programs, minutes of meetings, advertisements, posters and flyers, brochures and booklets.

Scrapbook volumes 1-3 document aspects of Weyrich's childhood and youth in Racine, Wisconsin, and include records of his activities in the Roman Catholic church, copies of school newsletters he wrote and edited, debating awards, and radio programming records from his college years at the University of Wisconsin. Weyrich's early interest in trains includes a grass-roots political campaign to save a cancelled train route from Milwaukee to Chicago.

Volumes 4-7 include mementoes from Weyrich's work as a reporter and news director for radio and television stations in Wisconsin and Colorado. Volumes 8-19 include documentation from Weyrich's work as a congressional aide and press secretary to Senator Gordon L. Allott, Republican from Colorado, and as consultant to Republican Senator Carl T. Curtis of Nebraska.

Scrapbook volumes 9-134 reflect Weyrich's advocacy for conservative political and social values and document his efforts to mobilize cultural conservatives to political action over a span of forty years beginning in the mid-1960s and continuing until his death in 2008. Weyrich was known as an architect of the conservative movement, as a key strategist of the New Right, and as the political operative who taught conservatives to network. Citing the successful strategies of liberal members of Congress, Weyrich worked to establish conservative caucuses, think tanks such as the Heritage Foundation and the Free Congress Research and Education Foundation, and media outlets to advocate for conservative cultural and social issues and to elect like-minded political candidates. His coalition-building skills and position at the nexus of Catholic and evangelical Protestants, conservative activists, and the Republican Party contributed to the establishment of the Christian right as a political force. Highlights of these activities are documented in the scrapbooks. Correspondents include politicians and activists, especially those who attended the weekly luncheons Weyrich hosted at the Free Congress Foundation, as his organization was commonly known.

A regular on daily radio and television talk shows, including his own network, Weyrich also published policy reports, newsletters, and journals and contributed editorials to the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Wall Street Journal*. Samples of his prolific commentary are included in his scrapbooks along with media reports about him. They document his battle for the "soul" of America by advocating a limited government and the centrality of religion and morality in public as well as private life, and by opposing abortion, feminism, gay rights, union rights, and other issues or ideas characterized as liberal, progressive and secular.

Records of Weyrich's activities in the Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek Catholic Church are also included in the scrapbooks, including his ordination as a deacon in 1990. His work for the Kriebler Institute in educating new political leadership in the former Soviet Bloc is documented in reports, brochures, photographs, and news clippings.

Weyrich's lifelong interest in trains and promotion of passenger service is also documented throughout the scrapbooks including records of his service on the Amtrak Board of Directors and Amtrak Reform Council.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

The collection is arranged according to the volume number applied by Weyrich or his staff.

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BOX 1	Vol. 2, 1953-1959 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Vol. 3, 1960, 1970
BOX 1	Vol. 4, 1961-1962 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Vol. 5, 1963
BOX 2	Vol. 6, 1964 (4 folders)
BOX 2	Vol. 7, 1965 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Vol. 8, 1966
BOX 3	Vol. 9, 1967 (4 folders)
BOX 3	Vol. 10, 1968 (3 folders)
BOX 3	Vol. 11, 1969 (3 folders)
BOX 3	Vol. 12, 1970 (1 folder)
BOX 4	(2 folders)
BOX 4	Vol. 13, 1971 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Vol. 14, 1972 (43 folders)
BOX 5	Vol. 15, 1973 (2 folders)
BOX 5	Vols. 16-17, 1974 (2 folders)
BOX 5	Vol. 18, 1975 (2 folders)
BOX 5	Vol. 19, 1976 (1 folder)
BOX 6	(2 folders)
BOX 6	Vol. 20, 1977, Jan.-July (2 folders)
BOX 6	Vol. 21, 1977, Aug.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 6	Vol. 22, 1978, Jan.-Apr. (2 folders)
BOX 7	Vol. 23, 1978, May-Dec. (3 folders)

