

## **HOPE** in the Future and Fight against the GOP

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he MT GOP and frankly, the entire USA GOP, has kept conservatives from having a real voice and from communicating with others. The Tea Party had some limited success in 2009-2010 until the media was told to stop paying attention to it and without its own communication system/media, it lost relevance. If what we believe about the GOP (MT GOP and RNC) becomes public, we will be called haters, democrats, infiltrators and legalistic. We will be scrutinized with even the smallest offense magnified, which causes many conservatives to retreat into silence. Conservatives are expected to stay in our small circles, outside the circle of influence, and keep out of party decisions. To speak beyond those boundaries prescribed by the Republicans for personal gain, risks humiliation and vilification.

Clearly the sovereign God who knows all things and plans all things has prepared us for this moment. We might not know exactly what to do, but in our hearts, we know things are not well in our organizations and we have seen the wrong our organizations and our culture in general has enacted upon countless innocent victims.

How do we live courageously in a political culture where the ones with the most money and influence over the party win the argument? How do we stand up politically for what we believe in, the U.S. Constitution, the right to life etc., when our party openly wants to sweep both under the rug and have us conform to their underhanded deceptive selling out of our state and country. How do we fight against these legitimate injustices, from J6 to crooked judges who politicize their roles to turn over any progress made at the ballot box?

Too many Republicans refuse to see the fault lines within our own party and the barriers in the narrative (aka media machine). The RINOS know how to make themselves look good and conservatives look bad.

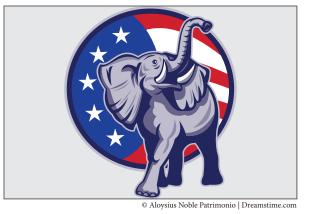
I want to encourage conservatives to courageously stand against the pressures of our political culture that cause conservatives to turn their backs on Biblical principles in order to gain standing in a Republican Party that more and more doesn't even stand for its own platform, but proudly votes against the Word of God and our U.S. Constitution.

This is not the time to stand behind the doors of our homes or churches whose pastor lack the ability to stand for anything at all, but rather to prepare ourselves and our families to stand bravely against an ominous future that is already upon us. I write this to strengthen what remains of the conservative leaders in our Republican Party, as Jesus told the church in Sardis (Revelations 3:2).

We must interact amongst each other and with groups and individuals who may not have our understand or goals, but we also lack hope and give them a reason for hope and doing so as Peter did with "gentleness and respect" (I Peter 3:15). We must remain strong and joyfully defend our faith and believe in God, the U.S. Constitution, America and Montana. We cannot move forward with words alone, but through our deeds, our resolve, and a renewed dependence on God. This piece is intended to clarify the threats to our party, the church and conservatives, but this information will be of no value apart from earnest efforts by us to seek God obediently and compassionately.

Beyond the headlines, is a raging spiritual battle that cannot be confronted only by prayer and repentance, but needs action in keeping with that repentance. I am skeptical about what lies in the hearts of Montanans, and whether their have today the strength, humility and courage to acknowledge their own fears and shortcomings and to turn to God for purpose, wisdom and strength to fight the headwinds of this spiritual battle we fight. Montana Republicans have become so deeply entangled with the state GOP that they've lost sight of their own identity, even as the party drifts further from the values and beliefs of everyday Montanans.

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The Montana and America we once knew are vanishing before our eyes, and the churches—led by pastors more concerned with preaching comfort than *conviction—have chosen to stand by in cowardly* silence over preaching hard truths. While our values are under attack evil advances. They hide behind stained glass and Sunday routines. Too many pulpits echo with nothing but soft sermons and empty words, content to ignore the battle raging beyond their walls, instead of bold stands.

*Like the watchmen in Ezekiel 33, they've been* warned—but refuse to warn others. "If the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet... I will require it at the watchman's hand." (Ezekiel 33:6).

They have become like the shepherds condemned *in Isaiah 56:10: "His watchmen are blind... they* are all mute dogs, unable to bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber."

This is not just neglect; it is betrayal. When truth demands a voice, these pastors offer silence. When courage is needed, they choose convenience. And when the people cry out for direction, they retreat into irrelevance.

We are in a firestorm for the future of America. We need to run towards the fire, not run away from it. God has brought us to this moment and our future cannot be taken for granted.

