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# Winning your ‘uncivil rights’: How to win your election

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The most significant lesson to the Democratic Party from the Nov. 5th national round of state and Federal elections, is that where organized labor, senior citizens, and, many times, the “LaRouche factor” were a significant factor in the candidate’s campaign, the Democratic Party won either victories, or, at least, made significant gains for the Democratic Party’s coming election.

The humiliating defeat of Jeb Bush’s Republican Party of Florida, is an outstanding example of the importance of citizens above fifty-five years of age. On the organized-labor factor in determining the pattern of Democratic Party gains in the traditional industrial states of the nation, the statistics speak loudly. More limited, but crucial, are the cases in which the “LaRouche factor” was crucial in securing either an outright Democratic victory, or a substantial gain.

All three types of examples demonstrate the poor judgment of those in the Democratic Party leadership who insisted on a policy based upon wild-eyed abuse of the term “civility.” A pattern of Pennsylvania elections to the state legislature, provides a crucial demonstration of the hideous failures of the so-called “civility” policy. This experience in Pennsylvania coincides with results seen in virtually every comparable case in congressional races throughout the nation.

### **Governor Ridge and the Nazis**

There are three exemplary cases, of states in which the key issue was actions by the state’s Republican governor, cutting off, or greatly reducing health-care availability to the relatively poor: California, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. For reasons which do not require recapitulating here, my campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination chose to take on the most flagrant offender among these governors, Pennsylvania’s Governor Tom Ridge. After the August Democratic convention, the campaign against Ridge’s, and kindred policies, was carried forward by the FDR-PAC, in Pennsylvania, and in selected congressional

campaigns around the U.S.A.

In Pennsylvania itself, the carry-forward of my denunciation of Ridge’s actions as “Nazi-like” violations of the Nuremberg Code, led to a special set of circumstances, in which the folly of the “civility” policy was shown clearly.

The issue was, and remains, that Governor Ridge’s actions, in increasing the morbidity-rates among helpless Pennsylvania residents, are copies of actions for which Nazi government officials and also professionals were indicted and convicted of crimes against humanity, in the post-war Nuremberg trials of Nazi criminals. Republicans shrieked like banshees: “You can’t compare a Republican governor to a Nazi!” We replied, “Why not? As you guys like to hear yourselves saying: If he did the crime, he should do the time.”

Subsequently, there were five cases in which legislative candidates were advised to accept support from the FDR-PAC. One refused, and lost the election. Four accepted, and won handily. Around the nation, there is a pattern of a significant sampling of cases, in which the same point is demonstrated.

Put the case of those virtual Republican “moles,” Roy M. Cohn-clone Dick Morris and outgoing Democratic National Chairman Don Fowler, to one side. Up to this point in time, what many honest leaders within the DNC appear not to have grasped about the U.S. citizenry, is a twofold, crucial point, to which I devoted the following three paragraphs in my report in the *EIR* datelined Nov. 8:

“Although the U.S.A. and China are relatively the most stable nations of the world today, here, inside the U.S., medium-term prospects are not much better than those for Eurasia or Ibero-America. If this nation escapes safely from our present distress, future historians will look back at the recent thirty years as the most perilous period in our Federal republic’s history, up to the present date. Even during the time of the short-lived Confederate States of America, the estrangement of our citizens from their government had not fallen to such a hateful state of affairs as emerged out of the Reagan and Bush years.

“The spread of the militia movement, based in those social strata which have either fought our nation’s wars, or were prepared to do so, merely symptomizes the accelerating disaffection of the citizenry from their government, at all, local, state, and Federal levels. The economy, health-care and retirement issues, housing issues, and the past twenty years’ pattern of deepening corruption of the justice system, are driving a growing, large ration of our citizens from among ethnic minority groups, senior citizens, and others, to view government on both the state and Federal level, as their mortal adversary.

“Even more ominous than the citizens’ growing enmity against state and Federal government, is the bitter resentment setting the citizen suffering from governmental abuses, against the other citizen whose merciless indifference to truth and justice is rooted in what senior economist John Kenneth Galbraith has accurately portrayed, as a flight into the virtual unrealities of the ‘entertainment society.’”<sup>1</sup>

The alarmingly low percentile of voter turnover for the Nov. 5th national election, reflects that galloping social crisis within our citizenry. The passage of the overtly racist attack on “affirmative action” in the California ballot, reflects the brutal, and enraging quality of “merciless indifference” which the “entertainment-society culture” has fostered among the majority of our citizens. What enrages these citizens the most is the terrible obsession of official Washington with parlor games of “dialoguing,” on those issues of simple right and wrong which are sometimes, quite literally, life-or-death issues for millions of our citizens.

When a political opponent has a policy which must either kill or otherwise cause great suffering among some of our people, call that policy by its right name. If a group of Gingrichite wretches set out to impose a policy which must increase the death-rate, call it a “murderous policy which no civilized people could tolerate”; do not duck the issue by simpering proposals that we must “avoid harsh language, and seek to ‘dialogue’”—perhaps even with the devil, himself.

In the case of health-care policies which must, calculably, increase “morbidity rates” (e.g., death rates) among targeted strata of the population, policies to rob citizens of their Social Security benefits through “privatization,” and so on, the word “dialogue” must be classified as “hate language” in its effect. What the increasingly angry citizens of the country await, is candidacies which face life-or-death issues of policy-making “straight up and down.” If a policy will kill, or destroy the nation, then the language to be used in addressing the proponent of that policy is: “Shape up, or ship out.” The offending candidate must either repudiate the policy, or be thrown out.

The standard for political morality, is not “civility”; it is truth and justice. When one wishes to buy a carton of fresh

milk, one should say, “Fresh milk.” When one speaks of the relevant policies of Pennsylvania’s Republican Governor Tom Ridge, the “fresh milk” principle of honesty in political language must also apply: His policies are identical with those for which we indicted and convicted people of capital crimes against humanity, in the post-war Nuremberg trials of Nazi officials and professionals who served as the accomplices of those policies.

Unless we put a ban on misuse of the terms “civility” and “dialoguing” as sophists’ tricks with semantics, expect the citizens’ hatred of government, at all levels, to spread like wildfire. That should be read as a clear message from senior citizens, minority groups, trade-unionists, and many others, in the results of the Nov. 5 general election. For a start, practice hearing yourself say the plain truth, such as: “Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge’s health-care cuts are a copy of the crime for which we indicted and convicted Nazis at Nuremberg.”

## Election '96: LaRouche and labor 'factors'

by Jeffrey Steinberg

But for the treachery of Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman Donald Fowler, Clinton campaign Republican “mole” Dick Morris, and other allied Bush-league Democrats, the 1996 general elections would have likely swept the Democratic Party back into the majority in both Houses of Congress. Had that occurred, in tandem with President William Clinton’s substantial victory over Robert Dole in the Presidential election, the United States and the world would have been in far better shape to tackle the looming global monetary-financial crash.

Despite the sabotage by the Fowler-Morris team, the Democratic Party made gains, particularly where there was direct involvement by “LaRouche Democrats” and the AFL-CIO, in targetting Congressional Republicans allied with Newt Gingrich and his “Contract on Americans.”

With five House races and one Senate race yet to be decided, the Democratic Party has so far secured a net gain of eight seats in the House of Representatives, defeating 18 GOP candidates who had been targetted by LaRouche and organized labor. Sixteen of these Republicans were incumbents who had voted up and down the line with the Gramm-Gingrich “Conservative Revolution.”

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, who led the most successful mobilization of union voters in decades, called the

1. “On November 6, Reality Strikes!” *EIR*, Nov. 8, 1996, pp. 68-70.