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BOX 7	Vol. 24, 1979, Jan.-May (2 folders)
BOX 7	Vol. 25, 1979, June-Aug. (2 folders)
BOX 7	Vol. 26, 1979, Sept.-Dec. (1 folder)
BOX 8	(1 folder)
BOX 8	Vol. 27, 1980, Jan.-June (3 folders)
BOX 8	Vol. 28, 1980, July-Aug. (2 folders)
BOX 8	Vol. 29, 1980, Sept. (2 folders)
BOX 9	Vol. 30, 1980, Oct. (2 folders)
BOX 9	Vol. 31, 1980, Nov.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 9	Vol. 32, 1981, Jan.-Mar. (3 folders)
BOX 10	Vol. 33, 1981, Apr.-June (4 folders)
BOX 10	Vol. 34, 1981, July-Sept. (2 folders)
BOX 10	Vol. 35, 1981, Oct.-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 11	Vol. 36, 1982, Jan.-Feb. (4 folders)
BOX 11	Vol. 37, 1982, Mar.-June (3 folders)
BOX 11	Vol. 38, 1982, July (2 folders)
BOX 12	Vol. 39, 1982, Aug.-Oct (2 folders)
BOX 12	Vol. 40, 1982, Nov.-Dec.
BOX 12	Vol. 41, 1983, Jan.-Feb. (2 folders)
BOX 12	Vol. 42, 1983, Mar.-May (2 folders)
BOX 12	Vol. 43, 1983, June-Sept. (2 folders)
BOX 13	Vol. 44, 1983, Oct.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 13	Vol. 45, 1984, Jan.-Mar. (3 folders)
BOX 13	Vol. 46, 1984, Apr.-June (2 folders)
BOX 13	Vol. 47, 1984, July-Aug. (2 folders)

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BOX 14	(1 folder)
BOX 14	Vol. 48, 1984, Sept.-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 14	Vol. 49, 1985, Jan.-Apr. (3 folders)
BOX 15	Vol. 50, 1985, May-Aug. (3 folders)
BOX 15	Vol. 51, 1985, Sept.-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 15	Vol. 52, 1986, Jan.-Mar. (3 folders)
BOX 16	Vol. 53, 1986, Apr.-July (3 folders)
BOX 16	Vol. 54, 1986, Aug.-Dec. (4 folders)
BOX 16	Vol. 55, 1987, Jan.-Feb.
BOX 17	Vol. 56, 1987, Mar.-June (2 folders)
BOX 17	Vol. 57, 1987, July-Sept. (2 folders)
BOX 17	Vol. 58, 1987, Oct.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 17	Vol. 59, 1988, Jan.-Apr. (2 folders)
BOX 18	Vol. 60, 1988, Apr.-July (2 folders)
BOX 18	Vol. 61, 1988, Aug.-Sept. (2 folders)
BOX 18	Vol. 62, 1988, Oct.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 18	Vol. 63, 1989, Jan.-Feb. (2 folders)
BOX 19	(1 folder)
BOX 19	Vol. 64, 1989, Feb.-Mar. (3 folders)
BOX 19	Vol. 65, 1989, Apr.-June (3 folders)
BOX 19	Vol. 66, 1989, July-Sept. (3 folders)
BOX 20	Vol. 67, 1989, Oct.-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 20	Vol. 68, 1990, Jan.-Mar. (2 folders)
BOX 20	Vol. 69, 1990, Apr.-June (2 folders)
BOX 20	Vol. 70, 1990, July-Sept. (1 folder)
BOX 21	(1 folder)

