

Follow-up to 2006 Election Losers 12-10-06

To the Editor.

Now I've gone and done it! I wrote a letter in the November 30th edition of The Altamont Enterprise that Aaron Harrell agreed with in his response of December 7th entitled "Democrats victories were hollow". I know he only found a basic point with which he agreed but still, I wish he wouldn't. I have a reputation to protect.

But thank God he went on to disagree with other parts of my letter. Mr. Harrell wrote that, if he understands me correctly, I found fault with the "Democratic Party" for speaking out against Mark Foley. Well Mr. Harrell didn't understand me correctly even though I was very explicit about criticizing "Liberal politicians" specifically for the unmistakable hypocrisy in targeting a gay Republican for behaving in a fashion that Liberals ordinarily advocate for anyone else. Mark Foley didn't even have sex with an intern, let alone in his office and he wasn't married. His sexually explicit overtures via email brought shame and his immediate resignation. He didn't call his accusers "liars". He didn't get any support from his fellow Republicans and I would hope that just maybe the gay community would see the light about who it is that will be thrown under the bus the second that a political opportunity presents itself. The feminist movement was devastated by the Monica Lewinsky scandal because they threw her (and the feminist movement) under the bus and stood by their good old political bubba. But as long as you've got people like Aaron Harrell who work real hard to spin the issue into a confusing whirlwind, no lesson will be learned.

Mr. Harrell was only part of a tag-team of literary wrestlers who bared their emotional throats to my sword of reason. Ed Nicholson of Knox also weighed in with a letter entitled "New Congress will provide oversight". He found nothing on which he could agree in my previous letter and for that I will gratefully respond in kind. Mr. Nicholson has a disturbing habit of putting quotation marks around words of his own design and attributing them to me. He did so twice in his last letter. As egregious as that is, it simply reflects the pathetic weakness of his own conviction. At least he admitted to being "small-minded and hollow". See Ed? That's how it's done. I put quotes around the exact words you used. Now I can show how small minded you are using your own words against you. I don't have to resort to the other liberal tactic of writing "if I understand you correctly" either before exhibiting a misunderstanding the way Mr. Harrell did.

Mr. Nicholson suggests that "GOP/Conservative... tax-cutting and borrowing" are what account for our national debt and suggests that it took the Democratic/Liberalism of Bill Clinton to rein it in. He specifically cited Mr. Clinton's second term but failed to acknowledge that that was when we also had the most Conservative Congress in the last fifty years. It was the so-called "gridlock" that Liberals blamed House Speaker Newt Gingrich for that deserves credit for the spending reductions of that period. Mr. Nicholson also suggested that all this debt got started with the Presidency of Ronald Reagan but failed to mention (or does he not know?) that Reagan had to deal with both a House and Senate full of extreme Liberal spenders. The most wasteful and counterproductive spending of that period can be blamed on the policy of "baseline budgeting" conceived by Jimmy Carter and the same Democratic Congress that Reagan subsequently had to deal with.

Tax cutting is a Conservative principle. The revenue increases that came after the Kennedy, Reagan and Bush tax cuts would likely have eliminated our debt by now if it weren't for trying to appease Liberal spenders all along the way. Spending and borrowing are Liberal principles. George Bush lost the support of Conservatives when he made the mistake of listening to the Liberals who suggested that once he got elected he could move toward the center (AKA the left). With this election, Conservatives proved that their votes cannot be taken for granted. If the incoming Congress is to be successful it cannot ignore the Conservatives that put them there.

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