

OCCUPIED: How a Republican Cabal and a Compromised Church Has Stalemated Montana!

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In Montana (and beyond) we have come under the Political Occupations of a cabal – a small elitist group that controls much of our political voice. Several of these men claim to be Christians, but their activities are devious and dishonest. It's time that “we the people” STOP our pragmatism, act on principle and confront them. It's time we call this the sin that it is!

At the same time, the voice of TRUTH (John 18:37) has been SILENCED by an elitist class of spiritual leaders that OCCUPY us spiritually. Together, these seemingly strange bed fellows have SILENCED the voices of the people. Actions beneficial to we the people in both governmental and spiritual issues is in a chess-like Check-Mate.

However, and importantly, we the people are even more to blame. WE have cowardly and safely maintained SILENCE and allowed this to happen. WE continue to VOTE for compromised politicians. WE continue to SUPPORT churches that, I will argue, are worse than the same-sex affirming churches! Will WE continue to be OCCUPIED by these two groups of integrity-less leaders? OR will we form new organizations and relationships? Will pragmatism continue to rule over principle?

The future of our State (and America) is in our hands – nobody

else is going to reverse this.

The Vulnerability of a Vision-less Electorate: Proverbs 29:17 is a thought-provoking. “Where there is no vision (direction or revelation), the people perish...” The picture is that of a river or stream with no banks to direct it. This Proverb begs the question... “are we a people of vision, do ‘we the people’ know where we are going? Apathy and ignorance are a threat to our future. Not so with the Elitist group – they know exactly where they are leading us and they have no interest in what the people think. NONE! Their arrogance is stunning. Any vision but their own is irrelevant if not destructive to their cause.

The Elitists in Montana:

The last two Republican Primaries are screaming at we the people to stand up and say NO MORE, NEVER AGAIN! In 2022, this group boldly took down Dr. Albert Olszewski as he ran against now congressman Ryan Zinke. In 2024, this same group took down Congressman Matt Rosendale. Now they are promoting a man for Senate with no governing experience, confident that he will march in lock-step with them. And after that, what's next? Because of our SILENCE, they will do it again! And who is this elitist cabal? Senator Steve Daines, Governor Greg Gianforte, Ryan Zinke, some in the Media (all Republicans) – trusting that they can mentor Tim Sheehy into their fold.

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Tim Sheehy over Jon Tester. The question I will ask WE the people is this. At what cost – what will be the price – what must we compromise? Will we continue to succumb to the pragmatism over principle offering - again? And, equally as important, how has this been orchestrated and who are the players? Because... this will only embolden them to “do it again.”

Brad Johnson, a former Secretary of State and former chair of the Public Service Commission also ran in the Senate primary. The state GOP, this Cabal, and Republican Central Committees in Gallatin and Yellowstone shut him out. *Get your head out of the bucket Montana – the point is NOT how good or bad Johnson is. The point is are we going to have Primaries where we the people hear the candidates and make a decision? Or – are they going to be selected for us ahead of time by the likes of Mitch McConnell, Kevin McCarthy, Steve Daines, Greg Gianforte and Ryan Zinke, Central Committees and the Montana GOP?*

That is the bottom line! When Elitists Chose for Us as they did in 2022 with Dr. Albert Olszewski vs. Ryan Zinke for U.S. Congress. When Ryan Zinke ran for Congress in 2022, he had so much baggage that a sixteen-wheeler couldn't carry it all. His voting record in the Montana legislature was not conservative. The Democrats gave Ryan and award for voting with them more than ANY other Republican. He voted AGAINST protecting unborn human life, the

personhood amendment, clarifying that abortion was not in the MT constitution. He was friendly towards amnesty, against Voter ID – and the list went on. But for the Elitist Four Horsemen of the Montana Republican Party, he was their perfect choice. He would conform, he was not a principled person, and he had the right vintage, after-all, he was a Navy Seal.

