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## Rebuttal: Conservatism cost Simon

by Mark Herrick  
State President, CRL

Shawn Steel, Chairman of the California Republican Party recently authored an analysis of the 2002 general election. He said, "The usual suspects in media and the Republican Party are resuscitat-

ing an equally false notion that Simon lost because he was too conservative for California." As one of the "usual suspects", I am required to reply.

### Simon v. Davis

Bill Simon was given the gift of a lifetime. He ran against a Governor with

microscopic approval ratings. Davis was ethically challenged in the same sense that rocks are intellectually challenged. His performance as a leader through the energy crisis and the budget crisis leaves one to wonder how anyone could lose to him.

Simon had a number of problems. He

certainly didn't have access to the kind of money that Davis did (of course, he didn't have state government to sell). He was a rookie and made rookie mistakes. But his biggest problem was the pro-life albatross hanging about his neck. Shawn Steel thinks Simon was helped

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Republican candidate Bill Simon with wife following his defeat to incumbent Gray Davis (Associated Press).

## Dems sweep

California Democrats were one step closer on Tuesday in securing a sweep of the statewide offices in over a century. Final returns, subject to absentee ballots, left the state Republican Party's last hope of avoiding a shut-out in the race for state controller. The lone Republican statewide officeholder, Secretary of State Bill Jones, has to give up his seat because of term limits.

The major California newspapers

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## Abortion aborts GOP chances in California

By Mark Herrick  
State President, CRL

Denial is a scary human trait. Human beings can rationalize almost any justification to deny reality. It happens all the time with battered wives, who believe that their husbands will change, or if they just change their own behavior, then maybe their husbands will stop beating them.

The social conservative wing of the California Republican Party is going through the same sort of denial process. Believing that the Republicans' huge losses in California have nothing to do with the CRP's stance on abortion. But as the evidence against them mounts,

the far right practices mental gymnastics to assert that the pro-life stance is not

hurting the party and its candidates.

You would think that Bill Simon's loss to Gray Davis would put an end to the debate. Or George Bush's 1.3 million-vote loss in California. Or Dan Lungren's loss to Gray Davis. Or Bob Dole's loss to Bill

Clinton. You would hope that after all this evidence the social conservatives would finally accept the fact that the pro-life position is destroying our chances of winning. But denial is a powerful thing.

The social conservatives will still argue that their candidates have a better

chance in the general election than do the moderate candidates. They generally use four arguments to support their reasoning:

First they say that moderates do not *distinguish themselves* enough from the Democrats to convince the independents and Democrats to vote for them. This is not a misprint. The right wing actually believes this.

In other words, the right wing argues that many Democratic and independent voters do **not** want to vote for the Democrats, but because the moderate candidates do not distinguish themselves enough from the Democrat candidates, people stick with the candidates they

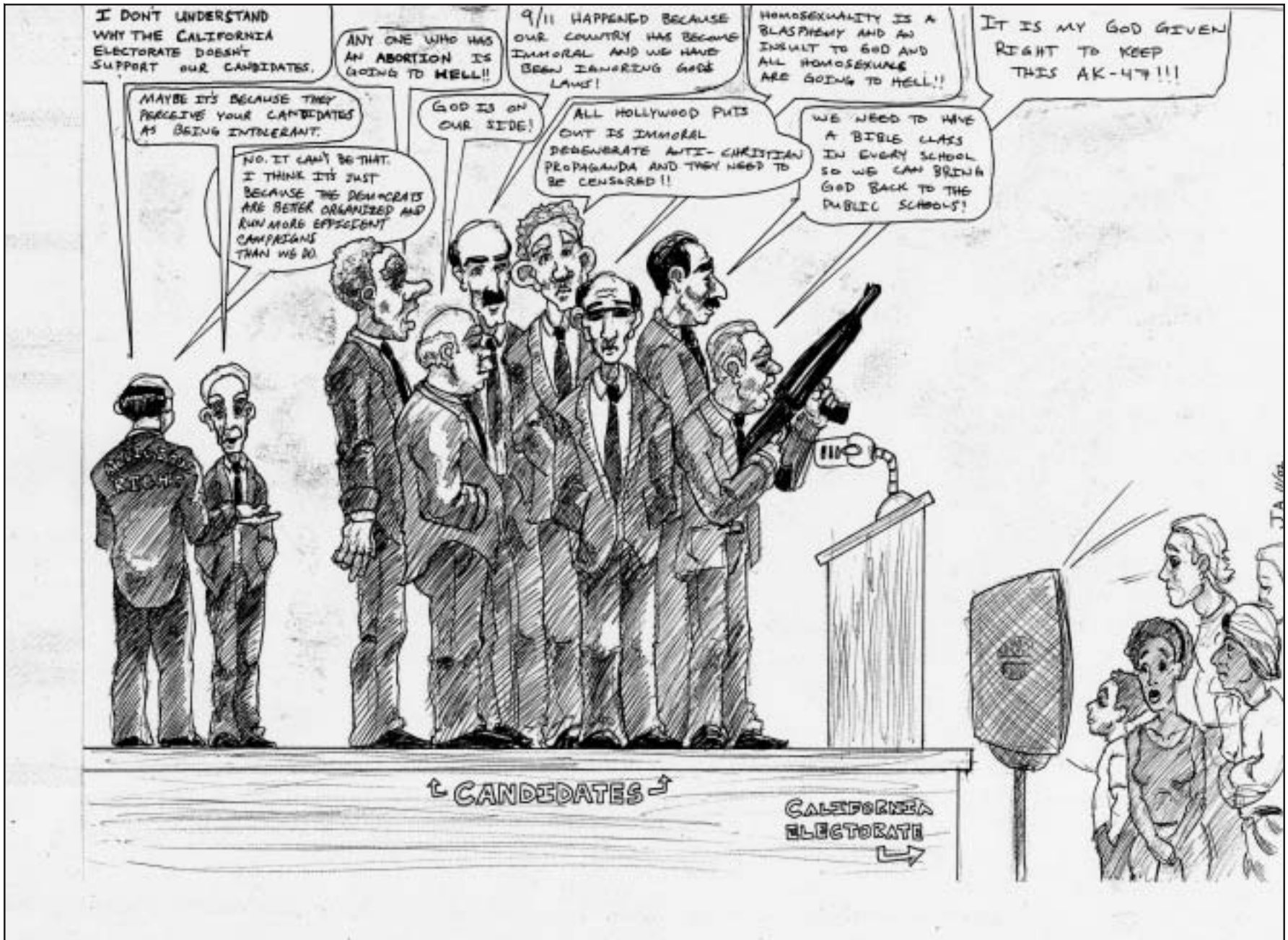
really do not like.

This position is not reasonable because it assumes Democratic voters and independent voters really do not care about issues. Has anyone really ever known someone to say that they don't like the Democratic nominee, they actually prefer the Republican nominee, but since the Republican nominee did not distinguish himself or herself enough they are going to stick with the Democratic nominee? In other words, if a candidate agrees with them on five issues and another candidate agrees with them on thirteen, they will still vote for

**"Social conservatives (should) accept that the pro-life position is destroying our chances of winning."**

**-Mark Herrick**

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## President's Message

Obviously, this was not a happy election for Californian Republicans. The past eight years in California has seen one of the most dramatic declines for a state party in U.S. history. The elections of 1996, 1998, 2000 and 2002 have all been disasters for California Republicans.



