

A Political Question and My Reply

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Recently, someone asked me a direct question: Am I Republican? Given the content of some of the emails I send to various persons, including the person who asked me the question, I thought that was a fair question to ask me. However, before I answer that question, I want to preface my reply with a brief comment on how I feel about political parties. I abhor political parties. Their presence, which is not mandated by the United States Constitution, distorts our political system in a way that is toxic to the public. Regrettably, I know of no viable scheme that could replace political parties with something better. Totalitarianism was tried and was a colossal failure and monarchies are obsolete. So, by default, that leaves us with our current partisan-driven system. The best we can do is try to limit the damage caused by partisan politics so that it does not destroy the nation.

Now to my answer: Officially I am an independent. However, I support and vote Republican. I vote Republican not because I am enamored with or have sentimental feelings for the Republican Party, but because I am completely fed up with the Democratic Party which supports and promotes policies that I not only completely reject but pose a direct threat to the survival of the nation. Those policies include, but are not limited to, defunding police departments, denigrating

law enforcement, demeaning and demonizing people, and even inciting hatred, based solely on the basis of race (which is outright racism), promoting policies that favor mediocrity over merit, impugning the character of the United States and the American people, revising history to promote a political agenda, supporting programs that erode middle class values, promoting ideological rigidity and intellectual intolerance, providing political cover for organizations that promote political violence, and providing political cover for anti-Semites. Because of these policies, the Democratic Party is practically forcing me to vote Republican. Frankly, I can't understand how anybody who favors law and order, public safety, low taxes, tolerance, unity and inclusivity can vote Democrat, but that is one of those mysteries that may never be solved.

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