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Between Dan Hunt and You



Kristofer Cowles July 24 at 9:23am

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Make the call, Dan. See if you have the guts to report your results.

Cheers!

Kristofer



Dan Hunt July 24 at 1:02pm Report

Actually, I will see him and Karen tonight. I'll just ask him in person. I know what the results will be. I was very involved in his campaign. You were not.

You are not a conservative if you believe the tripe you are posting. It's that simple.

Cheers!

Dan



Kristofer Cowles July 24 at 2:58pm

I spoke with Rob earlier today for an hour. It will be interesting to hear your silence.

It's a shame you are so hateful, Dan. Even though you can tell Rob that you're glad you are moving so you won't have to vote for Bill, you can vilify me for speaking out against pretend Conservatives.

If Chet wasn't in this race, you and I would make great friends. But you see me as the enemy because I don't vote for RINOs when there isn't a conservative around. That's it, in a nutshell.

I have posted nothing but fact that you refuse to address: The lies of Bill Flores and the lies of Randy Shelton. You've taken the topic and run me into the ground, thinking I don't know basic civics.

I have told you repeatedly that I don't think Bill Flores will live up to what he is saying, and that includes voting against Nancy Pelosi as Speaker. Nothing says a Congressman has to caucus with his party or be present to vote for Speaker. Bill's voting record shows that he did not vote with his party and was not present at the General Election.

I would hope he would vote for Boehner, but I can't base my decisions on hopes that are simply negated by the existing record.

Anyway, I offer a truce.

I think you and I have gotten caught up in hyperbole that doesn't serve the discussion well, and if we had a reset button and Rob introduced us, we would be quick friends...perhaps even capable of coming up with a suitable plan to satisfy our mutual need for conservative representation in the District.

We don't need to continue with assumptions about each other that are false. I hope after you see Rob & Karen tonight you'll know me better. After my discussion with Rob I know you better.

Fortunately, we aren't limited to the written word and its incumbent misunderstandings. I'd be glad to start over, if you are of a mind to do so.

Cheers!



Dan Hunt July 24 at 3:13pm Report

I would appreciate hearing a little more from you to show me that you really understand the impact of Flores winning or losing. When you can show me a good, logical reason that I should not want to move the ball forward, no matter how small the move, then I will believe you are a true conservative.

I will refrain from pointing out the flaws in your yet-to-be-proven conservatism. But, please explain to me how keeping Chet in office helps the conservative cause. We had a weak conservative candidate for President in 2008.

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Conservatives did what you are suggesting in the Flores campaign, and didn't vote. Look what that got us. Even if you are a true conservative, your logic is amazingly flawed.

Posting a video on the internet is not enough. Did you go face-to-face with Edwards, at a public town hall, in front of well over 1,000 people? I did. How many times have you confronted Edwards in public? I guarantee it is less than I. How many Letters to the Editor have you written questioning Chet, or supporting Rob? I guarantee it is less than I. This is not a pissing contest. This is just fact.

What exactly do you claim to have done for the Curnock campaign? Why did I NEVER meet you and have never heard your name before this discussion?

I accept your offer of a truce. I will be waiting to hear your logic on how not voting in the CD17 race is good for the conservative movement.

Dan



Kristofer Cowles July 24 at 4:02pm

I'll let Rob and Karen tell you our involvement. I think Karen would be glad to share with you her affection for my family, as will Rob.

I don't write letters to the editor for a number of reasons. Primarily, I never argue with someone who buys ink by the barrel. Secondly, it's a one-way conversation. Third, the local paper here only allows one letter to the editor per person per month...if you get in at all.

I was on the list to ask Chet a question at the Town Hall meeting here. They didn't get through the list. I was at his office daily last August and late July, to the point that I was told to stay away from the Bush Library when Chet was visiting Boy Scouts there, though my son would have been a participating Scout. I had camera and microphone in his staff's face during that entire few weeks we were clamoring for a town hall, and Phil Shackelford, his minion here in BCS, was adamant about me not recording on public property. My video from the protests when Chet wouldn't have his town hall's to when he would have his "telephone town hall" was nationally distributed by RedState, and was at least a small part of the public PR mess that forced Chet into live Town Halls. I'm not saying it was any more or less important than the thousands of people who showed up and demanded them, I'm just saying it got national exposure and maybe helped.

I have been a public opponent of Chet for a year, when it started to really matter to me. I have supported Rob since I first met him, in February. Between the time I was no longer with Timothy (November 30) and when I met Rob, I reviewed every candidate intensely, and had whittled it down to Rob and Dave by the time I had arranged the interview with Rob. As you said, Timothy did not have a snowball's chance, and I knew when I left in November he would not even place or show.

You never met me because I have never been in your part of the District, and you haven't been down here when I was with Rob. I was at his organizing meeting for his runoff, which you probably attended a similar one in the northern part of the district. You never heard my name for the same reason I never heard yours. It's a big district. There are lots of Rob supporters.

