

**Republican Perspective**  
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**Another Election Day**

*“Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.”*

*P. J. O’Rourke*

Another election day passed yesterday with largely local issues facing the electorate. This will not be the case next November as we will elect a President plus representatives in the House and Senate.

In 1965, the California State Republican Party chairman Gaylord B. Parkinson issued his “11th Commandment,” which said, “Thou shalt not speak ill of any Republican.” That was 50 years ago and the 11th Commandment seems to have gone by the wayside.

Regardless of your political persuasion, one important factor that should enter into your decision making is trust. Can you trust your candidate or party to advance promised objectives. A case in point is Congressman Paul Ryan. In July 2012, Mr. Ryan told the listeners to a conservative talk radio show, that 85% of Obamacare could be repealed through the budget reconciliation process. It is through this same process that the law was passed by only Democrats with lies and back room deals.

Congressman Ryan went on to say that repeal would never occur while Democrat Harry Reid was leader of the Senate. Republicans would need to win the Senate and maintain majority status in the House. Ryan explained that under the 1974 Budget Act, fiscal impacts (taxing & spending) are part of the budget reconciliation process. He said the Republican plan was to pass repeal through the House and then on to the Senate where it would take 50 + 1 for approval.

Well, what happened to this plan? In a rebuke of Obama’s policies, voters delivered a Republican Senate, ousted Reid and maintained a Republican majority in the House. Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell told his Kentucky constituents that he would lead the fight against Obamacare. He now argues that he cannot make any positive change to this legislation since Obama will veto it and only the election of a Republican president will effect real change. Memo to Mitch, gutting 85% is not a bad start.

Trust is an intangible. Politicians will say most anything to get elected and to that end, MIT Professor, Jonathan Gruber is correct: “call it the stupidity of the American voters.” During the next year we should evaluate the candidates closely as to whether or not they will govern towards promised objectives. Will a Republican candidate’s policies stimulate a slow-growth economy; will they address bureaucratic regulation; will they address the huge Medicare entitlement or continue to place it on the backs of our

children; will they address the powder-kegs in the Middle East and the South China Sea; will they promote federal government spending reductions and border security?

We can “trust” with certainty the policies of the Democratic candidate. We can trust that the government leviathan will continue to grow with its iron fist infringing upon our freedoms and liberty. We can trust that environmental extremism will cause the loss of decent paying union jobs. We will hear climate change will doom us all unless we eliminate fossil fuels and lower our standard of living. We can trust that thousands of birds will be killed either by wind turbines or fried by solar thermal towers. We can trust that taxes or fees will be raised under the ruse of “investments.” We can trust that crony capitalism will create another round of millionaires. We can trust that Obamacare will continue to punish families and impact Medicare. We can trust that the IRS will be used to silence conservatives. We can trust that the Chinese and Russians will continue to steal our secrets through computer espionage and threaten our long-term national security. We can trust that Iran will advance to nuclear statehood. We can trust that individual success and wealth obtained from hard work will be viewed with disdain. We can trust that private computer servers will be used to conduct official government business. These are just a few issues that one can only “hope” will “change.”