The powerful influence of Senator Steve Daines, Governor Greg Gianforte (MT Cabal), and certain media forces (on state-wide radio) denied, denied, and denied any of the truth about Zinke's situation. The MT Cabal also quietly

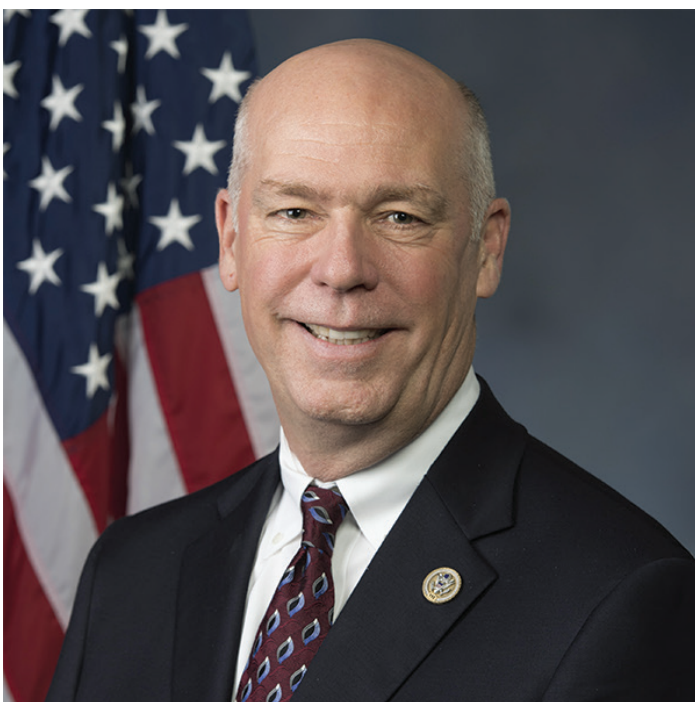
encouraged other candidates to enter the primary hoping it would steal votes away from Dr. Olszewski. When it appeared Olszewski might win – he was up by 3 points in the poles - Kevin McCarthy's group made a visit to the Flathead to visit with Olszewski – see if he was conformable and transactional – i.e. you do this for us, we will support you. But Albert said no thank you! So, during the last 8 days, Daines's PAC (More Jobs, Less Government) and friends spent \$800K, against Dr. Olszewski. In the end, the messaging from these powerful elitists was successful in targeting Olszewski and helping

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Zinke win by the narrowest of margins. But we the people let them get away with it so they DID IT AGAIN!

Congressman Matt Rosendale vs. the Elitists, the Establishment, and the Montana GOP: So, like all nefarious factions, when they got away with it - when we the people did not say enough to stop them - they just did it again in 2024. Senator Daines began working with Mitch McConnell (who he is also ambitious to replace when the time comes) with his National Senatorial Committee and Kevin McCarthy to tell Montana who their senate candidate would be. Stop for a minute and think about that – *they clearly told us for whom they would allow us to vote for United States Senator in Montana. How? As we will see, by eliminating the competition. If that does not bother you, I am speechless!*

“To hell with primaries, we know what we want” was the obvious battle cry of these Establishment Elitists. Let me be very clear, this was orchestrated by Senator Steve Daines, this is about Daines much more than Sheehy but Entitled-Tim went along with it. Earlier, Daines had said “We need millionaires to run for Senate that can finance their own campaigns.” Daines and the MT Cabal crowned Tim as our Senate candidate.

But they had huge problem, how to get rid of the very popular Congressman Matt Rosendale? Oh, I know, Joe-Six Pack Republican bought the Establishment lie that Rosendale was too extreme. Legislature friends of mine said he was too harsh for them. The truth is that he was one of the few that said – NO, STOP the spending, the buck stops with Congress. Rosendale and about seven others Congressmen paid a dear price to get rid of the scoundrel Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy, but that’s what STATESMEN do! And the MEDIA and this CABAL howled like wounded wolves about it. Unlike the

rest of the Montana delegation to D.C., Rosendale was serious about stopping the spending and opposing the Establishment in D.C. So, in vintage-Democrat-dirtball-style, they took him out!

Daines threatened that he would spend \$20M to defeat Rosendale if he ran for Senate. Five rumors were invented (most traceable back to Helena) to destroy Rosendale. Then they threatened Rosendale, his family, staff, vendors and donors. Take your head out of the bucket Montana, they dumped Rosendale and it was stealthily-orchestrated. Then, it was not a huge hurdle to get Donald Trump to endorse Tim Sheehy. Keep in mind that Daines is very close to Trump. **Bottom line, what they did to Olszewski and Rosendale will become “the new standard” because WE THE PEOPLE... said NOTHING!**

Then, we see the Trump campaign orchestrating the national Republican platform without any input or vote from the delegates in order to water-down the 40-year-old Pro-Life position of the Republican Party. And trust me, same-sex marriage and the favor for the LGBTQ+ crowd will follow.

