

# Random Thoughts: Election 2010

☒ When I finally turned off the tv last night, it was 12:30 in the morning here in Washington state and, despite percentage signs and other stats flashing in red and blue inside my brain, I miraculously fell asleep. Three Senatorial races were still undecided when I finally went to bed, Washington, Colorado and Alaska, and remained so when I woke up this morning.

My biggest hope in this election was for the Republicans to win back the House – which they did in great numbers – if only to remove Nancy Pelosi as Speaker. It was a wonderful achievement in my book. When I listened to Harry Reid's speech last night, I thought of a taxi ride I took in Las Vegas last year. The driver ranted on and on about Obama and Harry Reid and I told him, "all you guys have to do is vote that guy out in 2010." Well, obviously no one heeded my advice and we've got ol' Harry back in the Senate. One out of two ain't bad.

Losing the Senate is probably a blessing in disguise in light of 2012, but I'll leave the potential advantages of a split Congress to the political analysts, something I'm not. I did, however, learn a lot about the importance of the Republican gubernatorial wins, particularly in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida. Good job, John Kasich!

I'm sorry to see Christine O'Donnell didn't win. I previously wrote about Ms. O'Donnell and got some flack from readers regarding my concerns about her nomination. I thought she couldn't win. I'm with Bernie on this one. I'd rather have someone who would vote my way half of the time (Michael Castle) rather than someone who'd never vote my way (Chris Coons). It's great to be an ideological purist, but,

sometimes, you have to be practical. I must say that listening to acceptance speeches by Tea Party-backed candidates, Rand Paul and Marco Rubio, was a breath of fresh air.

I would've loved to have seen Barbara Boxer lose and Meg Whitman win in California, but you can't have everything. God only knows what Jerry Brown is going to do in California. He was blabbering during his acceptance speech last night but perhaps it was way past his bedtime. I sure hope he gets some rest because he's going to need it when he starts to tackle the massive problems in that state. But, hey, I don't live there anymore.

To be fair and balanced, I did switch tv coverage from Fox News to MSNBC a few times but someone would've thought they were watching election returns in a foreign country. Their coverage – if you could call it that – was laughable. When I did muster up the strength to actually watch Keith Olbermann and his three cohorts, their attempt to minimize the Republican take over of the House was pathetic. I could vaguely make out the outline of the black armbands under their jackets while they sat around like a clique of silly school girls giggling and bad-mouthing those that weren't part of their elite group. They had no one on with opposing views, unlike Fox News which had several pundits on the right and left throughout the night. Instead, Olbermann sat around with three other like-minded individuals enjoying their Republican bashing and Chris Matthews even threw in one of his sophomoric comments about Sarah Palin. Did someone forget to tell him Ms. Palin wasn't running for office? These bozos must be obsessed and afraid of this woman otherwise why bother?

We're still waiting to hear whether Patty Murray lost her Senate seat to Dino Rossi here in Washington. Knowing how liberals rule in Seattle, I'm not holding my breath. I'd just love to see the woman who once said, "[Osama bin Laden]'s been out in these countries for decades, building schools, building

roads, building infrastructure, building day-care facilities, building health-care facilities, and the people are extremely grateful. He's made their lives better," have to look for a real job like the other 10% of Americans.

Over the past several weeks, President Obama drove his analogy of the car into the ground. The Dems were in the front seat and the Republicans, who ran the car into a ditch, according to him, didn't get to drive anymore and were relegated to the back seat. Well, it doesn't matter who was sitting in the front seat or the back seat, because, last night, the American people applied the brakes!

When I watched the President speak this morning, he looked as if he would've preferred to have a root canal without any anesthetic rather than stand in front of those cameras. He's now calling for cooperation and bipartisanship, but I'll believe it when I see it. I still remember the closed door sessions during the Obamacare fiasco when "transparency" was promised. Whether he'll be able to tolerate being in the same room with John Boehner is something we'll have to wait and see.

As Mick Jagger said, "you can't always get what you want, but ... you get what you need." Well, we needed to stop Obama's far left agenda to transform this country into something unrecognizable and that's exactly what we got last night. Let's hope the Republicans will do actually what they said during the campaign, otherwise, like the Dems found out last night, the electorate will boot them out in two years.

Overall, it was a very good night. Countdown clock on my computer to Election Day 2012: 2 years, 0 months, 3 days, 3 hours..... Let the games begin!

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# Top Ten Least Favorite Events of Election 2010

✘ If you're like me, I love election season. I'm not a sports fan, so I don't ever cheer for a home team. Election time is the only time I get to root for my guy or gal. I'm sure many have had enough of the political ads including the parents of my 3-year old grand nephew, Cameron, who've had to listen to this little guy repeat "I approve this message" over and over. And, of course, those, when polled, who answer "no opinion," can stick their heads back in the sand.

With just a few days left, lots can happen between now and Election Day but I thought I'd take this time to look back over the past few months and come up with my list of the ten least favorite moments of this campaign season.