Mark Herrick

In 1994, in California, we controlled the Assembly, the Governor's office and were looking to take control of the Senate. Today we have become an irrelevant minority. California is well on its way to becoming a one party state. Why has our party become so distasteful to the California electorate? Is it just because the Democrats play politics better? Is it because they organize better, run better campaigns, spin their message better etc.? Our dramatic decline cannot be solely attributed to our lack of organization. We are clearly putting out an image and positions on issues that the average Californian finds abhorrent. That is the only way to explain why the electorate keeps sending our opponents to Sacramento.

In this election we had the golden opportunity. The

budget grew by forty percent in the past year, amid record budget deficits; there were power outages through out the state and education diminished. And the Democrats had no place to transfer the blame. They controlled the Assembly, the Governors Office and the Senate. But even with their monumental screw up, the California voters refused to turn to us. Even when the governor planted a "For Sale" sign for state government, people were not buying what we have to sell. And if we do not come up with something soon that interests the voters our party is going to go the way of the Dodo bird.

It is no mystery to most of you that we at the California Republican League have a theory on what is going wrong and how to fix it. Some will disagree with what we have to say, but I don't think anyone can disagree that we need to change something and we need to start talking about it now. We need to start this conversation immediately. We hope that even if you disagree with us, that everyone that reads this newsletter will start getting involved in this dialogue about changing the party. We have no time to waste.

As my contribution to the dialogue I have written four articles (and a brochure) for this newsletter.

1. "Mr. President, Choose the Moral Choice: Remove Saddam Hussein by Any Means Necessary."
2. "The Economic Pro-Growth Task Force" (or "of all

economic systems, Capitalism brings the most benefits to the most people).

3. "Is Abortion Aborting Republican Chances for Victory in California?"
4. "Less Abortions, Not More Laws"
5. "World Economic Organizations Benefit Everyone."

I hope these articles provide you with a different perspective that you may not have considered. If you have any insightful comments (pro or con) please send them to [president@republicanleague.org](mailto:president@republicanleague.org). I would love to hear from you.

I have been President of the CRL for little more than one year, and it has been a wonderful experience. I want to thank all the volunteers that have helped make this organization grow so dramatically. We now have thousands of members, a full time staff, and chapters throughout the state. I see nothing but good things ahead for this organization. Thanks again for the support and I look forward to seeing you at the next CRL event.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Herrick,  
State President, CRL

## Executive Director's Message

by Catherine Brinkman  
Executive Director, CRL

As the Executive Director I am pleased to announce the first publication of the California Republican League Newsletter. Every moderate Republican is yet

again shaking their head, but there is no rest for the weary. It is now that moderates need to begin to plan for 2004. Earlier in the year it was apparent that moderate Republicans were looking for a place to become active and they found what they were looking for in the California Republican League. New chapters

are springing up around the state, old chapters are being rekindled, the student division has more than doubled the amount of colleges that are involved, and there are two new divisions that are been created in the last four months: the CRL Pro-Choice Caucus and the Economic Growth Task Force. CRL is growing

quickly. Over the next few months I invite all moderate republicans to join the California Republican League and help organize the state so what happened on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2002 will not happen in 2004. With your effort and support moderate republicans can win California in 2004!



# Less abortions, not more laws

by Mark Herrick  
State President, CRL

The Pro-Life/Pro-Choice issue is really not so much about abortion but is about the wording of the law. Pro-life people want to make abortion illegal. They believe that this is the best way to reduce abortions. I find this ironic because conservatives in general understand making laws is often times not the best way to stop something. The perfect example is prohibition. If the public wants to keep doing something, they are going to do it no matter how many laws are passed.

I think that if you make abortion illegal, women are still going to have abortions. You may reduce the number of abortions somewhat, but you will dramatically increase the number of women who die because of botched abortions.

If you doubt this assertion, just look at the statistics. In the United States before *Roe v. Wade* 1.2 million women every year obtained illegal abortions and over 5,000 died annually because of botched abortions.

I too want to reduce abortions but I do not think that passing a law is the best way to go about it. We need to look at the root causes of abortion. Abortions occur because women get pregnant who do not want to be pregnant. So logically the best way to reduce abortions is by reducing the amount of unwanted pregnancies.

The problem is that many of the people who want to reduce abortions are pushing policies that I think are increasing the number of unwanted pregnancies, and therefore, abortions.

The best way to avoid an unwanted pregnancy is for a woman to avoid sex until she is ready to have a baby. This is the only sure way to avoid getting pregnant. However, to expect every woman in this country to wait to have sex until she wants to have a child is completely unrealistic. There is no way you are going to stop all teenagers from having sex (let alone older single people in the community). In the fifties, when abortion was illegal and getting pregnant out of wedlock was a complete social stigma, there was still a significant amount of premarital sex.

In Saudi Arabia single men and women are never even allowed to meet. In addition, women can be executed for engaging in premarital sex. Even with the executions and the ban on fraternization, there are still a great many teenagers in Saudi Arabia finding ways to have sex. If Saudi Arabia cannot stop their teenagers by separating them all the time and by threatening them with death, how are we going to do it?

In our society today, the entire culture promotes sex. The TV, the Movies, Videos, Advertisements et cetera, constantly encourage people in our community to have sex. In addition, many people believe that premarital sex is not morally wrong, and raise their kids to believe that. Therefore, simply promoting abstinence isn't go-

ing to complete the job.

Many social conservatives argue that we should stop the media from producing this "immoral" onslaught. All I can say to that is good luck. The general trend over the last seventy years has been for the media to become less censored. I don't think you are ever going to be able to turn back the clock. And even if we went back to the media censoring standard used in the forties we would still have a teenage sex issue (like we did in the forties and fifties).

While the social conservatives howl at the moon about media censoring, we need real solutions now. The best way to fight the onslaught hitting our teens is to fight it with more information. That is the first step. Show them the other side of casual sex that the media does not show: emotional pain, venereal diseases, unwanted pregnancies, and sometimes-even death. The second step is to push for abstinence, but acknowledge the fact that some people are still going to have sex. For these people we need to push contraception.

In much of Latin America abortion is illegal and contraception is hard to find. As a result there are millions of abandoned children in Latin America and their teen pregnancy rate is almost triple the United States. In the Philippines, the botched abortion rate soared when the government restricted family planning clinics to natural (rhythm) birth control. Post abortion problems are now among the ten leading

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## UN Rules

In a unanimous decision, following France's recollection of who their friends are, the UN voted on a resolution to force Iraq to satisfy previous mandates or else face consequences that would almost certainly lead to war (Associated Press).

# Free Trade: *Can Bush undo the damage he's done?*

by Tim DeRoche  
Contributing Writer

One of the most encouraging issues of the 2000 presidential campaign was George W. Bush's stated support of free trade. Persuasively, passionately, pointedly—then Gov. Bush made free trade a central element of his campaign.