In a time of universal deception, telling the truth is a revolutionary act. Let us determine that we will not be shamed into silence or inaction. We will speak, we will shout and like Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego in the Book of Daniel, we will not bow.

"Wake up! Strengthen what remains!" (Revelations 3:2)

"Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Arthur Schlesinger, a historian observed. "History is to the nation much as memory is to the individual. The Individual who loses his memory doesn't know where he came from or where he is going and becomes dislocated and disoriented." An individual who has lost his memory can be manipulated into believing he is whoever someone else says he is.

The Republican Party is still run by the RINOS and between the establishment (RINOS and Democrats), conservatives are scrutinized and the smallest offense if magnified so as to discredit anything a vocal conservative attempt to do. To speak beyond the RINO approved boundaries, risks humiliation and vilification. Many conservatives are stunted as a result, as most do not have any tolerance for alienation or criticism, let alone crucification, but the Bible tells us being God's hands and feet and salt and light will bring persecution. Clearly the sovereign God who knows all things and plans all things has prepared us, especially me, for this moment. I might not know exactly what to do, but I do know we need to communicate, educate and act-hence The Liberty Bell.

How do we live in a courageously in a culture where the opposition shout loud in order to win an argument instead of presenting the facts? How do we live during a tie when Christianity is openly being remade to blend into a secularized culture instead of stand out as the truth outside of culture? How do we fight against legitimate injustices when we are asked to bow a knee to a larger destructive agenda?

Many today, politically call themselves conservative and many add they are Christians, and they believe in their hearts they are both, even though they are neither. This mental disorder is not too far off from a man thinking he is a woman and vice versa. The trans movement's mental state is not that dissimilar from the political state of socialist calling themselves conservative republicans all the while they refute the tenants

of the MT GOP Platform. How do we overcome their mental state and their grip on the party?

What do we as Christians do when the history of our country and party is being rewritten or even deleted and how do we respond when the political ground we stand on is being shifted? What kind of country do we want our children and grandchildren to inherit? Do we want America to still be the beacon of hope and freedom for the world?

We are in a crisis. America and our party cannot continue to give hope unless we have shared basic values. The historic freedom and liberty we have enjoyed in our country can only continues if Americans are on the whole a virtuous people. I would add the Republican Party can only continue if we elect virtuous people to its leadership.

John Adams said, "Avarice, ambition, revenge or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our constitution as a whale goes though a net. Our constitution was made only for a moral and righteous people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

The Republican Party has been infiltrated by avarice, ambition, revenge and radical secularism that pretends to be gallantry, accompanied by the illusionary promises that remove free exercise of religion and free speech. This is not a time to surrender America to radicals, especially not radical rascals that do not belong in the Republican Party. We must fight for freedom but remember "the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (James 1:20).

The trajectory of the Republican Party is on a collision course with destruction under the weight of ambition and greed. We need to get it back to the bedrock of biblical truths. "Because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold" (Matthew 24:12). Whether we will only pay lip service to repentance or actually repent depends on how desperate we are to retain freedom and liberty and shift the foundations of our party and country. God remains in control even as he tests the righteous. But we must endure personal sacrifices and that might be more than most Republicans are willing to pay.

I pray to God that he will help us be agents of reconciliation and hope in a time of strife and conflicts. The battle is God's, but we are his hands and feet and we depend on God for optimism and joy as we face these battles and also that we may speak with authority and confidence.

As Christians we have a responsibility to fight for justice and to help the oppressed. As Christians, we should go beyond justice and show mercy to the needy, even at personal cost.

In a world of injustice, arguments are resolved by social force through shaming, not by discussion, evaluating evidence or civility in hearing both sides. This kind of hysteria is hardly conducive to reconciliation.

We must not only react to the threats within the party, but we must lead the way. The infiltrators within our own party are the ones placing ideology above freedom and civil liberties. They recruit people to positions of power that will be obedient to them alone at the detriment to Montanans and the God given freedoms espoused in our constitution. They are also the ones who must silent all dissent voices. Submission to their ideology is enforced either through shaming, by laws and resolutions or simply by exclusion. Remember, mobs, whether of elected people or in the street, are only able to destroy, they cannot build, and every victory they obtain spurs them on to more demands that rob us of our freedoms and liberties.

The freedom to think, interact, criticize, and discuss is essential for the common good. George Orwell said it best: "If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear."

