



## Coming Clean In Mississippi

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It's been six weeks since State Senator Chris McDaniel lost the Mississippi Primary to Senator Thad Cochran in a race that has brought nothing but disgrace on the Republican Party. As credible allegations have emerged of Republican operatives laundering money to run race-baiting attacks against McDaniel and dark clouds of doubt still hang over the once-trusted name of Barbour, Republican leaders remain silent. The RNC has no response.

That's not quite true, for Senators McCain, McConnell and Wicker all thought it quite clever to solicit black democratic voters with worse than insulting race-baiting, fear-mongering ads. And they said so publicly. It was "outreach" they claimed.

We should not be surprised by such betrayal, but we are. We heard it when Senator Mitch McConnell boasted he would "crush" the Tea Party. While showing weak and feckless opposition to a destructive and dangerous president, Senator McConnell turned his ire, not on the source of America's destruction, but on its citizens: Citizens who believe America should not spend herself out of existence...citizens who hold allegiance to the Constitution...citizens who still believe the election process should be fair and honest. If Mitch McConnell and others in the so-called "establishment" of the GOP have any real passion, it is to "crush" citizens who still actually want to preserve the nation.

While incredulously, McConnell and the others want to join the Left in destroying the honorable name and goals of a thoroughly American movement known as the Tea Party, it should be duly noted that millions of conservatives are not directly affiliated. While it is convenient to dismiss a group successfully sullied by print media and network TV, any thought of dismissing ordinary American citizens who will not stand by and watch the nation co-opted by petty, powerful men who, for their own interests seem willing to preside over its decline, is a foolish enterprise.

We call on Senator Thad Cochran to ask for a full investigation of the thousands of illegally cast votes alleged by the McDaniel Campaign. We call on all Mississippi County Clerks to cooperate with an examination of the rest of the ballots including absentee. We call on Reince Priebus, Haley Barbour, Mitch McConnell, John Boehner and other Republican leaders to insist on an open examination of the evidence. We gave American lives to obtain free and fair elections in Iraq and Afghanistan. Do we value them less in our own country?

The consequences of not demanding such are profound. Republican leaders will have been guilty of thoroughly corrupting the American election process...and thinking it amusing. The millions of American voters which we represent will lose hope in our system. And they will stay home. How can we trust that more of the same won't occur in upcoming primaries?

And who will vote for Republican candidates who have stolen and lied their way to victory in the general election?

History will not speak kindly of men who during a time of national crisis thought only of themselves and their power. Much is made these days of "justice." But justice is simply the passion to see the "right" prevail.

We urge the leaders of the Republican Party, the RNC, the NRSC and all involved to come clean in Mississippi. Let the process proceed to decide the true winner of the June 24th Primary. Cleanse the party now for we have no hope at all for this nation if the party of Lincoln cannot reclaim its honor in a simple election in Mississippi.

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