#10 The nomination of Tea-Party candidate, Christine O'Donnell, for Senate in Delaware was not one of the high points as far as I'm concerned. I was hesitant to include her in my list because I really like her and I'm sure she would vote exactly the way I would. Unfortunately, with so many things hanging in the balance right now, it was imperative the GOP select a candidate who could actually win the seat. I don't like RINOs like Michael Castle but, in his case, I think I would've made an exception for the sake of gaining a majority in the Senate and hoped for the best.

#9 Of course, the numbers aren't in yet, but from all the polls it looks like another mid-term low youth voter turnout. It's mind-boggling that every person who can vote doesn't. I see President Obama on John Stewart's comedy show and hosting a "town hall meeting" on MTV trying to rally his base to vote. Why would anyone have to be "rallied" to go out

and vote to keep these clowns in Congress? Those who support the President's far-left agenda should know Republicans/Tea Party Movement/ Conservatives are energized to vote and stop Obama in his tracks.

#8 I don't like Joy Behar, a regular on "The View." Period. I don't think she's funny and, as I've said numerous times, I would rather set myself on fire than watch an entire episode of the show. I'm used to her vulgar rants, but her latest about Republican Sharron Angle, running for Harry Reid's Senate seat in Nevada, goes beyond the pale. One of Ms. Angle's recent ads addresses Harry Reid's voting record to give illegal aliens Social Security benefits, tax breaks and college tuition. Not only does Behar think Ms. Angle is a racist and is "going to hell," but she called her a "bitch" not once but twice on The View. By the way, Ms. Angle reportedly had a banner day of fundraising, the day of Behar's rant, raising \$137,000.

#7 Just this week, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a portion of Proposition 200, passed by the Arizona electorate, which required proof of citizenship in order to register to vote. The attorney for the plaintiffs was elated and said, "This will enable the many poor people in Arizona who lack driver's licenses and birth certificates to register to vote." Fortunately, the deadline to register this year has passed, but this looks like an open door to give voting rights to illegal aliens unless further action is taken.

#6 Left-wing sugar daddy, billionaire George Soros, donated \$1 million this week to support California's initiative to legalize marijuana. His op-ed piece in the Wall Street Journal explains his position. I'm against legalizing marijuana, but I'll save that for another day. Right now, Californians can expect to see lots of ads in the coming days in favor of Proposition 19, thanks to Mr. Soros.

#5 Just in time for Election Day, liberal attorney Gloria Allred has exploited Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman's former housekeeper, Nicky Diaz, by parading her in front of every news outlet available and getting her to read a written statement (obviously written by Allred or her staff) about how horrible and abusive it was to be employed by Ms. Whitman for nine years. Turns out Ms. Whitman was duped into believing Nicky was legally in this country when she hired her through an employment agency. I wonder how many other people would think being paid \$23 per hour was horrible and abusive? Someone in Jerry Brown's camp calling Ms. Whitman a "whore" ranks along side Allred's shameless behavior.

#4 In my opinion, Alan Grayson, Florida's Democratic Representative is probably one of the most despicable characters on Capitol Hill at the moment. Over the years, he's made numerous vile statements but his attack ad against his opponent, Daniel Webster, is just disgraceful. He likens Mr. Webster to the Taliban and uses his Biblical quotes about women completely out of context.

#3 My state of Washington is one of the few states in the country which has no income tax and we should be proud of that fact. Well, not according to some, like the elder Bill Gates, Sr., for example, who supports Proposition 1098 to enact a state income tax. Supporters claim it will affect only individuals making \$200,000 or couples making \$400,000 and that it will fund education. If it passes, those who think it will only apply to the "rich" will learn in two years Olympia can include them.

#2 Duane Hammond, union member, hired to build a stage for President Obama at a campaign stop for Barbara Boxer, was first told to remove his hat and then told to either go home or turn his shirt inside out because he was honoring our military. That's right, because his hat and shirt bore the name, "USS George H.W. Bush," the name of an aircraft carrier

on which his son serves! So, for being a patriot and proud father, he was told to go home by his liberal union supervisor. Is there no end to the left's intolerance?

#1 And in the top spot are President Obama's comments during an interview with Eddie "Piolin" Sotelo, Spanish-language Univision radio personality. Here's what he had to say when questioned about immigration reform and encouraging "Latinos" – not all Americans, by the way – to vote:

"And if Latinos sit out the election instead of saying, we're gonna punish our enemies and we're gonna reward our friends who stand with us on issues that are important to us, if they don't see that kind of upsurge in voting in this election, then I think it's gonna be harder and that's why I think it's so important that people focus on voting on November 2."

So, Mr. Obama, in other words, anyone who doesn't agree with you on an issue is your enemy, is that right? I guess you really didn't mean it when, as the keynote speaker at the 2004 DNC Convention, you said, "there is not a liberal America and a conservative America – there is the United States of America. There is not a Black America and a White America and Latino America and Asian America – there's the United States of America." I didn't believe you then, and, from what I see these days, you didn't believe it either.

Whether you enjoy election time, can't wait until it's over or just don't care, get out and vote!