The Republican Party has long been an echo chamber where dissenting voices are marginalized and silenced or not admitted at all. Even within the Republican Party are those who work to censure the voice of conservatism and Christian principles. The Republican Party preaches "Big Tent" but is the first to kick out anyone they perceive as not walking in lock step with their liberal views. They deny Tea Party Republicans and Constitutional Republicans the freedom and platform to speak. They denounce

them as not being a Republican, and either shame them or criminalize their speech.

Free Speech is a gift that is underappreciated by all of us. Of Course, as true Christians, our speech must be with grace and seasoned with salt. We must be bold and the secret to boldness is to fear God more than our reputations.

The Republican Party leaders are rife with propaganda which is solely meant to change people's perceptions of reality so that despite compelling evidence, people will not change their minds. The goal is to make people impervious to common sense.

Clearly, the MTFRW believes what it wants to believe even in the face of mounting contrary evidence. When the MTFRW hears a viewpoint that challenges their beliefs, they often dox the person saying it. They attempt to find or create damning evidence against the person and distribute the propaganda widely to discredit the person. This conveniently cancels the need to deal with eh issue that challenges their thinking. In other words, "I don't like the message so I will destroy the messenger." The MT GOP and MTFRW's appetites for power are stronger than the power of reason.

Propaganda takes many forms. Sometimes it hides the truth; sometimes it uses half-truths; sometimes it distorts the truth through the selective use of facts, or it uses one-sided assertions. Almost always it seeks to present its argument by appealing to a higher goal such as the "common good." Any cause can be construed as legitimate if it is tied to a noble idea-but it is just a grab for power and hate does what reason cannot-to the point that it becomes impossible to speak facts to a warped mind, just like what Hilter did in Nazi Germany where the people believed what Hitler told them and no amount of truth or evidence could penetrate their warped minds. People have herd mentality and herd instincts, and that is clearly seen in the MT GOP and MTFRW. People told over and over again that they are in danger or that something or someone is threat, are easily misled.

Those unconvinced in the group would be in the minority in the midst of a zealous majority and could cause some doubters to succumb to mass suggestion. Those that still speak out are either dismissed, reviled or forever silenced. Demonization of leaders is an integral part of the propaganda of communism that permeated every aspect of life. Diversity of opinion is especially demonized. Human beings make most decisions not on reason but on desire-desire to get along, to belong etc.

When the price of non-conformity is publicly being humiliated, expelled from the community of people of goodwill (another cliché of communism), and cut off from sources of income, the powers that be need to work less hard to enforce the rules. The Republican Party at the RNC, MT GOP and MTFRW level are happening now in Montana. Diversity of Opinion is demonized. Demonization is the preferred method of the RNC, MT GOP and MTFRW, just like Hilter's preferred way to demonize the Jews. Demonization taps into people's hatred and instills fear into those that don't jump on board.

The MT GOP and MTFRW are vilifying those who disagree with them and those we disagree are shamed into silence. The propaganda of today becomes the truth of tomorrow.

Winston Churchill said, "The desire to believe something is much more persuasive than rational argument.

We have to identify the lies in our party. Can we identify the wolves among the sheep and discern the false from the true, even within the church? Ask yourself: Am I being manipulated to accept an unbiblical view? Are my opinions based on facts and truth, or are my opinions based on emotion and misunderstanding? Am I afraid to stand for the truth?

At the same time we must renew our commitment to integrity in our personal lives. The Republican Party advertises through its platform that is an organization based on conservative and Christian principles. But the platform is false advertising because once inside, you find an extension of the democrat party. Nary a word about how to withstand cultural pressures that are destroying our children and silencing our witness as a party. Strewn about might be a few conservative crumbs, that were trampled by bigger government, higher taxes and less opportunities for families and our future.

Each of us must ask ourselves what we are doing to advance the conservative cause within the Republican Party. Are we running for office? Are we exposing the bad votes of our representatives? Are we educating ourselves, family and friends who are being misled on the "Republicans" who are our elected leaders, often wolves in sheep's clothing? Are you willing to speak out on it and act upon it?

"Buy Truth and do not sell it" (Proverbs 23:23) Often Republicans, having found truth are all to willing to sell it if the price were right.

Just ask Dietrich Bonhoeffer how much it costs to withstand propaganda among a people who are willing to abandon reason in order to avoid collective demonization. Propoganda can do what reason cannot. Today, we have social media to further engage and propagandize. The further a people drift from the truth, the more it will hate those that speak the truth.