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BOX 21	Vol. 71, 1990, Oct.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 21	Vol. 72, 1991, Jan.-Apr. (3 folders)
BOX 21	Vol. 73, 1991, May-July (1 folder)
BOX 22	(1 folder)
BOX 22	Vol. 74, 1991, Aug.-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 22	Vol. 75, 1992, Jan.-Apr. (3 folders)
BOX 23	Vol. 76, 1992, May-Aug. (2 folders)
BOX 23	Vol. 77, 1992, Sept.-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 23	Vol. 78, 1993, Jan.-Apr. (1 folder)
BOX 24	(2 folders)
BOX 24	Vol. 79, 1993, May-Oct (3 folders)
BOX 24	Vol. 80, 1993, Nov.-Dec; 1994, Jan. (3 folders)
BOX 25	Vol. 81, 1994, Feb.-May (3 folders)
BOX 25	Vol. 82, 1994, June-Aug. (2 folders)
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BOX 26	Vol. 84, 1995, Jan.-May (2 folders)
BOX 26	Vol. 85, 1995, June-Oct. (2 folders)
BOX 26	Vol. 86, 1995, Nov.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 26	Vol. 87, 1996, Jan.-May (1 folder)
BOX 27	(2 folders)
BOX 27	Vol. 88, 1996, June-Sept. (2 folders)
BOX 27	Vol. 89, 1996, Oct.-Dec.
BOX 27	Vol. 90, 1997, Jan.-Apr. (2 folders)
BOX 27	Vol. 91, 1997, May-Aug. (2 folders)
BOX 28	Vol. 92, 1997, Sept.-Dec. (2 folders)
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BOX 28	Vol. 94, 1998, May-Aug. (2 folders)
BOX 28	Vol. 95, 1998, Sept.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 29	Vol. 96, 1999, Jan.-Mar. (3 folders)
BOX 29	Vol. 97, 1999, Mar.-May (2 folders)
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BOX 30	Vol. 99, 1999, Sept.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 30	Vol. 100, 2000, Jan.-May (3 folders)
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BOX 31	(1 folder)
BOX 31	Vol. 102, 2001 (4 folders)
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BOX 32	Vol. 104, 2002, July-Dec. (4 folders)
BOX 32	Vol. 105, 2003, Jan.-June (2 folders)
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BOX 33	Vol. 106, 2003, July-Aug. (3 folders)
BOX 33	Vol. 107, 2003, Sept. (2 folders)
BOX 33	Vol. 108, 2003, Oct. (1 folder)
BOX 34	(1 folder)
BOX 34	Vol. 109, 2003, Nov.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 34	Vol. 110, 2004, Jan.-Feb. (4 folders)
BOX 35	Vol. 111, 2004, Mar.-Apr. (3 folders)
BOX 35	Vol. 112, 2004, May
BOX 35	Vol. 113, 2004, June-Aug. (2 folders)
BOX 36	(2 folders)
BOX 36	Vol. 114, 2004, Sept.-Oct. (3 folders)
BOX 36	Vol. 115, 2004, Nov.-Dec. (4 folders)

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BOX 37	Vol. 116, 2005, Jan.-Feb. (3 folders)
BOX 37	Vol. 117, 2005, Mar.-May (2 folders)
BOX 37	Vol. 118, 2005, June-July (2 folders)
BOX 37	Vol. 119, 2005, Aug.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 38	Vol. 120, 2006, Jan.-Mar. (6 folders)
BOX 38	Vol. 121, 2006, Apr.-July (4 folders)
BOX 38	Vol. 122, 2006, Aug.-Sept. (1 folder)
BOX 39	(3 folders)
BOX 39	Vol. 123, 2006, Oct. (4 folders)
BOX 39	Vol. 124, 2006, Nov.-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 40	(1 folder)
BOX 40	Vol. 125, 2007, Jan.-Feb. (4 folders)
BOX 40	Vol. 126, 2007, Mar. (2 folders)
BOX 40	Vol. 127, 2007, Mar.-July (3 folders)
BOX 41	(2 folders)
BOX 41	Vol. 128, 2007, June-Aug. (5 folders)
BOX 41	Vol. 129, 2007, Sept.-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 42	(3 folders)
BOX 42	Vol. 130, 2008, Jan.-May (7 folders)
BOX 43	Vol. 131, 2008, June-July (3 folders)
BOX 43	Vol. 132, 2008, Aug.-Nov. (7 folders)
BOX 43	Vol. 133, 2008, Dec., before death
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