

Don't Get Fooled Again

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Then I'll get on my knees and pray
We don't get fooled again
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. . . Meet the new boss
Same as the old boss

The Who (1971)

As Abraham Lincoln said "You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time. . ." and the people of Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls may indeed get fooled again this November. The hand-picked successors to those cities' Mayor and Councilmen are preparing to be anointed with public office by the wealthy and powerful families who presume to rule our community and use local government and public money to inflate their property values, fill their bank accounts and enhance their power and status. They may again fool the voters with a public relations blitz that clouds the truth with the canards of "non-partisanship" and "positive change" exploited by a false-front liberal Political Action Committee called "Balance North Idaho" and "Range" its slick PR firm. "BNI" is not a member organization (only a self-selected five person "Board") and represents no one except the moneyed interests that seek to maintain the status quo and the paid lackeys that do their bidding. They may just fool enough voters to again "community organize" a coalition of Democrats, public employees, unions, downtown property owners and their employees and politically liberal to moderate voters to achieve winning pluralities in a low turnout election.

The status quo-anointed BNI slate will run on their superior "qualifications" (which simply means they are not pesky Republicans or annoying conservatives) and on a platform of "positive change" (which simply means keeping our tax dollars flowing into expensive downtown projects and exorbitant public salaries.) They will again call their opponents "negative" (which simply means someone who objects to their vision of giving our money to their cronies without asking our permission with a public vote) and "partisan" (which simply means someone who did not vote for Barack Obama.)

Frankly they have excellent chance of pulling off this ongoing con. The only way to stop the ruse is informing the voters of the truth, exposing the hypocrisy, and letting people know who shares their conservative governing philosophy. Considering that the local media is as much in the tank for them as the national media is for for the Democrats, and considering the great (publically-augmented) financial resources at their disposal, it will be a tall order to get the truth out.

But we must . . . or have our communities condemned to the same fate that the cronyist socialist Democrats are attempting to condemn our county. Whether Obamacare or McEuen Field, the scam is essentially the same and it is our duty to shine a light. We cannot be timid. We cannot equivocate. We cannot accommodate. If we love this place, and the freedom it stands for, we must fight with every fiber of our being. Success will require us to move out of our comfort zones. Unlike this past Spring, Republicans cannot stay at home and merely watch Fox News. They must get off the couch and into the voting booth. We, Reagan Republicans, will have to give more hours, give more of our money and make more of an effort than ever before. The future of representative government in our community depends on it. It depends on you.