The Montana Delegation to D.C. - Who Will Decide?

..." Important that we elect the next generation of <u>rising star</u> Republicans"... [1]

At this season in Montana politics, there are serious questions that need to be considered concerning who is influencing our election for the U.S. House, the Senate, and beyond. This has been especially problematic **recently in primaries**.

We often chuckle at the old line "Politics is a Blood Sport" kind of inferring that anything goes and it's to be expected. However, Christians will be held—ultimately—to a higher standard. And, the danger is that we get so far down the rabbit hole of our own stories that we lose track of reality—of what TRUTH was in the beginning. I fear that truth has been distorted if not forgotten by some of our leaders.

Political Position and money usually translate into political influence – especially for the voters who are less engaged and depend upon sound bites instead of research. Unfortunately, this group is a large voting block who are easily swayed.

Each of us evaluate candidates and make our decision. The question is, how much influence are the powerful having in these Montana primaries?

In a letter to his colleagues (and others) **State Senator Daniel Zolnikov**, Billings brought to light some key considerations. I believe **his brief letter is worth your consideration** here. Obviously, Sen. Zolnikov was speaking out of concern for current issues in primaries. He wrote: (Emphases added)

Sun, Jan 28, 2024 at 11:25 AM Daniel Zolnikov

It is crucial that both our local Central Committees and our State Party **show** leadership by not getting involved in primaries. It doesn't matter if it is a US Senate race or an election for a precinct person.

Decentralization and individualism are the foundation of the Republican party's, (and our nation's) principles. We are but human and power is corrupting, especially when centralized.

Having power requires the responsibility of knowing when to use it, as well as when to not use it. From our elections to our rights, we should **trust in**

the people enough to return as much power back to the individual as possible.

Montana does not need to become a state where a **small few decide our fate** for us. This is truly the **antithesis of being a Republican**.

Allowing the state party to show a bias in this race would set a very danger precedent for all Montana Republican organizations and would lead to the hypocritical pretense of "do as I say, not as I do". [Here I would speculate Daniel was referring to a choice of keynote speaker for the Winter Kickoff, now changed.]

In summary, keep it clean and keep the party out of the primaries. Let the people choose. The party can unify behind the winner after the fact.

Thank you.

Daniel Zolnikov

Relative to the Winter Kickoff speaker Don "K" had selected, Senator Barry Usher of Billings called the speaker a *political hack employed by Sheehy*.

Interestingly, Ms. Pam Purinton, Chair of the Yellowstone County Republican Committee wrote:

Daniel, Thank you for addressing this issue as Yellowstone County Central Committee and YC Republican Women share your thoughts. **We have this as part of our local by-laws** and adhere to it even to the point of **not posting any campaign literature** or fundraising efforts. Thank you for your leadership,

I will not presume to know who Daniel is speaking of, he does not name names. However, from my research over the last several years, I will - to expose how these powerful, elected officials have violated exactly what Danial stated and Pam reinforced.

I will not hide my disappointment for the office holders I will name. I want you to see a developing pattern in Montana Politics – in the party of 'old Honest Abe':

• **First with regard to the current Senat**e race which appears to be between now Congressman Matthew Rosendale and Tim Sheehy.

• **Second**, we will briefly revisit the **same issue** with the **same players** with regard to the 2022 Congressional race in the west. This was a Primary between Dr. Albert Olszewski and now Congressman Ryan Zinke.

Current Senate Race, Players, and issues:

It all started with Senate Minority Leader **Mitch McConnell** and Mt. Senator **Steve Daine**s as *they* looked to choose the Montana Senate candidate. This scheme apparently began early in 2022 as we will reference in a minute.

But stop and think! This is only 8 years after Tim Sheehy exited the military - as a junior grade officer – a man who still had **no political experience** and had **done nothing** in the Republican party. Doesn't that make you **wonder just a bit?** They chose for all of us a very wealthy former Navy Seal with zero political experience.

Let's stop a moment as I point you to my opening [1] above. In a recent campaign letter from Tim Sheehy there was *enclosed*, a **separate letter from Steve Daines** where he says "we must select the next generation of <u>rising star Republicans</u>." Again, this he says about Tim who has done NOTHING in the Republican party. But Joe Sixpack Republican doesn't realize that.

