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**Winds of Disenchantment**

*"To compel a man to furnish funds for the propagation of ideas he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical." Thomas Jefferson*

I was having a beer with a long time Democrat friend, when he said that he was most disappointed with Hillary and that he just might sit this election out. This came as a true shock as my friend has been a staunch Democrat.

What might be the cause of his obvious disenchantment? Are you upset with her "re-set" with Russia and Putin, I asked? He chuckled and said that Putin had gotten the better end of that button. Putin annexed Crimea from the Ukraine and now is massing troops along the 1400 mile Ukrainian border. Eastern Europe is now threatened and NATO yawns.

Was it Hillary's handling of Benghazi? He shrugged it off by saying Bush didn't have a plan for Iraq without Saddam, so why should we expect Obama/Clinton to have one after taking out Gaddafi? But what about the murder of four Americans including our Ambassador? How about telling the lie to surviving families that it was instigated by an internet video unfavorable towards the Prophet Muhammad? Yeah that was bad he replied, but we needed to get Obama re-elected.

OK, it must be the fact that she had several personal email servers and conducted the country's most classified secrets without even Norton security software. She had her lawyers trash 30,000 emails and then forensically wipe her computer clean. The FBI Director admitted under oath that she lied to Congress and the public. C'mon he said. She's a Clinton and you surely don't expect any semblance of the truth. Remember she made \$100,000 on a \$1,000 cattle futures investment.

Is it the fact that she was able to get her closest aides to be both employees of the State Department and the Clinton Foundation? Is it because foreign governments paid Bill outrageous amounts for speeches in order to gain access to American interests? No big deal he offered. It's just at a higher level of how we Democrats have done business in most major U.S. cities. Look at how we operate in Chicago.

Then why might you sit this election out? My friend proceeded to say that as a man that has voted Democrat all his life, the party had left him behind. They are offering all this free stuff to young kids who have not had to work for a living. They are cutting Medicare and making it more difficult for me to keep my Doctor. My Doctor told me he is not taking anymore Medicare patients because of all the government paperwork regulations.

What they are doing to Seniors isn't right, he continued. Look at the interest banks pay on my savings accounts. I use to be able to pay some bills from the interest I earned. Now they want me to buy stocks to get a dividend. There is no security in stocks. The market could go down and I don't have the time to wait for it to go back up. I'm glad I have a pension from an oil company but they even want to shut them down. All Obama did was bail out Wall St. and ditch Main St.

This Socialist Bernie conned a bunch of people, he offered. What did he do when he lost and went back to Vermont? He goes and buys a \$600,000 beach house after bemoaning income inequality! How many other Socialists have beach homes on Lake Champlain?

My friend summed up our conversation by saying that the modern Democratic Party no longer cares about blue collar workers. Steel workers, mine workers, and construction workers have all been thrown under the bus. He said the Party is now run by extreme environmentalists and high-tech geeks that want the sun and wind to keep us cool and warm. Look at all the construction jobs Obama killed by not building that oil pipeline.

We finished our beer and I suggested he think about voting for Trump. He said he just might because Trump wants to return manufacturing jobs, secure our borders and strengthen our military. "Make America Great Again," sounds good he offered.