

From Joker (responding to ReggieH, whose comment is below):

Reggie,

Your statement, "I don't think anyone should have much room to criticize the strategic methods of the Democratic party unless they are actively a part of that group and you have real solutions." shows you have an inability to grasp what blogs are all about.

The very nature of blogs is to comment/criticize/praise/joke/rant.

You're right commenting on a blogging is much easier than getting involved, but
So what?

I'd ask the hundreds of regular commentors on huckleberries how involved they are with all the issues they talk about. It's not a requirement that you must be involved in a topic to have an opinion about it.

You may believe that I don't know what I am talking about, but here are some sobering numbers for you. Out of the 70 members in the Idaho House of Representatives only 13 are Democrats and in the Idaho Senate, only 7 of the 35 are Democrats.

The Governor is a Republican.

The Lt. Governor is a Republican.

The Secretary of State is a Republican.

The Attorney General of Idaho is a Republican.

My words sting because they're true. Democrats in Idaho are unable to advance their agenda because they don't have the numbers. It's been that way for a long time and the fact is Larry Grant has been part of the machine that has been able to stop the Republican domination.

It's disappointing the Dems are so inept. You can see what happens when the Reps are unchecked and it's not good for Idaho. Now the battle is within the Republicans between the moderates and the crazies.

I wonder what will turn the tide? I wonder where's the Democratic message to connect with people? Is Larry Grant that guy? History tells us that the answer is probably not.

From ReggieH:

@Joker: You must be the dumbest person on the internet. You realize that Party chair is an unpaid elected position, not a paid hired one, right? Don't bother informing yourself or anything before espousing your oh-so-intelligent "opinions."

And:

I guess it just grinds me whenever Joker talks interparty Idaho-Democratic-Party politics, b/c he makes criticisms as though he knows what he's talking about, but he doesn't know what he's talking about. It's much easier to take potshots from the sidelines than it is to actually get involved and try to make a difference. I don't think anyone should have much room to criticize the strategic methods of the Democratic party unless they are actively a part of that group and you have real solutions.

And even then if that were the case, honey works much better than vinegar, ya know? I, for example, try to consistently make a serious argument that Idaho Dems need to pursue a specific long-term electoral strategy. I don't spew rhetoric, actively criticize individuals, or call Dems "losers," like Joker does. I mean, if you want someone to be successful, Like Joker claims he does, why would you actively criticize someone from the start? Isn't that just setting them up for failure only so you can satisfy your own weird need to have been "right" about something?

I shouldn't get so worked up about it, but there I go.