Bad Ideas are like termites. At first you cannot see and suddenly the whole house falls in.

How about all you Republicans out there that are quick to praise your local education system, despite having no idea what really is going on inside the buildings. In Martin Luther's day, schools were under the control of a Christian culture, yet he remarked, "I am much afraid that the universities will prove to be the gates of hell, unless they diligently labour in explaining the Holy Scriptures, and engaging them in the hearts of our youth."

Remember those who walk in darkness do not see things as they are, but rather, se things the way they want them to be. "The way of the wicked is like deep darkness. They do not know over what they stumble." (Proverbs: 4:19).

Evil people and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:13-15).

If we abolish God from the party platform and our hearts, we make the party and government our God.

The more centralized power is in the officers of MTFRW, the more they must rule with an iron fist to maintain that power and that leads to more greed and corruption-of spirit as well as power. The more the MTFRW captures power at the executive level, the more it controls its members and more the freedoms of the individual members is taken away. Our officers have otherwise thrown out the basic principles of our U.S. Constitution for freedom and liberty.

Value is based on trust and the lack of trust we have in the MTFRW leads us to have no value in the MTFRW.

One of the great failures of the people of the United States is our inability to understand how to properly discriminate and this leads to serious lapses in maintaining the integrity and security of our party platforms and the security of our state and nation. Misguided notions of tolerance on who really is a Republican versus who claims to be one for political expediency, and our willful blindness to require standards, have combined to create an atmosphere of confusion and denial about the current threats against our party and our nation. These breaches are nothing short of treason.

One of the major issues within our party is the refusal to accept MAGA members, although any converted democrat, regardless of how little they agree with the Republican Party Platform, is automatically placed on a pedestal for claiming a transformation, and promoted as a true conservative. Our party is trading wisdom for mindless acceptance and courage for cowardice.

In Matthew 10:16, Jesus advises us to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Americans, especially conservative Christians, are so willing to believe the best about others that they are often blind to others schemes to mislead them. The point is not for Republicans to be so open tent as to be like South Korea and build an 8 lane highway to the border of North Korea in hopes that the North Koreans will one day reunite with the South Koreans as one a peaceful people. The chasm is deep, and even true conservatives are not well educated enough in the foundation principles of the U.S. Constitution to be fit to defend it, let alone be able to avoid indoctrination into non-Christian, non-conservative principles that crumble the foundations of our freedoms and rights. For the RINOS an Democrats and others create an inviting, but false narrative of their objectives

to subvert God given liberties in favor of state sanctioned rights that at any moment the state can strip from all. Courage armed with truth is what needs to be spread, but many Christian conservatives have failed to study God's truth.

Often, RINOS assert they are only protecting or fortifying our rights or institutions; however they fail to state and conservative fail to understand that what is being strengthened are not our God given rights, but the power and oppressive state of big government which has replaced God as the center of worship by RINOS and Democrats.

Pick the target, personalize it, and polarize it. That's what activist Saul Alinsky wrote in the book *Rules for Radicals*. Yet, it seems the MTFRW are using it as their playbook.

Rabid, RPGs (Republicans for Personal Gain), are not satisfied with "live and let live." Rather they demand total capitulation to their agenda and have discovered that vilifying those who disagree with them gets more results than reason and civility. Whether they know it or not, they are following the formula from Marxist Saul Alinsky. "Cut off the support network and isolate the target from sympathy. Go after people and not institutions; people hurt ffaster than institutions. This is cruellike mean girls in high school, but very effective. Direct personalized criticism and ridicule works. They make use of shame, ridicule and intimidation. Intimidation replaces research and facts, civility, dialogue and bullying overcomes any obstacles in their path. RGPs have no conscience or restraint when it comes to destroying people who stand in its way. The war begins with removal of Christian foundational principles in platforms and bylaws and educational material. RGPs then sow division and grow more intense in their persecution. The are viscerally intolerant of anyone who does not agree with their views and methodology. Slander and intimidation are more powerful than rational discussions.

These radical RPGS act like Rinos and democrats. Their side must triumph and do so at the expense of reason, debate ad mutual respect. The culture and commaraderie within the MT GOP and MTFRW is being changed for the worse through coercion and force. The Executive officers of both the MT GOP and MTFRW are intent on taking away the freedoms and principles the membership stands upon and force them to bow to their personal agenda which is bent on power and greed, rather then the general welfare and freedoms of the general membership. This should worry not only every conservative and republican in Montana, but it should worry everyone in the state.

