

The Duopoly Mindset

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We as a third party do have a tremendous education hill to climb. As much as we might like to say that we are not a third party but the new second party, the fact is that by both statute in the state legislatures and the voters mindsets, we are a third party, along with the Libertarians, Green Party, and the like. The voting public and politicians have bought into a false mantra that voting for a third party candidate is the essence of "splitting" the vote between the only two "real choices," thus allowing the worst of the two major party candidates to win. This ploy flies in both directions - "conservative" and "liberal." Al Gore lost because Jerry Brown stole the ultra-left vote, much less Ross Perot causing Bill Clinton to be elected. Of course, that was the mantra used to convince voters against voting for Goode or Johnson in the 2012 election - it would pull votes from Romney; it is also the reason that the "TEA Party Republicans" like Michelle Bachmann, Rand Paul, Ted Cruz, et. al. (plus supposedly conservative talk show hosts like Herman Cain) ultimately fell in line and supported Mitt Romney rather than having the guts to say, "No, I will not support this candidate!!!"

The voting public, sold a bill of goods by the duopoly the Republicans and Democrats (or as I like to call them the Republocrats and Demicans because it is hard to tell them apart these days) fails to understand that the best form of government would be derived by having choices in voting that most closely aligns with one's political and other life choices (i.e. one's world view it is now called), such that one does not choose the "lesser of the two evils between the two duopoly candidates" but his vote becomes a positive statement supporting his personal philosophies. Yes, sometimes that may cause the worst candidate to win an election. How did that other side of the argument work out in the last election!? The worst candidate (arguably) won the Presidential election, while all those "TEA Party conservatives" got nothing in terms of political positions within the Party or the political arena (Congress, Legislatures, etc.). Worst, they gave up a golden opportunity to stand for principle over politics but in the end they all caved and became of none effect.

Unfortunately, because of this false philosophy implying that all elections are only about two candidates, the general voting public has fallen into the trap, set by the duopoly, of only being

willing to support one of two major party candidates. We must get the attention of the voting public and educate them to embrace the real truth and that is that choice is as valuable to good government as it is to the marketplace for goods and services. According to most people's political way of thinking, the way to insure we would have the best cars on the road would be to consolidate all car companies into two major competing car companies, each with a single car line as dictated by the company executives and officials, with both companies operating through laws passed by the owners of the two major car companies. Of course, if this were to ever come to pass, we would have terrible cars that would operate poorly and be maintenance nightmares, and be anything but what we really wanted in our own personal automobile while the company executives would live lives of luxury. Why can't we see this is what has happened in politics by allowing our political choices to be constrained by law to basically only two choices controlled by those in charge of each party!