



Ditch Obama, Romney for Ron Paul, aka Dr. No

Washington Post columnist Dana Milbank takes the cake, followed by the Republican National Executive Committee and its presumptive presidential nominee, Mitt Romney.

As Jon Stewart pointed out, the national media have treated Ron Paul like 13th-floor politics. When the country needs more debate about policy, foreign and monetary, our media has blacked out his campaign this year, just like they did in 2008.

The zingers of "crazy old uncle" or "lunatic" are applied to him with total disrespect for someone as accomplished as Ron Paul -- 24 years in Congress, doctor, economist and the only veteran to speak out against military imperialism, as well as the illegal printing and loaning of money to the world. In Congress, Paul is referred to as Dr. No. Why? Because he reads the laws and strictly adheres to the U.S. Constitution.

Now the Ron Paul campaign has the majority of delegates in Nevada, Maine, Minnesota, Louisiana and Iowa. He may have the majority in Massachusetts and Colorado. This makes him eligible to be nominated.

In Massachusetts, the RNC took out the Ron Paul delegates who won when they were required to pledge support to Mitt. In Maine, the GOP didn't count his votes. They shut down conventions early in other states, harassed delegates, changed meeting places, and more.

Few may contend that he didn't get the popular vote but, when the candidate is blatantly ignored by the media that influences the voter, that is when delegates who are elected or apportioned by votes can and should defend liberty by voting for the best candidate.

If the Republicans -- and this applies to the Democrats -- can't follow the rules, maybe they should become political-action committees.

I hope, when our Pennsylvania-elected delegates are in Florida for the Republican National Convention, they side with Maine, Nevada, Washington State, Iowa and join with all the other Ron Paul delegates and deny Mitt's backroom deal.

If Ron Paul doesn't get the nomination, I will write him in come November as a statement of no confidence in the system.

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