He took daring stands on specific issues, arguing, for example, that agricultural subsidies should be cut, that "American farmers can compete so long as the playing field is level." Even more importantly, he turned free trade into an issue of national pride:

"The fearful build walls," he said. "The confident demolish them."

But the actions of President Bush have thus far fallen far short of his campaign promises. Given the tragedy of Sept. 11 and the subsequent war on terrorism, it would be understandable if President Bush had merely been distracted from his focus on free trade.

But that hasn't been the case. In the past year and a half, the president has

actively pursued policies in direct contradiction to his campaign rhetoric. Earlier this year, he signed laws providing new subsidies to American farmers, increasing duties on Canadian lumber and raising tariffs on imported steel. And he's continued to support the nonsensical embargo on trade with Cuba.

Given his support of these "walls," the question needs to be asked: Has President Bush become more fearful? Or has he just lost confidence?

### Possible global backlash

Republicans cannot afford these kinds of lapses on the issue of trade. While steel tariffs and farm subsidies may sound to some like minor issues, they have the potential to lead to a major global backlash of protectionism.

That's because the United States is the world leader on this issue. Historically, the Republican Party—with recent help from Bill Clinton—has championed free trade with compelling moral and economic arguments:

\*Consumers deserve the right to purchase the goods that they want, no mat-

ter where they're produced.

\*Tariffs lead to higher prices for consumers, arbitrarily protecting "native" businesses while discriminating against foreigners.

\*Government subsidies, like tariffs, protect certain sectors of a nation's economy from the discipline of the free market, leading to the inefficient allocation of resources and slower economic growth.

\*By allowing developing countries to compete on equal footing with more developed countries (especially in agriculture), free trade is a powerful force in the worldwide war against poverty and hunger.

These arguments need to be heard, since there are powerful forces in virtually every country that would like to see particular industries protected. French farmers, Japanese car companies, and Europe's Airbus consortium—all wish to continue to receive preferential treatment from their governments.

But how can we ask other countries to tear down their trade barriers when we're erecting similar barriers at home? The is-

sue of free trade is mainly a moral one. By abandoning the moral high ground, President Bush has significantly weakened our country's negotiating position.

### Trade Promotion Authority should help

On Aug. 6, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Trade Act of 2002, which had been passed by the House and Senate in late July. The bill grants Trade Promotion Authority to President Bush, making it much easier for trade deals to be approved. The authority gives the president the power to negotiate trade deals with an up and down vote from Congress, freeing the agreements from congressional tinkering.

In effect, TPA offers the President a second chance on the issue of free trade. While much damage has already been done, President Bush may yet be able to demonstrate political leadership on this issue. For example, TPA may help Bush secure a new World Trade Organization pact or to create a free-trade agreement in the Western Hemisphere.

But, due to recent lapses, it's not going to be easy.

# CRL's Political Aptitude Test

*What kind of Republican are you? Find out...*

## Take our quiz and find out where you belong in the California Republican Party:

1. Bill Simon lost the election to Gray Davis primarily because:
  - a. Gray Davis has been a great Governor and deserved re-election.
  - b. Bill Simon ran a disastrous campaign.
  - c. Bill Simon was too closely aligned with right wing politics.
  - d. Not enough Republicans came out to vote.
2. George Bush lost in California to Al Gore in 2000 primarily because:
  - a. Gore was a great Vice President and was a superior candidate.
  - b. George Bush ran a disastrous campaign.
  - c. George Bush was too closely aligned with right wing politics.
  - d. Not enough Republicans came out to vote.
3. Dan Lungren lost to Gray Davis in 1998 primarily because:
  - a. Gray Davis was a superior candidate.
  - b. Dan Lungren ran a disastrous campaign.
  - c. Dan Lungren was too closely aligned with right wing politics.
  - d. Not enough Republicans came out to vote.
4. Bob Dole lost in California to Bill Clinton in 1996 primarily because:
  - a. Bill Clinton was a great President and deserved re-election.
  - b. Bob Dole ran a disastrous campaign.
  - c. Bob Dole was too closely aligned with right wing politics.
  - d. Not enough Republicans came out to vote.
5. Pete Wilson beat Kathleen Brown 1994 primarily because:
  - a. Kathleen Brown ran a disastrous campaign.
  - b. Pete Wilson's campaign team was outstanding.
  - c. Pete Wilson, a pro-choice moderate Republican was the exact mix of fiscal conservatism and social moderation that California wants.
  - d. His election was a complete fluke.
6. California Democrats make up 44% of the electorate and California Republicans make up 35%. This 9-point gap is the smallest since FDR was President. And yet Democrats hold all the constitutional offices, both Senators and huge majorities in both houses of the legislature. The best explanation for this is:
  - a. People don't like political parties and Democrats just run better candidates.
  - b. Unions. The unions are beating us all the time.
  - c. Voters, increasingly dissatisfied with Democrats, cannot accept the right wing of the GOP.
  - d. Not enough Republicans come out to vote.
7. The "Sanctity of Life" plank of the Republican Platform is:
  - a. Perfectly worded and should be sent to every woman in California.
  - b. A good internal document to keep our conservative activists happy.
  - c. A disaster. This plank tells women that they are incapable of making moral choices and that government must do it for them.
  - d. This plank is an important factor in getting Republicans out to vote.
8. In 2000 George Bush lost California by 1.3 million votes. What can the Republican Party do in the next two years to prepare for a George Bush victory in California in 2004?
  - a. Do nothing. Just let it happen.
  - b. Professionalize the party. With more skilled staff, we can make up the 1.3 million votes.
  - c. Remove the abortion plank of the platform. This is the most important thing we can do to reach out to women.
  - d. We must brandish our conservative principles more. Republicans don't vote because we try to be moderates and our voters cannot distinguish between Republicans and Democrats.
9. Regarding the abortion issue:
  - a. No change in our position on abortion is beneficial.
  - b. We should just stop talking about abortion. Lets move on to other issues.
  - c. We are going to continue to lose elections until we accept that women are capable of making their own moral choices.
  - d. No change in our position on abortion is beneficial.
10. My suggestion for the next Republican Convention is:
  - a. Cancel it. They are a waste of time.
  - b. We should have lots of workshops and seminars on better campaign techniques.
  - c. We need a great speaker who will deliver a message of social moderation and fiscal conservatism to attract the 2.3 million "Decline to State" voters.
  - d. We need a great speaker who will deliver a message of strong Christian values, a defense of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and how environmentalists cause cancer to attract the 45,000 supporters of Pat Buchanan.
11. We need to reach out to non-Republicans by:
  - a. Outreach is futile. Forget it.
  - b. We need to create new committees headed by minorities that will show that we care about minorities.
  - c. Minority outreach will be successful when we demonstrate in our platform and our policies that we are not intolerant.
  - d. We can win with angry white males. Just concentrate on getting out the vote.

