



The Republican "Big Umbrella"



Here's the history lesson:

In 1981 Republican John Spellman took office as Governor of Washington State. I have often heard Republicans intone with woe, "This was the last Republican governor that Washington State has had."

Here are some interesting facts:

By 1977 a very conservative wing of the Party was beginning to prosper. It was known as the "Young Republicans." As it was gaining momentum it was stirring up the grass-roots voters. Unbeknownst to local conservative activists, this phenomena was happening in other states as well. This was a backlash by thinking voters who had recently received liberal indoctrination at their local colleges. In the 6 to 10 years since their graduation they had realized real life didn't fit with the political clap-trap they had received at school. But it was not just the thinkers who were catching on because conservative politics made sense to any "common-sense thinker" as well, or to any who aspired to raise up leaders instead of politicians to lead our country.

This movement stirred the voters with hope and they were pleased to say "yes" to John Spellman on the state level as well as Ronald Reagan on the national level.

After Spellman took office, he disdained his own supporters by putting his heel on the "Young Republicans" to silence them, and went on to rule a period of recession marked by rising unemployment and disappointing tax revenues. He agreed with his legislature to raise the sales tax from 5.5% to 6.5%. Although Reagan lasted for two terms, Spellman did not. *(continued at the right)*

(What facts are not taken from my own memory can be found on Wikipedia.)

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Fast forward to today...When Alan Keyes was scheduled to speak at the Cowlitz County Lincoln Day Dinner this year, the State Republican Party refused to put the date of their dinner on the Website Calendar. Susan Hutchison excused that behavior with the comment, "Can you imagine the uproar it would cause among donors, supporters and other Republicans? If we promoted this speaker on the WSRP website, wouldn't it hurt the credibility of the WSRP?" This comment was my first clue as to the identity of the important people in the party, i.e., donors and supporters with a few others thrown in!

Alan Keyes explains the point to which WSRP holds objections, simply: "The GOP is broken. The American system is supposed to be based on representation. The quisling leaders in the GOP are willfully refusing to represent the people who elected them. They are arrogantly punishing anyone who dares to do so. They are acting like Communist Party bosses instead of an American Party's elected representatives." [<http://loyaltoliberty.com/its-not-the-system-thats-broken-its-the-gop/>]

History has shown us that although disdained by the political machine, conservatives can stir grassroots to become involved voters and sway elections for the better. The Party's unwillingness to work with true conservatives in any way is an affront to conservatives' higher calling to make a difference for their country. The "Others" who give the Party so much of their time can and do lend credibility to the grassroots voice. Conservatives, undoubtedly outnumbering other branches of the Republican Party, may still have to wear the title of "too far out!" That only goes to show the utter fear politicians face at the thought that their effectiveness at running conservatives out of the party HAS EXHAUSTED ITSELF. [Karen B]