

## What if Cuccinelli Wins, What if He Loses?

I am sitting here this morning at about 0730 hours thinking about the headlines I have put up on CVConnect for this week - 110313. If I believe the polls then Ken Cuccinelli will lose, and so will Jackson. Only Obenshain seems to barely win. Certainly Sarvis has eaten into the Cuccinelli vote and McAuliff has spent a lot of money on negative ads about Cuccinelli. But if I think about what those folks who have gone from door-to-door and braved making telephone calls tell me then I am not certain I believe the polls.

### What if Cuccinelli Wins?

Then the Democrats are going to have to rethink what it takes to turn Virginia entirely blue. The Democrats have spent buckets of money in an effort to convince women that all that matters is birth control. And since a majority of those women seem to have sucked up the Kool Aid they have been fed then they are either brainless or a hell of a lot more sex-focused than I was ever taught to believe. Are they really that stupid? But that aside – what if Ken wins?

If Ken wins then Bill Bolling and his supporters, a.k.a. main-stream, politically-elite Republicans, are going to sulk and snipe from the sidelines. They are going to be negative and critical of all that Cuccinelli does, irrespective of how good or bad. And in the process they will try to undermine the new Governor, even if they have to team up in the back rooms with the Democrats. The reason is simple: Elite Republicans will have lost much of their voice and control. They must do everything they can to neutralize the accomplishments of a conservative if they expect to have any opportunity of regaining power in the future.

If Ken wins then the Tea Party Types (TPTs) will have to double, even triple, their efforts to press for a conservative stance in government. His win is just an opening of the door for the TPTs. From here-on-out they will have to adopt a more politically savvy approach if they expect to maintain what they have accomplished. If they expect to grow their voice and control then they will have to be far more pro-active and yet at the same time not let the win go to their heads as if they have a mandate. The TPTs are going to have to spend a lot of time re-educating the general public.

I read a headline that declared that the Cuccinelli/McAuliff race is a referendum on Cuccinelli and his conservative views. Possibly so, but equally possible is that it is a referendum on the People of Virginia. If Cuccinelli wins and if he conducts being Governor as an endorsement of strictly a hard conservative position then he will have done a disservice to himself and his supporters. A fair portion of his win will be because the Virginia Voter rightly believed McAuliff is not fit to be Governor. He will need to be a conservative Governor who skillfully educates the People of Virginia to understand the merits and to reap the rewards of a conservative government.

Ken's win will be an opportunity to prove the truth of the conservative message. That will take patience. That will take a deliberate, insightful, and studied effort. As a

Conservative who is more of a Constitutional Originalist than anything I am most earnestly keeping my fingers, and my toes, crossed this will be so because

What if he Loses?

If McAuliff wins then the Commonwealth of Virginia is in deep kimchi. You can expect budget difficulties because he and the House of Delegates will lock in a battle regarding Medicaid Expansion. You can expect general turmoil because the Democrats will use McAuliff to compromise, if not kill, Right to Work; to institute gun control; and to grow dependency on Government. You can expect an all-out effort to institute a Liberal State Government operation like that in the Federal Government.

It would not be pretty for Conservatives. I worry for their fortitude in the face of the great Kool Aid Flood that will be put upon us. I worry that if McAuliff wins then at some point in time, after the Flood has swept by, the Kool Aid drinkers will wake up and chaos will follow. .