### Get your score:

**For each answer to (a) subtract 15 points.**

**For each answer to (b) add 5 points.**

**For each answer to (c) add 10 points.**

**For each answer to (d) add 2 points.**

**Less than 0: You are not a Republican. Your name is probably Art Torres.**

**Between 0-25: You are not a Democrat, but you are the Democrat's best friend. We would appreciate it if you could join their party for a while.**

**Between 25-75: You are a good Republican, but we suggest you think big picture.**

**75 and over: You are CRL material. You get it.**

# Mr. President, make the moral choice: remove Saddam

by Mark Herrick  
State President, CRL

Before the U.S. gets involved in a conflict, there is always a strange debate that occurs in the United States. People argue that "war" is immoral which is probably the weakest argument the anti-war protestors have.

The moral question in this situation can best be phrased as: when is it moral for one nation to remove the ruler of another country by force? There are some people who would argue that it is never moral.

People argue that a bad government is the business of that nation's people and we should not get involved. I find this position ridiculous. On a personal level, that would be like saying you should not stop a father from killing his son because that is a personal family problem and therefore you should not get involved. I would argue that if someone sees a father trying to kill his son, the moral thing to do is to do whatever he or she can to intervene.

Many pacifists believe in arresting unjust violence or killing only if one does not involve violence. In other words, it is OK to stop the father only if you do not harm the father. In the international arena this view is known as pacifism.

I would argue that it is immoral not to use violence if that is your only option. If a man is about to shoot his innocent son, and you have a gun, and the only way you can stop the killing is by shooting the man, I believe that the only moral action to take is to shoot the man. If one does not act against the use of violence against another, they are siding against the innocent person and with the perpetrator. By not intervening to stop evil, you are assisting it.

This proactive philosophy is the position taken by our police forces across the country. If a person is threatening a life of an innocent person, armed officers are allowed to use deadly force to stop him. Every police force in the civilized world applies this rule and it would be totally impractical for them not to. If a police force in a jurisdiction were not given the option to use force, criminals would soon control that jurisdiction. The cops would be helpless to stop them. I guess that is a pacifist's idea of Utopia: a place where criminals are in control.

Gandhi argued that non-violence is the only moral stance one can take against a hostile force. He even argued that the Allies should use nonviolence against the Nazis. Using non-violence is effective when facing a person or government with a legitimate moral code or a conscience (like the British Empire) but is naïve when facing a foe with a moral vacuum. Can you imagine Martin Luther King or Gandhi using nonviolence against Hitler, Stalin or Pol Pot? They and their followers would have simply been exterminated. Can you imagine the use of nonviolence to stop the Holocaust?

If every democratic nation followed Gandhi's advice during World War II, Hitler would have been able to finish the Holocaust and conquer the world. European pacifism may have allowed the Holocaust to get as far along as it did. We could have avoided World War II if we

Young Iraqis beneath the propaganda of their president, Saddam Hussein (Associated Press).



had allowed Hitler to conquer the world. But would anybody really wanted to have that kind of peace? Peace by itself should never be a policy goal. Peace without justice can be worse than war. The only type of peace worth having is peace with Justice.

The assistance of evil is why I find pacifism an immoral position to take. Violence is sometimes necessary to stop evil or injustice on both a local and international scale. Sometimes nations need to attack other nations to stop what they are doing to their own citizenry. Even if Hitler had not attacked another country, war against him would have been justified to stop him from oppressing and killing the German Jews.

Does the invading government need to have clean hands to justify invading another county? When Vietnam invaded Cambodia in the late 1970s the communist government in Vietnam may have been a totalitarian dictatorship that abused its own people, but Pol Pot was completely exterminating the entire adult population of Cambodia. Vietnam stopped the Cambodian holocaust from continuing. Three million Cambodians had already been exterminated, without the Vietnamese invasion; three more million would probably have been killed.

When is military action in the international arena justified? It is moral for one nation to remove another nation's government if the government in question is committing systematic and continuous violence against its own citizens. Or another way to look at it would be if the

citizens of a nation would be justified in overthrowing their own government with violence, then any other country would be justified in removing that same government with violence. If the citizens of a nation are justified in violently overthrowing their government, why is it immoral to assist them?

Therefore, the U.S. was perfectly justified in using force to take control of Ger-

many away from the Nazis. Without intervention in another countries internal politics, we would have had to stop at the German border.

Should the U.S. remove every abusive regime in the world? That might be the moral thing to do, but probably not the most practical thing to do. I know that many liberals want China to free Tibet. The only way that China would ever leave Tibet is if it was pushed out by force. But I don't think the U.S. should try and free Tibet with force

because it would be totally impractical. China has a sophisticated army of one million men and nuclear weapons. The cost to the US would be too high.

I think that it would be moral for us to remove Saddam Hussein because he is systematically torturing, oppressing, and killing his own people. The Iraqi people would clearly be better off without him. By leaving Saddam Hussein to torture and kill the Kurds, the Shiites in the south and Sunni political dissidents, we have to take responsibility for not preventing it. If it is practical for us to invade are we not morally obligated to do so? The only real issue is, "Is it really practical for us to remove Saddam Hussein?"

People argue that a U.S. invasion of

Iraq would anger the Arab world. First of all they are already angry with us. Second, most of them want Saddam Hussein gone; they just aren't supporting an invasion in case we don't follow through with it. They don't want to be left holding the bag. Once we get rid of him the only people that will be upset at his demise will be the terrorists. Third, one of the reasons that many people of the Islamic faith are angry with the U.S., is because we have soldiers in Saudi Arabia (near their holy sites: Mecca and Medina). We have our soldiers there because of the threat Saddam Hussein poses to Saudi Arabia. If we remove Saddam, then we can remove our soldiers, thereby removing one of the biggest complaints pious Moslems have against the U.S.

People also argue that the American public is not united behind this war. In order to prosecute a war you need public support. You simply cannot win without it. However, the majority of Americans do support removing Hussein with force. Maybe we should move in while the support is there.

People also say we should hold off because our Allies are against the invasion. Why do we need their support? The U.S. has a larger military force than all our allies combined. It is not like they are going to start a war to stop us, or institute a trade embargo against the largest economy in the world. If the invasion is practical and moral why do we care what Europe thinks?

Right now we have the resources, the public support, and the momentum to successfully rid the world of one of its worst tyrants. Saddam will someday develop an effective weapon of mass destruction. Once he does, the window for invasion will close. We won't be able to invade because of the fear he will use such a weapon against our forces. However, if he does obtain a nuclear weapon he may use it against us anyway. And we would feel stupid that we had the chance to knock him off before he hit one of our military bases or one of our cities with a nuclear weapon.

Invading Iraq is the moral thing to do, the practical thing to do, and the window of opportunity is closing. Let us invade while we still can.

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**-Mark Herrick**

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**Less Abortions**

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reasons for hospitalization among Filipinos.

There are many societies that have highly sexual active teenagers but have low abortion rates. In Norway and Sweden most of their teenagers engage in premarital sex and yet their abortion rates per capita are significantly lower than the United States. So it has definitely been demonstrated that condom availability and education reduces abortions.

Many conservatives are afraid that making birth control available will encourage sex. First of all, in our society, teenagers have all the encouragement they need. Second, you simply make it clear that abstinence is the most effective way to avoid pregnancies and STD's but if you are going to have sex, for the love of God, use a condom (it might save your life).

