

The Seven Deadly Sins: *Why Republicans are going to Hell*

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If you utter one of the *Seven Dirty Words* you can't say on television or commit one of the *Seven Deadly Sins* in Catholic law, you will get booted off the air or out of Heaven. As a Republican, there are seven untouchable issues which seem to serve the same purpose: getting booted out. Out of office or out of the party.

The issues are *Immigration, Gun Rights, Obama Care, Common Core, Private Property Rights, The Economy¹, and Gender Issues²*. Any Republican who has dared to take on these issues in a manner consistent with the published Republican principles has been shown the door. Some, however, have refused to go. Either with gentle ostracism or outright derision, the party establishment has declared such independent minded Republicans to be renegades, mavericks, or extremists. The question is "why?"

Frankly, the answer has nothing to do with the issues as listed. The answer has everything to do with the way the Republican leadership is exercising its brand of politics. Republican leadership has been faced with one of the most fundamental problems our country has ever faced; specifically, a well-managed shaping of public opinion leading to our descent into pure democracy.

People on the left, whether they be run of the mill Democrats or full out Socialists, have managed to put together nothing less than a Super Bowl quality advertising campaign to convince Americans that:

1. Americans are a kind and welcoming people and our borders should be open even if Republicans oppose immigration.
2. Guns kill people. Lots and lots of them. And Republicans don't care.
3. All Americans should have health insurance and health care and it is the responsibility of the Federal government to make sure they have it.
4. States and counties are incapable of providing a good and balanced education for our youth.
5. Private property rights are really not as important as the use of the property by the general public.
6. All Americans have a right to have a job and if the private sector does not provide it, at a good salary, then the government must.
7. Republicans hate gay and lesbian people and alternative lifestyles.

The effectiveness of this campaign has been so great that the Republican leadership has decided to negotiate and compromise instead of undertaking measures to refute it and counteract it. And so the stage is set so that when a true conservative who is willing to speak his mind actually does so, he is chastised. The effect is devastating to the renegade, the leadership, the party and the nation.

Liberal elements in America are willing to stand openly and state their positions loudly. The people know exactly where the liberal stands on the issues. In contrast, the Republican leadership has been willing to sacrifice principle in the name of something called "reaching

across the aisle.” No one really knows what position the Republican leadership will take next. Men like Ted Cruz, Mike Lee, and Rand Paul are popular with conservatives because they are willing to stand on principles regardless of their potential personal loss. The people know exactly where these men stand on the issues, making the differences between liberals and these conservatives quite clear.

They have shown themselves to be men of honor and character who understand the need to adhere to an ideal in the exercise of their vote. They are popular with conservatives because they are behaving like conservatives. They are exercising their independence, their self-reliance, and their personal freedom of choice. They are popular with independents simply because they too are independent. The independent voter is an independent voter because he has rejected the party leadership and when they see the same being done by these renegades, they have hope.

The Republican leadership, in hopes of achieving and maintaining a position of power, has softened. Unfortunately, this is exactly the opposite of what is needed. Voting, for the regular citizen, is the result of being able to identify with the person on the ballot. It's hard to identify with someone who doesn't stand for anything. If the Republican Party fails to stand, it will be because it failed to stand on principle and ideals, choosing instead to surf the shifting sands of public opinion.

Footnotes:

1. The Economy includes Jobs, Outsourcing, and Manufacturing.
2. Gender issues include Gay Rights, Gay Marriage, and Abortion.