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Is there a more negative bunch on earth?

The Democratic leaders, especially those politicians in the Senate and House, are some of the most negative people anywhere. In my view, so many are an embarrassment to the political system and the American people.

I confess to conservative leanings, although I am not a Republican. I look for any leader at any level who will embrace what I think is right, enunciate policies, and follow through with political action. I would vote for that person regardless of whether the politician is male or female, black or white, old or young, Republican or Democrat, or anything else. The labels matter not. The person and what she stands for does.

I am weary of the Democrats' negativity. They do little but criticize. They are good-excellent at Republican-Bashing. President Bush is a large, constant target, so is Ashcroft. And Rumsfeld. And now even Powell who is black. The Democrats will attack an Estrada, as a federal judge nominee, even though he is Hispanic. The Democrats will attack conservatives, Christians and politics, the faith of George Bush, partial-birth abortion, any attempt to question anything regarding homosexuality, or abortion generally for that matter. The Democrats blindly affirm AFFIRMATIVE ACTION without any mention at all of the rights of those who are not affirmed which go by the wayside.

The Democrats by and large are anti-business. Bill Clinton and his wife knew absolutely nothing about business. Nor does Ted Kennedy, Tom Daschle, Richard Gephardt, John Edwards, or Jesse Jackson or Al Sharpton for that matter. I challenge you to name one Democrat who is sincerely and conscientiously pro-business, who understands the difficulties that business faces today, who understands the tax code, who understands how difficult it is to turn profit, how difficult it is today to keep people employed and working productively. Name one! The Democrats are so very good at bashing business. Witness, they say, the corruption of Enron, Imclone, Tyco and so many others, and the failed and fraudulent leadership of Koslowski, Lay, Wachsel and so many others. They utterly forget about people like you and me, working to make a living, attempting to run a business or make a business happen. Bureaucrats in Washington, more often of the liberal even radical bias, propound rules and regulations which complicate our business, produce enormous red tape, make it so difficult to work, and almost impossible to turn a profit. All the Democrats wish to do is raise taxes, take more of the fruits of your labor and mine. I challenge you to identify one Democrat who publicly endorses tax reduction or tax overhaul and actively works to that end. Name one!

The Democrats have no positive political program. They are against the war in Iraq. But none of them come forward with a viable plan to deal with terrorism as an alternative to war. The Democrats bash conservatives who attack homosexuality, but the Democrats never come out publicly, aggressively championing homosexual rights. Do you know what Tom Daschle thinks about homosexual marriage, and will he go on record to that effect? When have you heard a Democrat who will publicly attack anti-abortionists and make it clear to the voting public that he or she feels that way? Internally, among the leaders themselves, the Democrats admit they have no such clear policies. They admit they are negative, Bush-Bashers, Republican-Bashers but without a cohesive, concise and clear program to put before the American people. They are a pathetic, negative bunch in my opinion. There may be some exceptions, but they are hard to find and difficult to believe.

It is a tragedy indeed for the American people that we are becoming more and more devoid of political options. The political message of the Republicans is much clearer. But the alternatives, which the Democrats should offer is not nearly as clear. That is why, in our political system, we see so many discontents, third parties of all kinds and stripes, offering alternatives to the Democrats and even more importantly, alternatives to the Republicans and Democrats. They feel they have to offer such alternatives because they will never emanate from the two major political parties. There are many Christians who are Democrats and that of course is their right. But as Christians, or merely American voters, they should challenge the Democratic Party and individual Democrat leaders to be honest, open, forthright and clear about their policies and most importantly, to stop the negativity. No right thinking person wants to vote for a negative person. If there is something wrong with America, the Democrats have the right to tell us what is wrong but only if they tell us what they think is right. Recently, so-called presidential candidate, John Edwards, Senator from North Carolina, began his early Bush-Bashing telling the world that the W in George W. Bush stands for wrong. Edwards told cheering crowds that Bush was wrong for our children, wrong for our parents, wrong for our values, and wrong, wrong, wrong for our country! The learned Senator however never bothered to tell us what was right for our children, right for our parents, right for our values, and right for our country! I can only gather he has never really thought about that, or doesn't have a plan, or doesn't want the people to know what he really thinks and believes. Pathetic politics! But typically Democrat. I believe that no politician has the right to tell us what is wrong, unless he or she can tell us what is right. If you don't have a solution to the problem, you have no business exploiting the problem. Show us how, DEMOCRATS, to fix the problems, make the wrongs right, and create a different and better America! SHOW US HOW!

Otherwise, keep the negative, critical stuff to yourselves. That leaves me no choice but to be a Republican. What do you believe?