A study by the John Hopkins School of Medicine found that about 90% of teenagers who appear at family clinics have been sexually active in advance of seeking professional health. This same study found that in schools with out family planning programs, teen pregnancies increased 58%. Conversely schools offering comprehensive family planning programs, backed by nearby contraceptive services, experienced a 38% decrease in student pregnancies.

In the end, if we make condoms available, maybe a few more people will have sex (which I doubt), but just think of the amount of abortions that will be avoided and how many lives we will save.

Sex education is the key. People who believe that their children will not learn about sex if they don't get it from their teachers are very naïve. They are either going to get it from a teacher or from one of their friends. Who do you think is going to dispense the better information?

The abortion rate has decreased in the last few years in the United States. A study just released by the Alan Guttmacher Institute reported that the abortion rate among teenagers in the last few years has decreased by forty percent. However, sexual activity among teenagers has not. So what has happened? One quarter of the teenagers surveyed said they were putting off sex while three quarters said they were using contraception. The use of contraception has increased and therefore abortions have been reduced. The bad news is that the abortion rate while overall has decreased; it has increased among the poor. Why has this happened? Well it seems that Medicaid (healthcare for the poor) has stop providing funds for contraception. In addition, poorer women have less access to health insurance that provides contraception. The result: More abortions.

In this day and age we cannot realistically expect all teenagers to stop having sex. And if we do not make contraceptives available to those that do, we are condemning them to having an unwanted pregnancy or worse, getting an STD that will kill them.

*Commentary*

# GOP ignores people at own peril

by **William B. Lindley**  
Contributing Writer

I joined the California Republican League (CRL) in 1965, shortly after it was founded. These were the days after the 1964 Barry Goldwater defeat, when the GOP was suffering the pangs of impotence. A few of us, concerned about the severe imbalance, joined the California Republican Assembly (CRA) in the hope that we could help the party become a little more sensible, more capable of winning elections.

Instead, the CRA lurched even further to the right – one memorable event was a prayer breakfast, with everybody neatly dressed, in which the speaker practically foamed at the mouth about pornography while showing us “girlie magazines.” Our little gang of moderates knew this wasn't the place for us; we found out about the

newly formed CRL, and they welcomed us with open arms. We got busy and helped then future Governor Pete Wilson, who in 1966 defeated a hard-right candidate in a Republican primary Assembly race.

What concerned us then and should concern us now is the corrupting nature of one-party government. When the opposition party has little chance of winning, the governing party grows ever more arrogant. This was the case for decades in Mexico, and, under President Lyndon B. Johnson, we feared that America was imitating Mexico rather than being a world leader. Even when President Nixon brought the Republicans back to the White House, one-party rule again manifested itself in Congress, whose corruption and arrogance went unchecked until 1994.

Ironically, although the two parties are of roughly equal strength nationally, we face the same situation here in California that we all faced in 1965: a Democratic party that is strong, with a commanding lead in both the Assembly and State Senate and victories Nov. 5 in all top state offices – primarily because the state Republicans have ignored the will of the people. When the opposition party doesn't even care about winning but merely wants to show how noble it is – “I'd rather be right than President” (good for a man, bad for a political party) – we know we're in trouble. I continue to believe that CRL is a better listener and is sorely needed to keep California's political character healthy under a vigorous, cheerfully competitive political process.

## California Republican League's Newest Chapters Formed Autumn 2002

**San Diego County: Jean Roesch**

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## Commentary

# World economic organizations benefit everyone

*Contrary to broad-based criticism, economic organizations benefit those who oppose them*

by Mark Herrick  
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I find the massive demonstrations against world economic organizations bizarre. The people that have most to gain from these organizations are the ones that seem to complain the most about them. People who care deeply about the environment or third world poverty are trying to stop the few institutions that are helping to alleviate the problems of poverty and environmental destruction.

**THE THIRD WORLD:** The poor in the third world have the most to gain from these types of organizations. They allow them access to the markets of the wealthiest economies in the world. When these countries have access to developed country's markets they can sell their goods and products enriching their entire domestic economies. This access creates more jobs, increases the tax base so there is more money for schools hospitals et cetera. Access to developed markets is much more helpful to these economies than foreign aid can ever be. It is the difference between giving these economies fish, or fishing poles with

well-stocked lakes to go along with the poles.

**THE ENVIRONMENT:** Studies have consistently shown that developed countries treat their environments much better than third world countries. In other words, developed economies are much less destructive to their environment than underdeveloped countries. The people in underdeveloped countries are mainly dependant on wood for fuel causing them to destroy all the forests leading to huge erosion problems. They cannot afford to rotate their crops or use other farming techniques so they deplete their soil very quickly. The people in these countries also cannot afford air pollution reducing devices for their cars, making their air much less healthy. Free trade organizations help third world countries grow into first world countries (like Singapore, South Korea and hopefully by 2020 Malaysia) making them kinder to the environment in the long run.

**JOBS IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES:** These free trade treaties may move some low paying unskilled jobs from developed countries to underdeveloped countries, but they more than make up for it by delivering more skilled and high paying jobs to that same developed economy. Our workers are the most productive and skilled in the world, and when we get into these treaties many foreign multinationals bring their best jobs here. Unions do not like these treaties because they only represent people who have jobs, they do not represent the people

that will get the jobs after the treaties are implemented. The US is completely tied to the international economy and our entire standard of living is dependant on the international economy. The freer world trade gets, the more we prosper and the less free trade gets the less we prosper. These treaties increase world trade.

**LOSS OF SOVEREIGNTY:** We do not really lose

our sovereignty when we enter into these treaties because the United States can pull out of these treaties any time we want to (it would destroy our domestic economy, but we could do it). All these treaties really do is strike down laws that interfere with free trade. In other words, these treaties insure that our own government does not interfere with our own economy. When our government tries to raise tariffs increasing domestic prices for the benefit of some special interest group, these treaties strike these laws down. These treaties help ensure that we remain free. What could be more American than that?

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-Mark Herrick

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World Bank



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The three pillars of the world economic system.

**THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND THE WORLD BANK**

**BENEFITS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:** I find it even more baffling that people demonstrate against the IMF. As I pointed out in our CRL Economic Growth Taskforce Brochure (included in this newsletter), economists now agree that there are about 16 policies a government can implement to help grow their domestic economies. Countries that implement these policies (like Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Chile etc) experience incredible growth rates. These growth rates lead to higher employment with higher paying jobs (which reduces poverty), and a higher tax base so the country in question has more tax dollars for health, education, etc. Countries that do not pursue these policies (like Angola, India, Cuba, Burma, Haiti, Pakistan etc) all have poor domestic economies. The people are in poverty and there is no tax base to provide education, healthcare et

cetera.

All the IMF does is give loans to third world countries on the condition that the government in the country in question implements these proven policies (the World Bank gives loans for specific domestic infrastructure improvements like roads, power plants, telephone systems et cetera). The countries are not forced to take the loans. Countries that have taken IMF loans in the past, and followed the IMF rules have all prospered. Ones that ignored the rules have not. Third world governments complain about the loans

because it forces them to act responsibly, and do what is right for their country as opposed to what is monetarily beneficial to themselves and their cronies. The biggest complaints arise when the IMF demands that the country denationalize their industries. These industries almost always run at a loss, which forces

the government to subsidize the government owned company to keep it afloat (draining taxes away from important services like health and education). These industries usually are inefficient, so the government has to protect them with price controls, and other means, raising the cost of consumer goods in the country, which

always hurts the poor the hardest. The problem is that these companies usually employ people that helped get the current government elected so that same government does not want to anger these interests groups by pulling them out of the government trough.