We had a house meeting for Rob here at my house a month before the primary. I had city engineers, a justice of the peace candidate, and several business leaders and retirees attending, as well as a few young married individuals. It was there that Scott Kimble and I realized a mutual affinity for War Of The Worlds, incidentally.

Before that meeting, I met Rob at the BCS office for a follow up interview that specifically answered the same questions Chet had been asked by a local radio station, a series we were going to continue into the General Election.

Of course I had the incumbent signs, which I had also had in my yard in 08.

I do not doubt that you may have done more for Rob than I did. I did what I could with the skills and resources I have.

I do not think that not voting in the CD17 race is good for the conservative movement. I don't think I've ever said that.

Not voting is good for the Conservative conscience, I believe. And by voting one's conscience, as John Quincy Adams has said, leaves a Conservative with the knowledge of knowing that he voted correctly.

The sum effect, if all Conservatives in the district voted their conscience, may very well leave Flores the loser, but he can appeal to Democrats and Independents and, therefore, possibly beat Edwards because of the wave of people who want to change the establishment. That would be up to Flores and his merits versus Edwards...and Flores has indicated a need to get independents and conservative Democrats in order to win.

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The same effect, however, for Conservatives, is that it would send a message to the GOP leadership that a LOT of people stayed their vote who would have voted GOP if the candidate were Conservative - thereby guaranteeing us one of two things: 1) either Flores, if he were to win, must toe the conservative line or 2) the party will have to field a conservative candidate or be in peril of losing the seat to an independent or a "conservative" Democrat.

Perhaps that is flawed logic because I'm not spending a long time writing out the steps, but it has enough merit to have garnered some following. Regardless of its impact, I'm still mostly focused on Conservatives knowing they don't have to give their vote to someone who does not meet their standards. The consequences are not for the Conservative to bear, as those were determined in the Primary.

In the long run, I know that a RINO will not represent my conservative values in Congress...so I am not going to give him my vote so he can say that he has my support and therefore represents me. He doesn't and he won't.

I understand the impact of Flores winning or losing. I don't like the prospect of him losing, which he will, because he's already faltering on basic softballs like Big 12, Cherokee Mountain, and lying about his votes. With 100 days left, Edwards hasn't even gotten up to bat.

A year ago we could have won 100 seats. Not enough to be veto proof, but enough to win control. But Bill's RINO status is not the only District seeing this. Oregon 4 had a very similar thing happen, with Jaynee Germond being as like Rob as you can get, including running for a second time. NC13, TN6...multiple districts are getting hijacked (though Bill Randall in NC13 pulled through despite party activism against him and a well-funded opponent) by RINOs that the NRCC does not have to fund...they simply can't afford to with a 2:1 deficit in cash to spend on races against the DCCC.

The Pelosi agenda has squeaked by on the narrowest of votes in most instances, so a smaller coterie of individuals than the projected 30 - 40 is needed to stop that tyranny. And I think it will be more than 40 seats changing hands.

Chet Edwards survived the onslaught of 1994. He's been here before when there's been such an anti-incumbency feel...and he was greener then. With Clifton Robinson and he being best buds, he's got Waco lined up with free advertising on the front page every time he passes gas. Bill Flores can't compete when he has too many unanswered questions that Edwards will ask...and Chet will ask them on the front page.

The Unity Rally last night should be telling not by who was there, but by who wasn't. Rob wasn't. If there were unity, Rob would be there. But you need to ask Rob to be candid with you about Bill Flores and his campaign. I know so much stuff that I want to say publicly but I can't because I have promised Rob that he is my friend first, and he and I confide in each other as that, not so I can get some scoop for the blog. But you need to ask him about DM, BJ, HT, BC, PM, CR, JL, and MT...who are people
me just this morning in our phone call. There's an underlying current of ill feeling about Bill Flores...I'm just the only one who won't keep quiet and do my duty for the Party.

BTW: I don't know if I spelled those names right or not...they are all in the northern part of the district.

But the feeling is similar down here. A local GOP leader told me that he wished Bill were more conservative...that it's very hard for him to support Bill when Bill supports Kay Bailey.

Anyway, I'm not here to prove my conservatism. It's proven, tested, tried and true. Bill's isn't, and that's the one that should be asked the hard questions. But he's not. And that's a bummer. Really disappointing.

If I don't pass your muster, there's not much I can do about that. I won't change to garner your approval.

Suffice it to say, Rob is obligated to vote for Bill because of his word. I am not. But we both think Bill will lose, I am sure.

Sorry so long. I haven't checked spelling or grammar, as I need to get ready for Church. If something got typed wrong or out of order, let me know and I will fix it later.

Again, tell Rob and Karen I said hello tonight. He said you had invited them to a picnic at your place before you moved, and I envy your proximity to them. I am sure leaving them behind will be one of the holes in your heart when you move to Beaumont.

Cheers!

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Kristofer Cowles July 26 at 9:07pm

Dan,

You're starting to just be funny.

Here's the big secret, Dan:

I don't care what you think.

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