

What do Party-Line Republicans, Libertarians, and the Liberal Press Have in Common? (101313)

Answer: None of them are conservative and all of them do not like, actually seem to hate, Cuccinelli. As the old saying goes – They make strange bedfellows. There isn't much I can say about the Liberal Press that has not been said so the remainder of this essay focuses on Party-Line Republicans and Libertarians.

This past Saturday, 101213, was a Super Saturday for the Republican Party's Governor's Race. (Yes, it is called that even though it is a race for all three positions of the Commonwealth's Executive Branch.) Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican Candidate for Governor, participated by making appearances at Shenandoah Valley Victory Centers in Augusta, Rockingham, Rockbridge, and Bedford Counties. I do not know about the other three but for the Augusta County Victory Center (located in Staunton) the turnout by the members of the Republican Units was miserable. Four or five of the Augusta Unit, four from the Staunton Unit, and zero from the Waynesboro Unit made an appearance. All but two are also part of the Shenandoah Valley Tea Party Patriots. The remainder of the gathering, about 40 people, was simply local citizens. Thank goodness for those "simply local citizens." Without them the event would have been an embarrassment. I should add that Delegates Steve Landes and Dickie Bell were present. Delegate Landes made a strong, energetic presentation.

No Party-Line Republicans were present. But that is not surprising because they are still pouting that Ken Cuccinelli decided to be a candidate in the Republican Primary – thus denying Bill Bolling his entitled right to be the candidate. Much has been said about this so I will not dwell on the Lemming-like mindset of Party-Line Republicans. Their behavior simply means they are not conservative and are pre-occupied with maintaining an elitist self-image. Unfortunately that means Virginia's Republican Party is no better than that of the Congressional Party Leadership.

After he visited the Augusta County Victory Center Ken Cuccinelli went to the Fall Foliage Festival in Waynesboro for about an hour to mingle with the crowd and talk to "Simply Local Citizens." It was encouraging to see how pleased and happy people were to talk to Cuccinelli. To my way of thinking he prospered more from that than he did from his appearances at the Victory Center. You would not have that impression from reading the articles in the Waynesboro News Virginian and the Staunton News Leader. They reported the Cuccinelli visit as a ho-hum. But the News Virginian was not around for Cuccinelli's mingling with the crowd and the New Leader Reporter though present was less than mentally engaged.

Before I share my concluding remarks here are a few thoughts on the Libertarians – they are not going to like what I have to say:

Every time there is a Libertarian Candidate the individual pops up out of the woodwork. Typically the individual has no history of political engagement or experience. What they have to say is as “party line” as anything said by a Republican or Democrat. Yes, some of what a Libertarian says is good. But it is as standard and canned as anything said by the two main political parties.

Libertarians, with the exception of Ron Paul, seem to be opportunists. If they were not then they would be in the public eye as much between elections as they are during. And they would not be one-campaign candidates. They would not suddenly appear for the first time and then forever disappear after the one campaign. In the case of Robert Sarvis there is nothing about his words or his history, in person or his web site, to suggest he is either capable or knowledgeably experienced. If elected he would be eaten up by the two main political parties. Nothing, good or bad, would be accomplished. It would be 4 years of limbo. My advice to Libertarians: Take time to organize and cultivate a viable candidate. Stop being Odies gathered around someone like Sarvis who is not going to deliver. At best he is a distraction and at worst a cause of the election of Terry McAuliffe.

And for my final castigations:

1 - Those party-line Republicans who are sitting out this election are simply “Democrats-by-Another-Name.” They are not good enough to be called RINO. They manipulated a Romney-Ryan candidacy against Obama and insisted on commitment by Conservatives. But now they refuse to support Cuccinelli who is a conservative. (Look at the behavior of Paul Ryan’s current position on amnesty and Obamacare. Are you happy with, much less proud of, this man’s Democratic position?)

2 – Tea Party People are grouching and complaining but I disappointed in the general lack of involvement in the Governor’s Race. Yes, I am Tea Party and yes, I am spending a lot of time going door-to-door and making telephone calls. I want to wake up on 110613 and be able to say to myself, win or lose, I did more than complain.

3 – If Conservative Voters do not vote on 110513 and McAuliffe wins then you get what you deserve. The only bad aspect is that I also suffer from your lack of responsibility.