**BENEFITS TO THE UNITED STATES:** Most of these loans are paid back so providing them is not very expensive. The interest paid on the loans that are paid back, almost covers the cost of the loans that are defaulted on. Countries that receive the loans generally prosper and thus become a better market for American goods. In other words, these loans are a cheap way to increase prosperity throughout the world, and increased world prosperity is always beneficial to the United States. These loans are much more effective than foreign aid has ever proven to be.

**WORLD PEACE AND DEMOCRACY:** When countries develop successfully they almost always turn into democracies. When a country's per capita GDP passes \$9,000 they consistently throw out their dictators and hold free elections. Sometimes it happens sooner, but they always go democratic after the \$9,000 mark. Singapore, South Korea, Chile, Indonesia, Spain and Portugal all made the change at or around \$9,000. So development clearly leads to democracy.

Economic development also leads to world peace. Can you name a developed economic democratic country that has ever attacked another similar country? I cannot. Can you imagine Japan attacking France, or Belgium attacking Denmark? Or Sweden attacking Singapore? Or the United States attacking Chile? This would never happen because all these developed countries economies are too intertwined. An attack would interfere with world trade and hurt the economies of both countries.

Plus, educated prosperous people know that there is nothing to gain from attacking another developed democratic capitalist country.

The annual cost to the U.S. of keeping these institutions afloat is about the same cost as a few F-16s. Therefore, for the United States, supporting the IMF is a reasonable and inexpensive way to help ensure our future domestic security.

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Abortion

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the one that agrees with them on only five issues "because the other one did not distinguish themselves enough." This argument assumes that "distinguishing oneself" is more important than issues for Democrats and Independents. That position is clearly not defensible.

What the social conservatives do not want to accept is that independent voters and Democratic voters vote for Democratic candidates because the Democratic candidates take positions that the voters prefer to the Republican candidates' positions. In other words, they usually prefer the Democratic positions on choice and other social issues like separation of church and state. Polls show that the majority of voters in California agree with the Republicans on the majority of issues (crime, national defense, free enterprise etc.) but our positions on the social issues block sufficient voter acceptance.

The second argument social conservatives make is that standing up for principles attracts Demo-

crats and Independents. Even those who disagree with us will respect our resolve. Of course, this again assumes that Democrats and Independents really do not care about issues. Again, think of the position in reverse. Paul Wellstone was a Democrat who honestly believed in all his liberal convictions and stood up for them proudly, but did that make the majority of Republican want to vote for him? Absolutely not. Many Democrats know that Pat Buchanan truly believes what he asserts, but only 45,000 Californians voted for him for President and they weren't Democrats.

The third argument they make is the voters really do not care about "abortion." There are issues that are more important. I think it is true that there are issues the voters consider more important, but almost everyone has a strong position on abortion. When you bring up the issue of abortion most people will either think of killing babies or a scared teenage girl going into a dirty alley getting killed by a botched abortion.

Some social conservatives argue that the majority of California voters are pro-life. But Gray Davis proudly proclaims in all his

commercials and up and down the state that he is pro-choice. Do you really think that Gray Davis would do this if his handlers had not definitely determined that the overwhelming majority of Californians were pro-choice? Gray Davis announces to the world that he is pro-choice because the majority of California voters are pro-choice.

Look at Bill Simon during the last election. He said he was "pro-life" but he then backpedaled by saying he would enforce the laws and not do anything to effect the current situation. He also let it be known his wife is pro-choice. Why didn't he continue with the pro-life rhetoric? Because he knew that most of the voters are pro-choice and his pro-life position was a political liability. Why do all Republicans in swing districts and statewide shy away from their pro-life positions? Because they know that the pro-life position is a handicap. So why do we have candidates that run with this handicap?

The other argument the conservatives make is that on the social issues: "Well, we just won't talk about it". This is a very naïve and unrealistic position to take. It is not up

to us whether or not this issue will be discussed in the campaign. Simon didn't want to talk about abortion, but Gray Davis did. It became an issue.

Who has a better record of winning in swing districts or Democratic majority jurisdictions? Pro-choice Republicans or pro-life Republicans? There are many Pro-Choice Republicans that win in Majority Democratic areas. Michael Bloomberg and Rudy Giuliani in New York City. Governor Pataki in New York State. Former Governor Christine Todd Whitman in New Jersey. In Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Maine the Democrats have huge majorities but all their governors and many of their Senators are Republican. And as you probably guessed, all of these Republicans are Pro-Choice. For the first time in its history, Hawaii just elected a Republican Governor. And what kind of Republican candidate did it take to win in this overwhelming Democratic state: A Pro-Choice Woman. Can you name a strongly pro-life Republican candidate that has recently won in a strong Democratic district?

California is clearly a majority Democratic state.

Our registration is 35 percent Republicans and 44 percent Democrats. So clearly, in statewide races, we need to attract Independent voters and Democrats or we cannot win. Who do we look to: President Bush? Bush lost in California by 1.3 million votes. Lungren lost by 1.6 million. Dole lost by 1.3 million. Bill Simon? We know what happened to him.

In California's Democratic majority districts we have had Pete Wilson, State Senator Bruce McPherson, Assemblyman Jim Cunneen, Mayor Richard Riordan and many more. And of course they are all pro-choice.

When moderates upset a Democrat, the social conservatives think their candidates can win too. When Pro-life Bret Schundler tried to replace Christine Todd Whitman in New Jersey his opponent crushed him. He lost in almost every precinct. In California when pro-life Dan Lungren tried to replace Wilson he got crushed. When Pro-Life Bruce Mitchum tried to replace Brooks Firestone he lost. When is the pro-life faction of the party going to learn that only pro-choice people can win these seats?

Those who argue that all

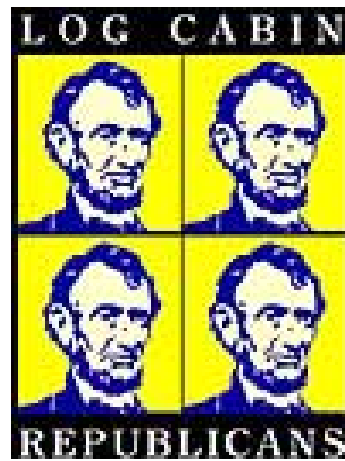
Republican candidates should be pro-life, regardless of the consequences, are condemning the Republican Party to a perpetual minority status in this state. By staying in the minority we are losing the chance to promote all the other issues that the electorate in California agrees with us on: strict standards in education, low taxes, low regulation, being tough on crime etc. California voters may be pro-choice, but they are fiscally conservative. They will vote for our candidates if we just give them ones that are more in line with the philosophy of the average voter in California.

Liberals love it when we run pro-life candidates in swing districts or state wide, because they know these candidates are easier to beat. A perfect example of this is Gray Davis helping Simon get the nomination. If we continue with our dogmatic position on abortion the trial lawyers and the unions that run the Democratic Party will run California. Is that the kind of future we really want for this state?

