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# When I say the word POLITICIAN

by Mayor Mark Korin



When I say the word **politician**, what comes to mind? We elect people to represent us through our government, to stand up for the values, direction, and philosophy of the majority of the people who elected them into office. Do you ever think about what skills are necessary and what a candidate will bring to run a city, a county, or state government operation? Are they capable; and yes I mean mentally, to make decisions in the federal government representing the people, all of the people? How often do you hear, "she's a nice person" or "he's a great guy" or "he or she is someone that cares." Sounds great, but I believe that's why our country is in the shape it's in. Would you invest in a multi-million dollar company that just hired a new president to bring ideas and operational skills to grow it into the next century, but their only experience is as a snack bar attendant at a local drive-in?

Those of you who know me, know I frequently say **"we are not subjects of the government; they work for us!"** The dilemma to that phrase is that the majority of government operations are operating in self-preservation, job defending,

increased spending and increased legislation modes. They have gone to a level of being self-aware (**Terminator movie reference**), and "it" has stopped serving, and is now dictating or delegating what its needs are, and you must certainly comply.

We constantly hear "this

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is the way we've operated for years" or "government doesn't run like a business" and the best one, "you just don't understand the way things work in government." **Oh, but yes I do!** It's important to understand one thing: government must operate efficiently, with the right number of staff, to assure citizens get the best value for the needed taxation without government creep and over regulation. The

one thing I left out is leadership. They must have a strong skillset from the private sector and serve the residents selflessly. This should also include bringing their knowledge and expertise, to use their wisdom to set the path for the operation and staff to carry out the duties effectively. Somehow, a number of government operations act autonomous regardless of what the leadership (the people) want their direction to be, and sets up whatever the bureaucracy in the government thinks is best for the people. Are the politicians asking for your support full of fluffy, artificial nonsense that on the surface looks good? Do they then

pretend to say what you want to hear, but do not have the skills to even run a romper-room, let alone any leadership position in ANY level of government?

Look, after reading up to this point, the bigger government and dependent types are rolling their eyes, foaming at the mouth, fuming and getting mad, but they know deep down its all true. This country was founded on a representative leadership

of its people. How much better would this country be if good people who wanted to give back through a leadership role were allowed to do so without the opposite team slandering, misdirecting, and out-and-out lying to get the citizens that pay little attention, to vote for the "other guy." I find it utterly disgusting when I hear a politician say "whatever it takes" to get the required 51% to win. It's pathetic! Does power corrupt to a point where the opposition counts on the populous' inattentiveness, and only pay attention that moment when they put a ballot in the box?

It's sad to think of the large number of campaigns with high profile innuendos, mistruths, made up stories (remember the word "crafting"?), and

simple or past indiscretions from twenty plus years twisted and made out to be a life style from Satan. Anyone see grandma at the bottom of the cliff lately? It's no wonder why most people have just given up and choose not to put their livelihood and families through the mud to run a campaign.

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into sheep and become inactive and say "what difference does it make, nothing will change anyways." It's all part of the grand socialist plan, to control by increased voter non-involvement. The socialists and takers are worried that if real problem solvers,

the people that care about this country and our freedoms, will use their knowledge to dig into the depths of the government systems, exposing how far we've drifted from a government for the people, to a government that dictates to the people, they would rise up. There's an old saying that comes to mind; **"If you aren't willing to fight for what you believe, don't cry about what you've lost."** My name is Mark Korin and I approve this message. Will you?