The ability of our leadership to deceive themselves into believing that ignoring the principles set forth in our U.S. Constitution and condemning a member on rumor and innuendo contrived by one other member and twisted into a corrupt narrative, without evidence or a fair hearing/trial, is astonishing. But more astonishing is that the masses of membership that comply in silence and refuse to stand up for Christian principles and God given freedoms granted to all through our U.S. Constitution. We are not a good Christian witness when we allow our fellow members and leadership to continue to engage is such CCP behavior, which is unrepentant rebellion against God. As stated in Acts 4:31, if we truly love each other, we must speak the Word of God with boldness. We have to choose who we serve. Are e going to continue to bow a knee to the God of the Republican Party and the greed and cultural pressures contained within, or are we going to bear witness to God. The source of injustice in not in the Party, it is in the hearts of those who lead the party. Injustice is the result of human selfishness, deceitfulness, malice, envy, greed, and lust. The MT GOP and MTFRW is not the cause of injustice, it merely reflects the hearts of the leaders of the organization. So, inherently, we are not condemning the MT GOP or the MTFRW, but the leadership within that works through their own corrupt hearts. The MT GOP and MTFRW merely reflect the hearts of those that lead it.

We pray feverently for our leaders because only God can change the hearts of man, and we believe in individual responsibility. Those who are protesting most of all against Lisa are the most hateful of all. In order to be successful, the MT GOP and MTFRW needs to be know for what we are for, not what we are against. As the old adage goes, "Actions speak louder than words."

The current course of both the MTFRW and the MT GOP is to reject civil discourse and rational discussion and honest evaluation in favor of CCP top down adherence to directives without question. Our leadership has provided the fuel for hatred, fear, false accusations and

perpetual outrage and has unleashed a firestorm of criticism and unrestrained anger towards one individual, Lisa Bennett. It seems the MT GOP and MTFRW needs some pruning. While some will remain, others will walk away.

There are many members who joined looking for hope and healing. The political environment has become brutal and many seek a better future for their children and grandchildren as well as themselves. They want to make a difference and instead of seeing the dark underbelly of a party that is willing to through away any goodwill and benefits in order to impose a personal ideology that is top down and destructive to the average member-especially when the tactics used within oir organizations are intimidation, shame and bullying-delivered through rage.

Bonhoeffer was right when he said that to be silent is to speak. We should speak against these tactics being used within our organizations, let alone against a member. We must remain strong, restrained and compassionate. We should not only pray for protection from those who attack us, but also pray that we might not be afraid to stand up against it. We must pray for the courage to face attacks fearlessly, speak the truth and demand action. I do not suggest that those in leadership are our enemies, but rather people

who need to be freed of their focus on personal gain or need for vengeance for perceived slights, and instead be freed from their negative impulses and turn their energy towards doing what is good, just and right in the eyes of God.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great I heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:11-12).

We are willing to be deceived and too often, we are feeling self-righteous about it. Paul knew we are prone to justify whatever our hearts desire to do. This proclivity to self-deception is why he often prefaced his teaching with "Be not Deceived..."

What the MT GOP and MTFRW needs is a transformation of heart. Jesus warned that in the end times, "because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many wull grow cold" (Matthew 24:12). That describes much of society today. Our organizations (MT GOP and MTFRW) are weak today because of love for Christ is weak and our love for worldly values and pursuits (power, greed..) is greater than our love for Christ.

Do not love the world or the things in the world.

If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world-the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in life-is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever (I John 2:15-17).

Many in our party have lackadaisical attitudes. They are unwilling to stand on God's Word alone and to suffer for a conviction-mostly because their loyalty is not to Christ, but to themselves and their "perceived" comfort zone. Many of us only stand for truth when we decide the cost is not too great. We must have the courage to both engage and stand against injustice in all forms. God separates the chaff from the wheat in his church.

Most of our members are silent or supportive of leadership.

Doctorine is reinterpreted or even rejected to justify what the heart really wants. Ephesians 5:11-12 states "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things they do in secret." Paul spoke about those who "glory in their shame. They are tragically deceived and their end is destruction" (Philippians 3:19)