I also have four, full-color, 8 ½ x 11 flyers from Tim (yes, I save this STUFF, it becomes useful in writing about politicians) – all paid for by *More Jobs, Less Government* – that is one person, **Sen. Steve Daines' PAC**

Ah, but one of those flyers has another name and picture on it – **Governor Greg Gianforte**. So, what has our governor done in this race? According to the Helena Independent Record Feb. 2nd, Matt Rosendale was targeted by a dark money group called *Montana Policy Action* which recently bought \$182,000 in ads in TV stations around Montana saying Rosendale "sabotaged" an effort to secure the U.S. border. This is a complete lie and they know it. Conveniently, this dark money group is **not required to disclose its contributions** to the Federal Elections Commission. However, the article gets us a little bit closer to the truth. It says "The group's custodian as noted in filings required for running political ads is Dan Duffey, who at one point was part of being the **political director** for thengubernatorial candidate **Greg Gianforte**." Now, what did the Montan Free Press on Feb. 7th say as they talked about Duffey being arrested. The article says "Neither Duffey nor his attorney could be reached for comment by publication

time. Montana Policy Action is registered to GOP political consultant Jake Eaton, according to federal tax records." Eaton told Montana Free Press Wednesday that Duffey is no longer with the group as of his arrest. Jake Eaton was Greg Gianforte's campaign manager and is no fan of Rosendale. So, you put the pieces together in terms of WHO the \$182K came from.

You see, very early, **McConnell, McCarthy, Daines, Gianforte, and Ryan Zinke** all endorsed Tim Sheehy as Daines boldly stated we need to run Millionaires for Senate who can finance their own campaigns.

Keep in mind what Zolnikov said about endorsing in primaries. But for the rich and powerful, there are different rules. Do these politicians even care about the voice of the people?

There is one other player in this scheme, and it's our wonderful, wealthy, Montana Republican Chair, **Mr. Don "K" Kaltschmidst**. But if I write about him, this will become a book. It's enough to say that Don was a huge supporter of Ryan Zinke against Dr. Albert Olszewski as he is a huge supporter of Tim Sheehy. **Got that? The Chair of the Montana Republican Party choosing winners and losers in primaries?**

Before I leave this first section on the Senate Race, I want you to be exposed to a conversation between **Steve Bannon** in his War Room and Congressman **Matt Rosendale** recently. **You will have to decide who to trust** because I can almost assure you that the players mentioned above, and some in prominent Media, will deny, deny, deny.

Here is the <u>LINK</u> - you can listen to this ten minutes for yourself starting at 3 minutes. I will summarize a few key points. This is very **hard language exposing our setting Republican U.S. Senator**:

- If you're paying attention, you already know that Kari Lake in Arizona was offered millions to get out of the Senate race.
- Rosendale says "They have done essentially the same thing to me, but they
 wizened up and instead of sending someone to my office, to offer monetary
 consideration to get out of the race, Steve Daines himself told me to tone it
 down in November of 2022... "you can not be running for Senate and be
 making the problems that you are in the House of Representatives."

- Rosendale said, "Steve, this is what the American people expect us to do, to fight for them."
- Daines said, "Matt, I've got Billionaires that are going to spend a lot of money against you, what am I supposed to tell them?" Matt answered, "tell them to save their money for the General election because I am going to win the Primary in Montana." Matt said they will spend their money on a Democrat because they don't care because they are part of the Uni-Party."
- Steve Bannon said Daines and McConnell were part of the cabal (conspiracy) that kept Kevin McCarthy around.
- They had selected their candidate (Sheehy) six months before the conversation mentioned above in **November 2022**.
- They had already started cleaning up Sheehy's webpage of DEI
 Proclamation (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) ... the ESG Proclamations
 (Economic, Social, & Governance) his support for Climate Change, and all
 the language about "we need to have American troops in Ukraine" from
 his website.
- See more about Sheehy on Climate, DEI, and ESG <u>HERE</u> pages 11-12. If you read this entire document, you will realize how deep this issue is.
- Then in the spring of 2023, they went to someone close to Matt, a third party, and asked, what is it going to take for you to stay out of this Senate race? By then this Establishment group had already coalesced around Sheehy. This is VERY similar to what they did to Kari Lake and what you will see later that this group did in the 2022 Western Congressional primary.
- Rosendale added, "once you deny them don't walk in lock step then they start going after your contributors." Little wonder that the Media is reporting that, at this moment, Rosedale's giving numbers are low.
- Steve Bannon then repeats how Steve Daines is an enemy of Trump and America First.

