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The Ethos, Bathos and Pathos of One Person, One Vote

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The Democratic Party held a roughly 70 year grip on power in American politics, and now have lost it. They no longer command the majority vote in the nation. The result, in this election of 2004, has been a politics so vicious that it threatens the democratic process by which we elect the representatives who enact the laws that govern our republic.

The legitimacy of our elected government depends entirely on the principle of one person, one vote. There are two sides to this issue. Each citizen who is old enough has the right to one vote. No such citizen has the right to more than one vote.

Finally, there are those who have no right at all to vote. Those with no right to vote include citizens not of age, non-citizens, and in most states, felons.

The class of non-voters also ought to include those with medical maladies that reduce their intellectual processes to the point that a guardian is appointed for them, or they have been made a ward of the state. For example, it is a clear immorality, and an abuse of the one person, one vote principle, when a person in essence votes for a citizen disabled by Alzheimers Disease. Considering the incidence of such patients nationwide (who number in the millions), this could be a considerable abuse that can tip close elections.

The other abuse, and clearly the larger one, is the attempt to vote the legally ineligible. The glaring abuse is the attempt to vote aliens; i.e., non-citizens. What an irony that this attempt is predominantly made by the party that one would think would be most devoted to democratic principles; that is to say, the Democrats.

Yet, if it is bad to deny one eligible citizen their right to vote, it is equally bad to allow one ineligible

citizen to cast a vote. The process must equally avoid either sin. To such a sunken state of morality has this nation come, that we see evidence of some people actively engaged in subverting the voting system by enabling the ineligible to vote.

The Democrats do it by arguing that voting is so precious that all restraints must be cast aside so that no barrier exists to impede the eligible citizen from casting their vote. Let them vote without registration. Let them vote at any polling place they choose. Let them vote with the flimsiest of identification, or none at all. Let them vote while showing no responsibility at all to help in the civil or political process of voting.

When such removal of all restraints clearly opens the door to cheating (e.g., to one person casting multiple votes or to ineligible people voting), then there is only one safe conclusion about those who propound it. They intend to make it possible to cheat.

Yet, those same propounders who say that voters have no responsibilities are fond of saying that with freedom comes responsibility. If the latter is true, then there is no more fundamental area in which to insist upon the exercise of responsibility than that of voting. No one should vote who does not take defined, responsible actions that prove their eligibility to vote.

In order to avoid the political sin of ineligible voting, the system must have enough restraints in place to prevent ineligible voting. Thus, the system must put upon voters themselves those responsibilities needed to surmount such voting restraints. That need to safeguard the system transcends partisan politics.

The United States of America is today a nation in crisis. Regrettably, the most serious crisis is within. It is a cancer at the core of our body politic that condones duplicitous actions to subvert the basis of our republican and democratic processes. A major source of that cancer seems clear. It is in the processes by which we educate our youth and our adults. There are some signs of efforts that will cure it.

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