# CRL Congratulates Shirley Horton...



*For taking the 78th Assembly seat away from the Democrats!*



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scented GOP road kill and described the election as a rout. "DEMS POUND GOP" announces the San Francisco Examiner in a post-election article on November 6 by Seth Hettena (Associated Press). Others were quite vivid in their analyses. Lynda Gledhill and John Wildermuth in "California GOP trying to make sense of Democrats' state sweep" in the San Francisco Chronicle (A5) on Thursday, November 7, wrote: *State Republican officials pondered the shambles left of their party Wednesday after Democrats pulled off one of the most sweeping partisan victories in California history. For the first time ever, Democrats won every statewide constitutional office, from governor down to insurance commissioner. The party picked up a seat in Congress and held on to solid majorities in both houses of the*

*state Legislature. The shocking series of GOP victories elsewhere in the nation, which gave Republicans control of the House and Senate, only highlighted GOP problems in California.*

In fact, the election went so bad for the state Republicans that the Democrats on the national level have turned their attention to California as a blueprint for how to take back Congress and the Presidency in 2004. San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, Sen. Barbara Boxer of California, and Rep. Pete Stark of Fremont were quoted as saying in the San Francisco Chronicle, "the national party should look to California, where Democrats have a lock on all constitutional offices, the Legislature and the congressional delegation, for tips on how to organize and present a clear message." ("Gephardt quits House role", by Edward Epstein and Zachary Coile, (A7), Thursday, November 7, 2002.)

## Election Returns

100.0% (24726 of 24726) precincts reporting as of Nov 7, 2002 at 4:24 pm

**Governor of California**

Gray Davis	Dem	3,163,190	47.4
Bill Simon	Rep	2,833,523	42.4

**Lieutenant Governor**

Cruz M. Bustamante	Dem	3,273,536	49.5
Bruce Mc Pherson	Rep	2,757,860	41.7

**Secretary of State**

Kevin Shelley	Dem	3,003,235	46.3
Keith Olberg	Rep	2,739,599	42.3

**State Controller**

Steve Westly	Dem	2,942,942	45.4
Tom McClintock	Rep	2,918,388	45.0

**State Treasurer**

Philip Angelides	Dem	3,171,543	49.4
Phillip Gregory Conlon	Rep	2,599,018	40.5

**Attorney General**

Bill Lockyer	Dem	3,321,432	51.4
Dick Ackerman	Rep	2,607,106	40.3

**Insurance Commissioner**

John Garamendi	Dem	2,993,507	46.5
Gary Mendoza	Rep	2,676,792	41.6

*Information provided by  
the Secretary of State of  
California website.*

## Steel

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by his pro-life position. But if that was so, why did Simon work so hard to hide it behind his pro-choice wife and the strong pro-choice laws in California? And why did Davis keep pounding the issue against Simon?

Political professionals know that 71% of Californians are pro-choice. They know that a pro-life candidate for statewide office is extremely vulnerable. I don't know that voters care so much about abortion itself, but it is used as a shorthand identifier of right wing and (mostly) religious conservatives. Davis clearly pressed the issue to his advantage and it saved him.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Linda Lingle in Hawaii beat an incumbent governor who was far more popular than Davis to become the first Republican Governor in Hawaii's long Democratic history. She is pro-choice. As in

California, a pro-life candidacy is a non-starter in Hawaii.

**McPherson v. Bustamante**

Mr. Steel states that "Bruce McPherson fits perfectly this theoretical profile of the ideal GOP statewide candidate: Pro-Choice, strong Moderate credentials, fawning press coverage, a comparably well funded campaign and a compelling personal story. Yet he lost to... Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante..." Mr. Steel seems to forget however, that Davis' negative ratings were consistently over 50% and Bustamante's negative ratings were never over 20%. So with Simon losing by 5 points and McPherson losing by 8 points, it is clear that McPherson would have beaten Davis.

**McClintock v. Westly**

At this writing, Tom McClintock could still become the State Controller (we hope so), but he was dealt a far better hand than McPherson. The race was for an open seat against someone without any elective experience. As of Labor Day,

Westly was a complete mystery to 77% of the likely voters.

McClintock had a great message and image to run for controller. Is there a better path to State Controller than as a fiscal conservative? I want the biggest tightwad to be the controller of a company, a non-profit or state government so that spending won't get out of hand. McClintock was the perfect fit for this job, which is why his loss was so tragic.

The office of State Controller has nothing to do with abortion. But Westly knew California is a pro-choice state. His best chance of winning was attacking McClintock as pro-life. Sadly, McClintock would have been a great Controller, but his right-wing position on abortion prevented his election.

**The Future**

Social conservatives just aren't competitive in swing districts or statewide in California. No one knows how many times we need to learn this lesson. The Democrats hope we never learn it.

Bruce McPherson is the perfect Republican candidate for California. He won both an Assembly seat and a State Senate seat that are considered safe Democratic seats. He became an Assembly member in the liberal strong hold of Santa Cruz where the Democratic registration was over 50% and the Republican registration was only 29%. Statewide, Democrats are at 44% and Republicans are at 35%.

If every Republican candidate could win in a district with 29% Republican registration, the Republicans would now control two thirds of both the Assembly and the State Senate.

Our future is in a candidate like Bruce McPherson—an experienced, knowledgeable and articulate Republican who is not swimming upstream with a 100 lbs pro-life weight in his pocket. Until Republican's like my good friend Shawn Steel find a way to lose the weight, we will never win a statewide race in California.

## State Republicans see light in 2006

by Shawn Steel

Chairman, CRP

While the midterm election was a national triumph for the Republican Party, in California it played out as a tragedy. Bill Simon lost the opportunity to defeat one of the most unpopular governors in state history, and the Democrats swept all statewide offices (except in the still too-close-to-call controller's race).

It's important to put the results in perspective. The massive Democratic campaign war chests in California dwarfed those of their Republican opponents. Only the Simon campaign amassed a significant treasury to sustain an effective TV campaign in the final weeks. Consequently, voters were drenched with Democrat ads but just lightly spritzed with Republican spots. Given that disparity, the narrowness of the Democrat margin in most of the statewide partisan races is astonishing. Only Atty. Gen. Bill Lockyer broke 50%. Gov. Gray Davis himself can take cold

comfort from his win. His \$70-million campaign netted him just 47% of the vote — less than he received in 1998 and only five points ahead of Simon. Further, he remains deeply unpopular, a termed-out lame duck who faces a hostile Democratic Legislature and statewide officials with no loyalty to him. Clearly, the Democratic sweep occurred primarily because of the fund-raising advantage, not the fantasy advanced by liberal pundits that California has morphed into a Democratic bastion. It's also worth noting that, despite being massively outspent, Republicans gained a state Senate seat and two Assembly seats, and they may yet pick up a third. The usual suspects in the media and the Republican Party are resuscitating an equally false notion that Simon lost because he was "too conservative" for California. It's a variation on the canard that the Republican Party must move left to be viable in California — a nostrum dispelled by looking at the election results. For example, take the fates of Bruce McPherson and Tom McClintock, the most liberal and most

conservative members, respectively, of the GOP ticket. McPherson perfectly fits the theoretical profile of the ideal GOP statewide candidate: pro-choice, strong moderate credentials, fawning press coverage, a comparably well-funded campaign and a compelling personal story. Yet he lost to gaffe-prone Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante by nine points. In stark contrast, the conservative McClintock, the GOP's nominee for controller, received more votes than any other statewide Republican candidate — and may yet eke out a victory despite having been vastly outspent by the multimillionaire entrepreneur Steve Westly, whose ads attacking McClintock's pro-life stance had little effect. Republicans have reason to be hopeful. The relatively strong showing by GOP candidates will lead President Bush to vigorously contest California, and the surprising GOP gains in Congress are a testament to his campaign prowess. Several U.S. representatives who would make attractive candidates are seriously considering challenging U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer in her bid for a

third term in 2004, and an active Bush campaign would be a huge boost to whoever wins the nomination. Beyond that, 2006 offers the prospect of the governorship and half the constitutional offices opening up because of term limits.

