



Meet Tom

Speeches and Writings

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I'm simply troubled, and maybe you are too, by this recent influx of hyphenated conservatives. Neo-conservatives over here. Paleo-conservatives over there. Compassionate conservatives out in the hallway, and the latest nonsense - commonsense conservatives.

Now I am glad to see that at least today-- March 2 2007 -everybody running for the top office is some kind of conservative.

But for those of us who have been unhyphenated conservatives since before Al Gore invented the Internet, I find the spectacle mildly amusing.

What I want to know is, since when is conservatism, by itself, not enough? When, exactly, has it helped our party - either in policy or politics - to qualify our commitment to limited government, the rule of law, a strong national defense, and traditional values?

As best as I can tell, every effort to hyphenate conservatism has led to both policy and electoral catastrophe.

"Kinder, gentler" conservatism gave us the largest tax increase in our history and President Bill Clinton.

"Compassionate" conservatism has given us No Child Left Behind, Medicare prescription drugs, open-borders, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

This is not a coincidence. Throughout the last three decades, a simple, if inconvenient, truth has emerged: when conservatives run on principle, we win, and when we run from principle, we lose.

For years, conservatives have been warned by political professionals of the costs of standing too strongly on principle. Today, ladies and gentlemen, we're paying the price for not standing on principle at all.

This is why this curious fetish for hyphenated conservatism is so troublesome. Implicit in it is an admission of - and an apology for - some inhumanity inherent to the ideals of John Adams, Margaret Thatcher, and Ronald Reagan.

The only adjective I will agree to have applied to me is an unapologetic conservative. I am not sorry we won the cold war; I am not sorry that we reduced tax rates and created economic opportunities for millions; I am not sorry that we reformed welfare and put millions of people to work,

...and I will never apologize for America, the last best hope for Western civilization. Let's face it no one flees the United States for a better life in say Pakistan.

Genuine conservatism has nothing to apologize for, and nothing to lose by making itself heard in this campaign.

Conservatism has won before, and will win again, but only when we decide once and for all to discard these meaningless qualifiers!

Conservatism doesn't need an adjective! It needs a leader!

...a leader that opposes abortions-- not because Iowa caucus go-ers oppose abortion--but because they know even animals don't deliberately kill their unborn.



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...a leader that believes in a strong national defense because our enemies are psychopaths, and our allies are the French!

...a leader that believes in enforcing our immigration laws because the first part of "illegal immigrant" is ILLEGAL! ---and who understands there is nothing compassionate about giving amnesty to millions of people who have broken into our country.

My compassion goes to those who have spent years in line waiting to do it the right way and those who are waiting in the queue.

But we should not be surprised by the rush to the right or the host of new conservative converts during a Republican presidential primary. ...It's just that conversions are supposed to be made on the road to Damascus, not Des Moines.

There are ways to determine true believers. For instance, if some candidate tells you they are for immigration reform - test them----ask if they'll agree that massive immigration combined with the cult of multi-culturalism is creating in America a linguistic and cultural Tower of Babel.

Or I guess you can just ask them if they agree that Miami is becoming a third world country.

Ask if they will join me in condemning the Bank of America for aiding and abetting illegal immigration and help me obtain a pardon for the border agents...

I guarantee you not a single other top tier presidential candidate will do it or acknowledge what millions know is happening in their communities every single day

They'll start using answers with phrases like "comprehensive solution," when they are talking about immigration and mean amnesty; and "I am personally pro-life," when they mean "hey it's the women's body after all--she should be able to do what she wants with the one that's inside her." If these phrases sound like they're written by political handlers its because they are.

They are designed to shield politicians from their principles, not to reveal truth but to obscure it, to leave conservatives wondering what politicians really believe and intend to do.

It is from such phrases, from the hacks who write them to the politicians who utter them, that our political process, our party, and our movement must be rescued.

If you want to call me a single-issue candidate, that's fine, just so long as you know that my single issue is the survival and success of the conservative movement.

Exploratory committee long shot

If you are like me you are hoping for a nominee in 2008, who is the real deal - someone you can actually vote for. Someone to be excited about. Someone to get the juices flowing. Someone you can truly believe in.

Maybe it's the case that in a world where presidential campaigns expect to raise \$1 million a week and ramp up national organizations more than a year before the first vote is even cast, a small band of patriots can't make the difference it once could.

But I don't believe that.

And in a world at war with the very survival of Western civilization at risk, with the Supreme Court potentially one death or retirement away from reversing Roe v Wade, with the Baby Boom's budget-busting retirement looming, and with Bill and Clinton already measuring the drapes in the White House, conservatives cannot afford to sit this one out.

We're not supposed to be just another interest group, acting coy, sizing up potential suitors, and holding out for the best deal our leaders can cut.

The conservative movement is not supposed to choose a candidate; it's supposed to produce one.

That's why I am here today. To give voice to every conservative in this country unheard and unrepresented by the current slate of candidates. To sound those first principles of our movement - freedom, security, and dignity -- as exclamation points in a campaign full of hyphens and question marks. To remind our party of the principles upon which all our past victories have been won, and to win on them again.

So I ask you, to charge into the breach with as many of our countrymen as will follow, armed only with the power of our ideas and the humble courage that comes in knowing that the good fight is always worth fighting.

Thank you very much. May God bless you all. And may God bless America.



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