

A Voter's Pondering

A curious situation has developed in American politics over the past 25 years which has been expressed in the Democratic party's general failure to elect a president although enjoying considerable success in both houses of congress. The party's political affiliations and its platform apparently establish a direction which is contrary to the core thinking of most Americans.

The Republican party is presently having only limited success exploiting this situation under the subject of family values because this approach smacks of grouping people as good or bad. All people are capable of doing good or bad things. A conservative is no better than a liberal. These are only labels.

However, as the Democratic party attempts to meet the needs and desires of each individual, it embraces all levels of morality or conduct. This does establish a direction that conflicts with the core thinking of America. Morality or conduct in this context relates to the basic fiber or characteristics in our society that enable it to function with strength and continuity. It's use in this way does not intend to judge individu-

als. God is our judge and He does promise judgement.

The Democratic party has always displayed a certain amount of empathy for people. All people are entitled to receive love, respect, and support as they live their life. However, the party's efforts in this direction will continue to be self defeating if those efforts encourage a breakdown in the fiber of our society.

Core thinking can be considered without grouping people as good or bad. Most people, regardless of their own experiences; young people, mothers and fathers, grandparents want to see a future where families form a strong base. Certainly, single parents with their difficult challenges must want their children to be parents in a complete family unit. Most people also realize that young people should receive all the encouragement possible to restrain their sexual activity until marriage in order to avoid disease and tragedy and to allow them to build a solid marriage where trust and loyalty can grow.

Our economy is hurting and this

gives the Democrats a real chance to win the presidency because people want change. The Democratic Party has no better solutions than those offered by the Republicans. Both parties are making promises which are bandaids at best that will mostly be ignored when reality sets in January. What irony for America if this issue carries the election.

A nation's economic health depends on its resources and upon the skills, abilities, ingenuity, and productivity of its people. America's economic future will be determined by our ability to compete in a very competitive world market and by eliminating our annual deficit spending. We will succeed in this only if our people are quality people.

It will be tragic if the politics of the moment should cause the deterioration of America's core thinking. Our people should again deny the presidency to the Democratic party. Such a loss might cause the party to rethink its platform and reconsider its political affiliations. A revived Democratic party with its empathy for individuals but with an appetite for basic moral strength would be a real benefit to America.

Children First For Oregon Votes To Endorse Yes On Measure 7

Children First for Oregon has become the latest organization to endorse Measure 7 on the November ballot. The board of directors at their October meeting voted to support Measure 7.

William Weismann, the Executive Director of Children First for Oregon, said, "We Believe that Measure 7's passage is essential in order to avoid the significant state budget cuts expected the property tax limitation measure is fully implemented."

Children First for Oregon is a broad based, statewide child advocacy organization whose mission is "to establish children as Oregon's first priority."

The endorsement of Children's First for Oregon follows the endorsement on Monday by Rev. Jesse Jackson at appearances in Eugene, Medford and Corvallis. Measure 7 is also endorsed by a wide range of community organization across the state.

Vote No On 9

Measure 9 would make discrimination a part of the Oregon Constitution.

Don't be fooled.

If you make discrimination a part of the law, eventually that law will be used against you.

Please, Vote No On 9.

State Rep. Margaret Carter
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Sharon Gary Smith
Sandy Herman-Moose
Sheryl Hunter-Morales
Gail E.W. Johnson
Linda Johnson

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Razor Blades

BY JESSE GREEN

Hatred is a black snake, its slitted eyes gleaming red. Its bared fangs drip poisonous green, then blood. Behind it rages a ball of fire, within which bones engage in bitter struggle, eternally at war with themselves.

Hatred is the green of envy.

It is burning oil fields and starving children, Generations of Irish Protestants warring with Irish Catholics, in the name of God and country.

Hatred is fear - pain, death, devastation of clear-cut forests and blackened crops, left alone in desolation and despair. It is the horror of Nazi death camps and burning crosses. It is the mob's voice, righteously lynching the innocent.

Hatred is the inner wound,

Festering self-contempt projected onto others. It drinks itself into oblivion, Vehemently denying the dignity inherent in all.

Hatred is energy-malicious, vindictive, mocking.

It is beaten friends and frightened families.

It is coworkers thrown from jobs and books pulled from library shelves.

Beware of hatred-it is devious, and will cunningly stab at you should your back be turned.

Hatred is Ballot Measure No. 9. Please-vote No on 9.



Bob Packwood during a visit to Boise-Eliot Elementary School learns about Self Enhancement, Inc. from the kids in the program.

SENATOR BOB PACKWOOD

Bob Packwood cares about Oregon's future. From spending time encouraging the kids at Self Enhancement, Inc. to fighting for family wage jobs in Oregon, Bob Packwood is working for a better state. Over the past two decades, he has been on the front line fighting the civil rights battles in Congress.

"Men and women have been tortured, imprisoned, and died so that we can say what we want, do what we want, and be what we want. In short, they have given us the blessings of individual liberty. All I ask is that we cherish it, protect it, and leave it a bit more secure than we received it."

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