

**Yankee Steve's Column**  
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**Rick Perry – Who Is He?**

*And conservatives know that if you reject these principles of limited government and urge others to reject them you can be my ally, you can be my friend but you cannot call yourself a conservative.* Mike Pence, U.S. Representative [R-IN]

Some scientist from Estonia is trying to decipher the genome of a Neanderthal man.

This guy's theory is interesting. By comparing the genome of Neanderthals (which we are supposed to have driven into extinction) with our genome, we will be able to determine why nothing is safe around us, and why man always manages to leave destruction in his wake.

I might like to take the time to poke fun at the Bozos who espouse evolution, those who fell for Piltdown man hoax, but for now I would rather take on the Progressives who think they have figured out the genome of Conservatives, who know full well that there is no love lost between the two, who also might admit that each would like to do away with the other.

Progressives in their effort to do away with Conservatives have placed them under the microscope. They had to do this because Conservatives are a recent phenomenon, whereas Progressivism - with its denial of individual rights, its desire to place too much power in the hands of bureaucrats, its tendency to abuse power, its general disregard for private property - is hoary with age.

So what makes up the genome of Conservatives? What is it about Conservatives that alarms all Progressives who are feted, adored, and rarely contradicted by media elites especially those at PBS and NPR?

Conservatives want -

- limited government (a government that gets out of the way of business and its citizens)
- fiscal sanity
- Congress that lets us keep our paycheck and doesn't make war on the rich
- Congress that answers directly to the people
- Congress that believes that illegal aliens should be deported

-Congress that knows that the U.S. Constitution teaches that the President must execute the will of the people and not look for ways around it

-Congress that keeps us out of overseas wars, allow for abortions only when the safety of the mother is at stake and a Congress that refuses to sign on to the homosexual agenda

### **Rick Perry**

Politicians have their ear to the ground. They know that recently Conservatives have made it clear that the next GOP candidate will have to be genetically sound. So I ask is Texas Governor Rick Perry made of the right stuff or is he a weather vane who blows this way and that?

You might think so because he just did a turnaround on the subject of homosexual “marriage.” Until just the other day he was willing to leave that issue in the hands of the states; now he wants a federal mandate declaring that marriage is between a man and a woman.

Mitt Romney has also been reading the tea party leaves on this issue. The quintessential flip-flopper who signed gay marriage into law when he was Massachusetts governor has reconsidered the matter.

I’m certain that both Perry and Romney have come to the same conclusion that I did some time ago and mentioned in a previous column - America will not vote for a president if he or she espouses homosexual “marriage.” It’s too radical and un-American.

Suddenly Michele Bachmann looks as if she has been one step ahead of these guys all along.

### **Talking the Talk**

Perry certainly talks the talk. He sounds like a two-fisted, gun-toting Texas Conservative who is determined to run all the Washington Progressives out of town.

Columnist DeWayne Wickham of *USATODAY* is no friend of Conservatives; nevertheless he may prove helpful when it comes to Perry.

Wickham wrote that Perry sounded like a Conservative when he said, “You can’t win the future by selling America off to foreign investors,” but in actual fact he tried to get foreign creditors to finance a controversial \$175 billion road project. And he tells us that Perry recently sounded like a Conservative when he said, “The people are not the subjects of government; government is subject to the people.” Wickham then asks, “Was Perry channeling the rage of the Texas farmers who successfully fought off his effort to seize their land to build that 4,000-mile Trans-Texas Corridor?”

That last item worries me.

I am told that that highway running from Mexico to Canada was supposed to be part of a larger plan to unite Mexico, U.S. and Canada in what was to become known as the North American Union. If that's what Perry wants, let him stay in Texas where voters have been able to keep him in harness.

Wickham has come to the conclusion that Perry is no Tea Party Conservative.

Now if Wickham is right then Perry is not a bona fide Conservative because Tea Party Conservatives are not look- or sound-a-likes; they are the real thing which explains why Progressives like Maxine Waters [D-CA] contort, stomp their feet, and grind their teeth whenever anyone mentions the Tea Party.

Listen to Rep. Waters' latest rant, "As far as I am concerned the Tea Party can go straight to hell."

The Tea Party believes that the government that governs least, governs best. It knows that Progressives are not stumbling around in the dark just because they are near-sighted. Progressives are as blind as Oedipus whose loss of sight you will remember was self-inflicted - much like the blindness of Ms. Waters.

Final thought: If there is something in my DNA that will lead to the extinction of Progressives I welcome it. I only hope that I can pass it on to my children. Then maybe we won't have people like Maxine Waters in Congress.

Ever yours,

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