

Dear Dave,

“Reagan Republicans have tried to make an issue of Councilwoman Deanna Goodlander’s Republican pedigree?”

Where in the world did this come from? The Kootenai County Reagan Republicans have never mentioned Deanna Goodlander (or any candidate we have not endorsed for that matter) in any of our communications. I suppose I understand the wild misinterpretations of our words, here on your blog and other places, but this is making stuff up out of whole cloth.

I certainly have never said anything about Deanna’s “pedigree” or “credentials.” We may have had members discuss this but we never have commented as a club. The only email exchange I recall involved members of Republican Women but not our members. Actually the only question of “republican-ness” brought up by a member was about Dan Gookin, by member Duane Rasmussen, but he is completely back in the fold after being satisfied by Dan’s authenticity.

Unlike most other Republican groups, we have the ability to endorse in a race between two Republicans. We choose Dan Gookin because he is the best candidate for the City of Coeur d’Alene, not on the quality of his party credentials. (. . . oh no. . . another “declarative statement” foisted off as opinion! Call the speech police!)

Despite the complex fantasies espoused by liberal Hucksters about who we are, what we stand for and what we have said, we are a “big tent” Republican group. Unlike other groups, we don’t have a litmus test. It’s not what we do. If anyone bothered to read our website (www.reaganrepublicans.net) we are explicit:

“The Reagan Republicans are not a faction or ideological sub-set of the Republican Party. We are an organization dedicated to expanding the party and rebuilding the Reagan Coalition that created the greatest electoral landslides in American history.”

Heck Dave, I once heard you were a Republican. I would like to personally invite you to become a member. In fact everyone is invited to our meetings. Despite the persistent rumors there are no secret rituals, no human sacrifices, no blood oaths, and no naked pledge wrestling. Although, we are the subject of Dan Brown’s next book.

Thanks

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