



in compliance with State law, the MTGOP refused to recognize those RCCs who were in compliance with the law, claiming those RCCs had “violated the rules” while ignoring that the new MT GOP Rules were in violation with Montana State Law. Forcing the all MT RCCs to violate the law as well. The result was Don K. being re-elected as chairman of the MTGOP by a very narrow margin. (Now is it any wonder why the MTGOP chose to do nothing to support honest, fair, legal and transparent elections in Montana?)

Bottom line - **The majority of the current MTGOP leadership and their minions are adamantly Anti-America First and are willing to commit criminal acts to preserve their power.** The MTGOP, through these actions, has proven they are willing to violate or simply ignore the law, change the rules and use all means necessary to preserve their authority. **Not a moral quality.**

Under the leadership of Don K, citizen’s right of self-governance and representation to the MTGOP continues to be trounced. That is the reason why many good conservatives refuse to be associated with the Republican Party. Modifying the rules mid-stream to favor establishment candidates and violating the law to suit their goals is why the Tea Party and Constitution Party’s started. These violations are becoming standard practice for the MTGOP.

The latest decision violates not only state law **MCA 13-38-202(4) which reads; “Each precinct committee representative serves a term of 2 years from the date of election or appointment pursuant to 13-38-201. Once the term has expired, the position becomes vacant”**, it also violates the MTGOP’s own rules!

This decision stems from a complaint brought by a member of the Ravalli County Republican Central Committee. This committee member, Mr. Tony Hudson, who has his sights set on becoming the next MTGOP Chairman, was elected through the process described above and refuses to confirm his allegiance to uphold the principles that define a Republican published in the Montana Republican Party platform. In turn, this committee member submitted to the MT GOP Chair, nine complaints against the Ravalli Republican Central Committee. Of the nine complaints, all were dismissed except for the one pertaining to when a precinct person is considered elected.

That complaint claimed the regularly scheduled meeting of the Ravalli County Republican Central Committee held on June 11th, 2024 was invalid because the election held the previous week was not yet certified, a common and historically regular occurrence around election days.

To accommodate Mr. Hudson, the MTGOP

Chairman-appointed “rules committee” proceeded to proclaim that they possessed the authority to decide what rules are to be followed, even if it violates state law or their own bylaws. This rules committee inexplicably determined that EVERY ELECTED REPUBLICAN PRECINCT REPRESENTATIVE in the State serves at the whim of the MTGOP not as defined by state law. **This committee decided the two-year term of office for precinct representatives ends on election DAY. Not on the conclusion of two years as defined in state law-which is when an election is certified.** For the entire history of our state, terms of office have concluded either upon the certification of the appropriate election -OR- upon the swearing-in of the newly elected officials. **Never has “Election Day” determined a “term-of-office. Until Now!**

The convoluted reasoning this rules committee applied is Precinct Representatives are governed by the rules of the political party, **not state law.** This, in spite of the fact that Precinct Representatives are governed by the same laws and rules that apply to any and every candidate on the ballot in every primary election across the state. Their election undergoes the same scrutiny any other elected office does and is certified in the same manner of every other election.

Yet, the rules committee, with the guidance of the top officials in the MTGOP seem to believe that they can preclude the lawful two-year term and **remove Precinct Representatives from their office** in direct violation of state law **MCA 13-38-202 quoted again here: “(5) Vacancies in the office of precinct committee representative occur only on the death or written resignation of the incumbent or when the incumbent is no longer a resident or registered voter of the precinct. A precinct committee representative may not otherwise be removed from office.”** This rules committee has displayed through its ruling, that they have no regard for the law, tradition, or for maintaining continuity of government. **This ruling leaves ALL Precincts unrepresented and halts all business from election day through certification of the election.** We have all seen certifications that can take months to resolve.

The reader must remember this action centered around Ravalli County Republican Central Committee (RCRCC), (long referred to by the MTGOP as their Crown Jewel due to the county’s exceptional Republican voting record) who **in 2023 overwhelmingly elected America First aligned candidates into leadership.**

The RCRCC is now embroiled in a power struggle with the MTGOP supported legacy leadership including Mr. Terry Nelson, the former chair of the RCRCC and now secretary of the MTGOP. Mr Nelson’s leadership gave Ravalli County the leadership of the Solutions (**read Surrender**) Caucus. The Solutions Caucus are establishment Republicans and

perhaps even Democrats claiming to be Republicans.

The Surrender Caucus very effectively undermined the Republican “Supermajority” and specifically the Freedom Caucus during the 2023 legislature. This “solution-caucus” mindset, supported by Mr. Nelson, fielded many precinct committee people to the RCRCC through this last primary. These new members **all** adamantly refuse to pledge to uphold the Montana Republican Platform even though they claimed to represent Republicans when they signed up to run for the RCRCC.

One would ask why would the MTGOP be so willing to blatantly disregard State Law, their own rules and historical tradition? The reason is the same one that propelled them to violate State Law, forcing the RCCs to hold their conventions **AFTER** the MTGOP leadership convention in 2023. I believe, **the majority of the current MTGOP leadership is VEHEMENTLY ANTI-AMERICA FIRST!** The MTGOP continues to deny that the Republican party is now Trump’s party. Rather than riding the wave of a historic Republican victory in November, the MTGOP is desperately trying to keep their ship the USS Uni-party upright and intact.

Why is the MTGOP so desperate? **President Trump clearly states his intent for the coming administration. As he said during his first inauguration in 2016: “We are returning the power back to the people”.** Nothing terrifies those who have spent years building a controlling power structure more. Believing their very existence is threatened, they have no regard for laws, rules or those they claim to represent. It’s win at all costs for them.

In summation, if you are a true conservative, one that values traditional American values and the freedoms generations of Americans have sacrificed their lives for, the majority of the current MTGOP sees you as a threat. The MTGOP has become what they started out fighting against; **a power center that only desires more power. Their choices and actions certainly are not those of a morally centered organization. In short, the current MTGOP is simply the Republican wing of the Uni-Party. One bird, two wings. Morals have no place in their decision process. The majority of the current MTGOP leadership MUST be replaced!**

As our Founders warned us throughout the Federalist Papers; “Government is the natural enemy of Freedom.” Their only source of power is to take yours! The MTGOP clearly demonstrates they see themselves as rulers in state government. These people, who were elected to be humble servants, have succumbed to the temptation of power and no longer serve the interest of the people. They are wholly self-serving. None are more deceived than the self-deceived. 🇺🇸