I also want to mention the "<u>Newly uncovered video</u> showing Congressman Matt Rosendale opposing deporting illegal immigrants and endorsing mass amnesty for them." (See Appendix below for full note) Note that this comes from *More Jobs* Less Government – again – this is one person, Senator Steve Daines. But as always, the **Devil**, and I do mean Devil, is in the **details**. First, note that this was said in **2018** in a Montana Senate debate. But what was the context? Here is the fuller quote. Note it was related to DACA Policy:

"I don't think it's feasible to say we're going to deport all of the illegal immigrants that are here," Rosendale said, adding that "he believes minors who were brought here without consent should be given "a path with which they can become citizens."

Ah yes, this Senator, bastion of **integrity**, failed to mention the date and more important that **Matt was speaking of minors** who were brought here without their consent. NOTE in the appendix, the four little dots.... this is where the Daines staffers left out the part in RED above. Think they knew what they were doing?

THINK ABOUT THIS! Daines apparently has staff members dedicated to digging up dirt on Republican opponents! If this would not make you question ANYTHING you see from Steve Daines (More Jobs, Less Government) I don't know what it will take?

If you want more on who the real Tim Sheehy and his supporters are, there is much more about them here. And about his answers (or refusal to answer) about Climate, DEI, and ESG here.

Second, the 2022 Republican Congressional Primary in Western Montana – Same song different verse:

The same players - Steve Daines, Greg Gianforte, Don "K", and former speaker of the House Keven McCarthy were all involved at various levels in **this Primary** – either by endorsements or financially or both. You can find lots more <u>here</u>

I am going to speak first of **things I can prove** and then of things I have discovered and you will have to decide who you believe.

A little background, let's pick it up on <u>page 12</u> I say Senator Daines is not only the leader of the powerful National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) to help elect Republicans, he has had his finger on the scales before and does again. As we have seen, he picked Sheehy for you:

<u>Daines and Mitch McConnell</u> have teamed up to support an establishment guy that will walk in lock step with them. This time to elect another Navy Seal to D.C. who will do the Establishment's biddings. Steve Daines has

made it clear that he is looking for rich candidates that can support their own candidacy, as <u>Politico exposes</u>.

On page 13 you will see the details of how **Daines supported Ryan Zinke for Congress** in spite of credible questions about Ryan's residency, his voting record in the Montana Senate, his being in scandals and being forced to resign from the Trump's Cabinet and much more. You have to ask, **why** was Daines ALL-IN on a candidate who – any true conservative would question?

Why? Two Reasons! First, Zinke would toe the Establishment line. Second because the **alternative was unacceptable** - another veteran, a true conservative who would *not* toe the Establishments line – Dr. Albert Olszewski!

A damming point of Truth: Let's just look at <u>just one</u> data point. At the above reference you can find how **Steve Daine's PAC**, *More Jobs, Less Government* spent over \$5,223.77 to OPPOSE Olszewski in the **just the last three days** before the Primary on **targeted TEXT messages and phone** calls to voters in Western Montana. If you actually read this, you will see this is not my opinion, it is a proven Fact. \$5K will buy a lot of noise! In the end, Zinke beat Olszewski by 1,674 votes or 00.0196%.

What I can't prove, but have good reason to believe: There were 5 candidates in the primary. One lady Pastor - reported to be a friend of the Gianforte's – got 8,915 votes. This was over 5 times the margin between Zinke and Olszewski. Was this part of this cabal's design? Much more could be said!

This I do know. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and the D.C. Establishment got very nervous just before this primary when it appeared Olszewski might win. Some of Kevin's worker bees traveled to NW Montana to visit with Dr. Albert. Suffice it to say that this delegation got nowhere with their intimidation, but they did pull out all the stops for Zinke.

Finally, my bottom line is **we are seeing the same kind of manipulation** in this Senate primary **to stifle Matt Rosendale** - the only man in D.C. from Montana who is actually conservative.

Will we the people decide this Primary or will it be manipulated – again – by the elite establishment?

Will they stop this manipulation **out of respect for** *we the people* or will they continue? **If their history** is any indicator, you know the answer!

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See also Appendix below: scroll down





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