The Elitists had found their man and their companion Don K (Kaltschmidt) the Chair of the MT GOP was willing to go along with this plot. Tim has not disappointed, even telling me that he owed me no explanations for his former endorsement of Climate Change, DEI, and ESG.

With Trump’s endorsement and the endorsement of the Establishment in Montana – Daines, Gianforte, Zinke, the media, and others – and the apathetic ignorance of the Montana voters, Tim coasted to victory in the Primary. Helped along I will add by huge chunks of money from More Jobs, Less Government, Steven Daines’ political PAC. While Sheehy’s

television spots brag of how he gave millions to the Bozeman hospital, he stops short of calling himself Pro-Life in the ads. One needs to also ask how much of those millions were used on “Gender Affirming Care” which the Bozeman medical group is also involved in. To Daines and the MT Cabal-WINNING is what matters, not integrity!

This is a much-needed challenge to Montana Republicans. Are we willing to live by principle or are we going to continue to cave to pragmatism? In this Senate race, we are being told, we just gotta get rid of Jon Tester. But again, I ask, at what cost? “I will not vote for a Democrat, but there are going to be several write-in candidates on my ballot because I refuse to sell my soul for this Cabal again.”

When people conform, when they stop thinking, when they give way to this kind of leadership – really bad history gets written. Meanwhile, our honest, honorable Governor Greg was up to his own mischief – arguably with the help of the Republican Solutions Caucus. Ignoring past precedence that the Republican Party doesn’t endorse candidates in the primary, Gov. Gianforte boldly endorsed over 50 legislators in the primary. It was an odd mixture of Uni Party and some solid Republicans. The Conservative4mt PAC (there is nothing conservative about them-just a bunch of Uni Party moderate Democrat like candidates claiming to be Republicans that call themselves conservative to confuse the uninformed voter), spent a ton of money backing Uni party state legislators. The PAC backed Uni Party candidates who won’t support the Montana GOP Platform, but claim to be Republicans. Interestingly, they eliminated both of Attorney General, Austin Knudson’s parents who ran for state legislative positions.

This is a mixture of out-of-state money and power, the Solutions Caucus, and Greg Gianforte – ever the CEO never the Servant. You should be asking yourself – it's not too early – who will these Elitists put up for governor, for Senate, etc. Possible candidates that I know are aware that running against Steve Daines would be fruitless. Because they will Do it again!

Let's also discuss the vulnerability of a vision-less church - the loss of the Christian voice. This is not comfortable for us because – speaking generally – we have put our Christian leaders up on a pedestal of our own making. Now, they rule from that pedestal – unfortunately – answerable to nobody! They know where they are going and nobody is going to tell them what to do. Think I am wrong? Try confronting your pastor about – just one issue – why he REFUSES to teach on abortion? Listen to his response and watch the dance! Listen to the excuses – but MOST important – listen to see if he is treating you as an equal that puts his pants on one leg at a time! If he

does, he is a rare exception – follow him.

There is a defining principle that you hear often – if your tuned in at all – from I Chronicles 12:32. Speaking of the tribe of Issachar it says “the men of Issachar understood the times they were living in and knew what to do.” If you attend an evangelical church the odds are 99 to one that this is a defining problem. The Leadership and the people have no clue of the signs of the times and worse, they could care less. After Sunday lunch, we can't remember anything that was said at church but we did feel better.

Scripture talks about how “the Gates of Hell shall not stand against His church (Matthew 16:18).” The churches we go to are Fortresses, sanctuaries for safety not Forces attacking evil. So, now, in reality we are talking about a very small Remnant that is the church that stands against the gates of hell. Most of the leadership in these so-called churches are not shepherds they are Hirelings – “he who is NOT the shepherd (John 10:12-13) will leave

the sheep when the wolf comes.” The term “hireling” is used in both the Old and New Testaments to describe individuals who are motivated by self-interest rather than by a sense of duty or loyalty.

But the ones writing the checks and a supporting these false shepherds are even more guilty. Just like with the political issues they know better, but are unwilling to pay the price to say NO, count me out! They are enablers. CI-128, the ballot initiative to put all forms of abortion into the Montana constitution is a perfect, but pathetic example. We have to argue and convince the leadership of these so-called churches to warn the people about CI-128 still most will not.

I have friends in the church that actually think that same-sex marriage is a POLITICAL ISSUE. The TRUTH is that most of the so-called cultural issues are theological issues that are being lied about – in SILENCE – in YOUR Church. They have come into the political arena because of the SILENCE of the church. 🙏