Yankee Steve's Column

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Flip-Floppers

Once more South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham [R] has come to the attention of conservatives – those who believe in limited government, who know that Al Gore is a wacko, who understand that America is flirting with financial ruin, and who trust that the founders were right when they said we shouldn't mix in the affairs of other countries.

For the longest time Graham (a worm of a man who has even resorted to quoting Jesus in order to defend the way he slipped in his vote to assist the left) has been able to garner the support of South Carolinians that have been fooled into thinking he is a conservative. All they got for their money and votes was another Lisa Murkowski, the Alaskan Republican senator who swoons every time she sees a photo of Roger Baldwin of the ACLU in some left-wing publication she is reading.

I for one will give thanks on the day that these two are sent packing.

Dustin Stockton of the Western Representation PAC writes the following about Graham,

Lindsey Graham continually undermines conservative efforts on a wide range of issues, from immigration to the debt ceiling. He is the quintessential big-government Republican, committed to maintaining the power of the central government that he helps control. This time, we have had enough. We are going to send a shot across Lindsey's bow by running a media campaign in his home state of South Carolina. This will not only serve to pressure Graham to at least pretend to be a conservative, but will also send a message to all big-government Republicans (are you listening Scott Brown?) that we will no longer support the politicians who betray us!

Stockton also has words for Mitt Romney and so do we. However, Romney is not just another rino (Republican In Name Only). In one day he managed to raise \$10 million in a second bid for the White House. Romney has name recognition and he just might win the GOP nomination. But before you climb on the bandwagon and think of voting for him, you should remember that he's the governor who signed into law an Obama-like medical plan for the people of Massachusetts.

Romney acts like he is a mild-mannered churchgoer who will solve all our fiscal problems once he comes to power, but the real Romney, the man we can track through his record in business and politics, is a tough steely guy who will have things his own way. Underneath the veneer of a nice family man is someone who does not believe in personal freedom if it interferes with his agenda. The Massachusetts Godfather graveled, "Badda bing, badda boom, you gotta buy dis here helt insurance ting; whatta you tink, dis is a free country?"

The irony here should not escape us. The Christian Science denomination has its headquarters in Massachusetts. Its members do not believe in disease, medicine, physicians, or even death, who would not if they were consistent in their beliefs buy health insurance. Will they be excused from buying Romney-care?

Maybe Romney grew up dreaming of being a race car driver. Why do I say that? He seems to believe he has the right to shift gears whenever he sits behind the steering wheel of government. He grew up in Michigan, the automotive state where his father was a Republican governor. That may explain why he shifts gears and changes lanes as quickly as in Indy 500 driver.

Again Stockton says, "Mitt Romney is the worst kind of politician. He has absolutely no foundation based on principle. He tailors his message based on what is politically expedient."

I have space for only one example of the way Romney flip-flops, but I could add a number of others. Romney changed his attitude toward the subject of gay "marriage," now giving it the green light.

In an attempt to salvage Romney's image someone describes this flip-flop as a "rhetorical shift," when it should be called a radical shift. Need I remind you we do not live in Europe; this is America where if a man "marries" another man 99% of us think he should be sent to a psychotherapist or better still to a cleric with old-fashioned ideas based on holy writ.

Ron Paul

If I had my way I would vote for Ron Paul as the next president. I believe that he has the best interests of the nation in mind. I think if our national situation was as it should be that he would never have left medicine for politics. He stays in the mix because he knows that we have strayed from the Constitution.

This is his platform in his own words,

Stop the spread of socialist, big government health care;

Stop the growth of government spending, restrictive regulations, and interference in our lives;

Audit the Federal Reserve, which, I believe, will serve as an important first step toward finally ending the Fed once and for all;

Ensure the federal government returns to its constitutional limits by eliminating departments and agencies that are not authorized by the Constitution;

Ensure a new, more humble foreign policy for our nation. We cannot be the world's policeman. We should not engage in "Nation-Building." We cannot afford trillion-dollar international boundoggles that cost us our lives, our fortunes, and our freedom.

If Ron Paul does not make it to the White House we should get someone who thinks like he does. Let's hope so, but I would remind you that his kind is a rarity.

One thing I would ask of him. What does he think of gay marriage? I would ask that because he is something of a Libertarian who operates within the Republican Party. In some ways that is good, but Libertarians act as if the government is supposed to be neutral when it comes to morals.

Please note: Anyone who is neutral when it comes to good and evil is evil.

Ever yours,

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