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For the local GOP to mend itself will take power mongers like Bob Peterson (Rally Right) and Tina Jacobsen to change their philosophy of "we must control". The whole problem started when the Rally Right decided to "take control" of the Central Committee. They made a "hit list" of precinct committeemen to take out. What was the sin of these committeemen? They didn't attend Rally Right meetings and wouldn't be controlled by Bob and Tina. "If you don't agree with us on everything, then you are the enemy." I remember when HBO published the Rally Right litmus test. I think I agreed with pretty much all of it. However, I was on the hit list even though the Rally Right didn't know anything about me. And even though I reached out to many of these folks, it was clear that there would be no working together on their part.

Then came the rhetoric. "We need TRUE conservatives." "You all are just ESTABLISHMENT Republicans." "You all are COUNTRY CLUB and COCKTAIL Republicans." "Now WE ARE IN CONTROL." These were the phrases of the Constitutionalist/Libertarian-turned-GOP king makers that now want unity? Seems a bit convenient.

I think the majority of Idaho Republicans are very conservative folks, but they are folks that want representatives that will work to solve problems not spew ideology. They want solutions to problems in education, taxes and other issues and couldn't care less about revoking the 17th amendment. And they want to hold their elected officials accountable themselves as voters, and do not want the party bosses to do it for them.

So when Bob, Tina and the rest are ready to cede control back to the Republican voters, then there might be unity.