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MORE ABOUT ACORN - THIS TOPIC NEVER ENDS

A valued reader of DCBULL sent us the following comments:

READER COMMENT:

"Perhaps because the minority vote is finally being heard,"

I re-read your article and I have an issue with the above statement in that, why haven't these people come out to vote before? They would have equally been heard in previous years. Would they have come out to vote last year if the Candidate was not Obama? The answer is no, yet, its these same people who are clueless about politics, and still are, that were coerced by Acorn to show up and be counted.

Your defense of Acorn makes me wonder exactly what kind of problem solver you really are.

REPLY:

Thank you for your candid comments as to my position on Acorn and about me, the Chief Problem Solver. Let me try and better articulate my position, and please note that it is not so much that I favor ACORN, rather I have growing concern that after 35 years in the public eye, elected officials are only now using ACORN as a smoke screen to divert our attention away from far more pressing matters facing Americans.

I still get puzzled and do not understand why we Americans don't get the fact that most of the time, "Christians vote for Christians" - "Jews vote for Jews" - "Blacks vote for Blacks", etc, etc, etc. - after all who understands the needs and concerns of a specific group, more than members of that group. In recent years, those walls of singular voting by class or religion are slowly coming down. This is because the voices of all people are starting to unify on the issues that really matter to our long-term survival as a democracy.

Your question as to "why haven't these people come out to vote before?" By these people, I assume you mean the minority voter? And by minority voter, I assume you refer to the black voter? Whether you are for ACORN or against, the facts are that they have made it a priority to impact elections for over 30 years now, and not only with regard to the Obama election. They helped create a loud roar during the Clinton Campaign and in each successive election thereafter. Let us for a moment take into account that ACORN first entered electoral politics in 1972 in a "Save The City" campaign in Arkansas. Less than two years later ACORN was joined by a group of International Ladies' Garment Workers Union members to promote the interest and needs of low- and moderate-income citizens. It was here that ACORN made a splash in defending the voice of those not heard.

ACORN is not the new kid on the block, nor did they win the White House for Barack Obama. Those of us who have done serious digging and research on this matter have come to this conclusion; even if we believe the very worst about ACORN and their alleged voter fraud, the small number of voters that have been suggested would have had NO impact on the final outcome of the election.

In my earlier article, I do not note the allegations thus far unproven about ACORN, I chose instead to highlight those issues where ACORN has made a visible difference, which has made America a better place for all people, including the minority class.

The larger question is, what is wrong with any organization taking to the streets to get out the vote. I mean is this not what the abortion activists have done, and the Coalition for Traditional Values - who damn every man, woman and child that does not hold to their ideology to further their position by soliciting previously unheard voters. And we certainly cannot forget the days when women were new voters in a world where they previously had no voice in the political process. In the early days of women voting, other groups of female advocates took to the streets to call on their ladies to make them heard. It took over 20 years before the female vote took wings because of the fear of rocking the boat, or feeling as if they would not make a difference.

I see the efforts of ACORN as no different. Unless those of us privileged white people can walk a mile in the shoes of a race that was largely overlooked and shut down for most of the last 50 years, it is impossible to understand why it has taken the likes of ACORN to finally get people to feel they could be heard.

My final position reverts back to my previous article about ACORN. I am not cheering for ACORN - nor booing ACORN, I am suggesting that they have in fact done some serious good for America. ACORN is not a perfect organization; they are no different than our Senate, Congress, or our Financial Institutions. They all have internal problems as well. I suggest our elected leaders focus on the more important issues facing America today, like health care, bank reform, term limits, international affairs and unemployment. Contrary to the many media reports and talking heads on television, we are nowhere near the end of the tunnel with regard to our financial collapse. Unemployment will continue to be a major issue - and it is important to note that any figures we see about unemployment going down are misleading. These numbers do not reflect the growing number of executives and career workers who are taking menial jobs to pay for the basics. The new jobs available or being created are band-aids in a collapsing marketplace.

ACORN - right or wrong, is not the leader of the pack in the woe's of America, nor should they be used as a political scapegoat while the nation is dying. If reorganization or a complete overhaul is called for within ACORN, than so be it.

In the meantime, it is time for ALL people to stand up and count - and be heard.

I have said it before, and I will say it again - leave Acorn alone and fix something that matters and get down to America's business.

MY MAIN OBSERVATION

ACORN GETS FORMALLY SCREWED AS TO SUPPOSED ETHICS VIOLATIONS

MAYBE WE CAN GIVE \$750 BILLION FOR BEING BAD LIKE THE BANKING AND INVESTMENT INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House voted Thursday to deny all federal funds for ACORN in a GOP-led strike against the scandal-tainted community organizing group that comes just three days after the Senate took similar action. "ACORN has violated serious federal laws, and today the House voted to ensure that taxpayer dollars would no longer be used to fund this corrupt organization," said second-ranked House Republican Eric Cantor of Virginia.

The vote, on a provision attached to a student aid bill, was 345-75, with Democrats supplying all the "no" votes.

On Monday the Senate voted 83-7 to deny housing and community grant funding to ACORN, which stands for the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now.

DOUCHEBAG IS DEFINED AS?

Noun

Singular
douchebag

douchebag (*plural* douchebags)

1. (US, slang) A jerk; a mean or rude person.
That douchebag ruined my shrimp cocktail.
Why doesn't that guy get a job? He's a regular douchebag.

2. (US, slang) An idiot, a dim-witted person.



God Help Us

Bless Mommy & Daddy - Bless The Designated Hitter - Oh Yeah, And Bless The Idiots In Washington DC - Amen

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