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Perry should rethink his third-term bid

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For Rick Perry to even suggest that he will run again for governor means he must think he could win.

This, in turn, must mean that he believes we Texans are either dimwitted or have very short memories.

I sincerely hope that voters will remember the extravagant junkets he has taken, including to Spain -- home of Cintra.

I hope we all remember that he is the main force behind the Trans-Texas Corridor fiasco. Because most of us are opposed to the corridor, last year our Legislature passed a two-year moratorium on it, so that impact, etc., could be studied. Governor Perry vetoed that bill.

Most of all, I hope we all remember that Governor Perry is the one who also vetoed the bill that would have prevented our homesteads and land from being condemned and taken for use in developments, such as the Trans-Texas Corridor.

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Comments

Posted by **Abilene_Libertarian** on April 30, 2008 at 6:25 a.m. ([Suggest removal](#))

The good news is that Perry has apparently been passed over by John McCain as a running mate.

Posted by **bab98a** on April 30, 2008 at 9:34 a.m. ([Suggest removal](#))

Kinky for Gov.! Couldn't hurt.....

Posted by **Shootstir** on April 30, 2008 at 1:14 p.m. ([Suggest removal](#))

He lost my support- a lifetime Republican- when he instituted government mandated injections for teens. No debate, no discussion...just a stroke of his pen to the horror of parents everywhere.

What a colossal disappointment...

Posted by **junebug** on April 30, 2008 at 3:49 p.m. ([Suggest removal](#))

Perry isn't a Republican, Shootstir. Just because he has an (R) behind his name, doesn't mean he's a Republican. He changed parties pursuant to advice he received from Karl Rove back in 1989. Rove told him it would make him "more electable." Membership in a political club doesn't mean anything except that the person is a member of the club. Oftentimes, it's for political expediency. That's why voting for that letter in the parentheses is not the best idea for selecting an elected official.

Posted by **wild_bill** on April 30, 2008 at 7:54 p.m. ([Suggest removal](#))

The only reason he's ever been elected was his opponents were always worse than him... the voters thought. Some times I wonder if we would have been worse off or not.

Posted by **reaganite** on April 30, 2008 at 8:26 p.m. ([Suggest removal](#))

junebug

"He changed parties pursuant to advice he received from Karl Rove back in 1989. Rove told him it would make him "more electable." "

is there anything you people won't try to distort into a Karl Rove "plot"?

I guess Rove made Lieberman leave as well?
Reagan?

Posted by **whatif** on May 1, 2008 at 12:33 p.m. (**Suggest removal**)

For most of his career prior to his employment at the White House, Rove was a political consultant almost exclusively for Republican candidates. Rove's election campaign clients have included George W. Bush (2000 and 2004 presidential elections, 1994 and 1998 Texas gubernatorial elections), Senator John Ashcroft (1994 U.S. Senate election), Bill Clements (1986 Texas gubernatorial election), Senator John Cornyn (2001 U.S. Senate election), Governor Rick Perry (1990 Texas Agriculture Commission election), and Phil Gramm (1982 U.S. House and 1984 U.S. Senate elections).

Posted by **whatif** on May 1, 2008 at 1:04 p.m. (**Suggest removal**)

When "pendulum" Joe Lieberman lost the Connecticut Democratic primary in August to upstart multimillionaire Ned Lamont, Rove phoned Lieberman expressing his support for Lieberman's Independent run, post primary. Lieberman is widely described as George W. Bush's favorite Democratic Senator. This is true, not just due to his support for Bush's Iraq war and other policies, but because Lieberman's zig-zag reputation undermines the Democrats solidarity in the Senate.

When Rove signaled support, the business lobbies poured even more money in to Lieberman's \$17 million campaign. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce endorsed Lieberman (one of only two Democratic Senators receiving its taint), and put about \$160,000 into his campaign and caused other similarly anti-worker, anti-consumer and anti-environmental business lobbies to send him checks.

Earlier, Rove laid his own trap inadvertently when, believing that Lieberman was going to sail through his nomination fight and the November election, prevailed upon the state Republican Party not to seek a strong nominee and signaled that they should not expect any financial help for their nominal nominee from the many Republican political coffers in Washington, D.C.

Compliantly, the state Republicans tossed the nomination to a former mayor of Derby, Connecticut, Alan Schlesinger-truly a nominal candidate-and let him know that he was on his own-no money, no staff. After reports about his gambling debts and continuing gambling addiction, Schlesinger promptly measured 3% in the polls (He ended up with only 10% on Election Day).

Suddenly Lieberman, having lost the primary, is in political trouble. Does Rove give himself another chance for a three way race and press the Connecticut Republicans to find Mr. Schlesinger a nice new career and replace him with some distinguished candidate who could possibly win a three way race against two Democrats? No, he does not. Instead he sticks with Lieberman, who wins the election, and gives the Democrats their 51st seat and control of the Senate and Karl Rove's judicial nominations.

A 50-50 split between the Republicans and the Democrats would have been a tie broken by Vice President Dick Cheney and the Republicans would have continued to control the Senate.

It is remarkable how absent was this commentary on Rove's very serious blunder in the Washington press corps' post-election commentary. Rove jauntily went to his White House job telling reporters the election wasn't that big of a win for the Democrats. Mr. Rove, they only

took control of the House and Senate.

Posted by **oldtowncoldspring** on May 13, 2008 at 5:41 a.m. (**Suggest removal**)

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Perry is obsessed with the so called Trans-Texas Corridor which would destroy the lives of thousands of Texans by taking their farms, ranches, and even the graves of their ancestors in order to export hundreds of millions of our citizens' dollars to foreign investors.

Because I do not want any Texas family to have to endure the pain and suffering that we have had to endure at the hands of corrupt Texas State Agencies, including the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the State Office of Administrative Hearings, among others, I have decided to run for the office of Governor of the State of Texas.

We, as citizens of our great State cannot afford four additional years of Rick Perry's obsession with selling Texas to foreign powers. I will not run as either a Republican or a Democrat, as I believe that both parties have become infested with "political whores" who sell out to the highest corporate or other special interest bidder. We need to take Texas back for Texans and not for the profits of multi-national corporations or foreign investors.

I will be running as an independent. I will refuse to take even one cent in corporate money and if I decide to take any campaign contributions at all, I will not take more than \$100.00 from any citizen of our great State and will return any donation from foreigners or special interest groups unless their interest is in the welfare of all Texans.

As governor, I would work feverishly toward election reform to disallow the wholesale purchase of politicians by the millionaires and billionaires. The days of the mega-powerful contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars in order to own a politician in our great State should soon be over once and for all.

We need serious reform in our educational and penal system. We need to protect our farmers, ranchers, and other property owners from their lands being confiscated to line the pockets of foreign and other special interests. We need to protect the beauty of our State from rampant butchery from outside exploiters and we need to insure that every citizen of Texas has access to the best medical care in the world.

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