At the same time, Republicans must mount a credible ground game if they are to prevail. While the Democrats deploy an army of thousands of paid workers every election, Republicans respond with just a few platoons. Fielding a comparable force would be very expensive, but the price is well worth the extra three to five points in the polls it would produce.

Four years is a long time in politics. California Democrats were prostrate in 1994 and triumphant in 1998. The pendulum can easily swing back in the GOP's direction, especially with a popular president giving it a push.

# Brochure Section:

In the next six pages, take the time to review the brochures of CRL's various divisions. For more information, take a look at our website at [www.republicanleague.org](http://www.republicanleague.org).

**Pro-Choice**

**Environmentally Conscious**

**Fiscally Conservative**

**california REPUBLICAN LEAGUE**

## California Republican League Brochure

Our Mission

RETURNING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY

**Who We Are:**

The CRL is a permanently chartered Republican volunteer organization, founded in 1984 to assure that the Republican Party represents the views of the majority of California Republicans. We are men and women, old and young, members of all races, creeds, tax brackets, and sexual orientations, who welcome all persons of like mind. Membership is not limited by any bias or prejudice.

We encourage all citizens who want to elect more conservative Republicans to all levels of government throughout California.

To return the California Republican Party to its former glory, we will support all Republican candidates at every level of government throughout California.

To delete all references to abortion from both the California and National Republican Platforms.

**STATUS of the Party**

Control of the California Republican Party is currently in the hands of a group of individuals who do not have the support of grassroots Republicans voters. These individuals represent only the extreme right wing of our party, and therefore, the majority of California Republicans are without a voice in the state party. Control by the far right of the California GOP poses a threat to our party's future. We have been successful in our efforts to elect more conservative candidates and representatives. Their policies, statements, and actions have led to the defeat of Republican representatives at every level of government throughout California. If you agree with our mission statement, we invite you to help us bring our Grand Old Party back to the Republican majority! JOIN THE CRL!

**Yank the Demark**

It is unfortunate that the majority of California Republicans are Pro-Choice, as are the majority of Californians. The State and National Parties' actions in abortion is not only contrary to the views held by a majority of California Republicans, but is proving a liability for Republican candidates in their attempt to win votes from Independents and Democrats. **THEREFORE, WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH OTHER REPUBLICAN GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO DELETE ALL DIRECT AND INDIRECT REFERENCES TO ABORTION IN THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM AND THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PLATFORM. WE SAY, "YANK THE PLANK!"**

**How Can You Help?**

**1 JOIN THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.** Dues are \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. If you want to join us and work for our candidates, but cannot afford the dues, let us know and we will work it out with you. You can join on our website, [www.republicanleague.org](http://www.republicanleague.org), or by filling out the form at the end of this brochure and mailing it in.

**2 GET ACTIVE IN YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER.** Once you have joined you will receive information from your local chapter. If there is none, we will help you start one! as you can help elect the real GOP in your community.

**3 DONATE TO THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.** Money talks. Your donation will help the CRL reach more disenfranchised Republicans, giving them hope by letting them know that they are not alone and that by joining us they can make a difference. You can even donate online with a credit card at [www.republicanleague.org](http://www.republicanleague.org).

**4 ELECT LOCAL MAINSTREAM REPUBLICANS.** Once you have joined CRL, we will help you find out which candidates in your area share our philosophy.

**5 JOIN OUR PAC.** The Committee of 100 (C 100) is the CRL PAC (Political Action Committee) that gives money to mainstream Republican candidates throughout California. Our suggested donation is \$125, which includes membership in the CRL, but feel free to donate any amount you wish. You can also make this donation on our website at [www.republicanleague.org](http://www.republicanleague.org).

**6 BECOME A DELEGATE.** We will allow you to become a delegate to the conventions at the state and national party levels where you can vote to change the platform. Let us help you get involved.

We understand that our goals are ambitious and accomplishing them will not be easy, but we are determined and we are gathering momentum. There ARE other Republicans out there who think like you do. They ARE the CRL. Remember: the old adage, Actions speak louder than Words. Please join us today!

**Become a Member!**

There are four ways you can sign up and become a member:

- 1 Cut out this order form below, fill out the requested information, and send it in with a check payable to the California Republican League.
- 2 Cut out this order form, fill it out, and send it to the address above with your credit card information written on the form in the space provided.
- 3 Fill in the order form with your credit card information written on the form in the space provided. Fax number is: (818) 687-7955.
- 4 Go to our website at [www.republicanleague.org](http://www.republicanleague.org) and sign up there using your credit card. Consensus or progressive email: [progressive@republicanleague.org](mailto:progressive@republicanleague.org) or fax us at (818) 267-0026.

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# Economic Growth Taskforce Brochure

**Strategic Investment**  
**Investment in Education:** Studies have consistently shown that a well-educated populace is necessary for sustained economic growth. Although expenses on education do increase government spending, the loss of this revenue is more than offset by the benefit to businesses in having an educated work force.  
**Investment in Infrastructure:** Better highways, phone lines, sewage systems etc. all make it easier to conduct business (thereby increasing jobs and growth). Although investment in infrastructure does increase government spending, this negative effect is offset by the amount of commerce and growth facilitated by these investments.  
**Investment in Safety and Defense:** Economic prosperity relies on a stable environment, free of crime and foreign threats like terrorism.

**International Trade**  
**Free Trade:** Tariffs and NTBs (Non-tariff Trade Barriers) increase the cost of consumer goods in a society thereby causing inflation and reducing the amount of capital available for both savings and other productive uses. Trade restrictions also reduce the ability of nations to utilize their comparative advantages.  
**Investment in Free Trade Organizations:** Organizations like the WTO, NAFTA, EU, ASEAN all force member countries to open up their economies, which in turn leads to higher growth rates for the members.  
**Stable World Order:** Nothing is more restrictive and destructive to free trade than continuous armed conflict. Threats to international peace must be addressed in order to create an environment where free trade and open borders can flourish.

**Ethical Standards**  
**Enforcement of Contracts (a strong and efficient legal system):** If people cannot trust that their agreements will be enforced, confidence in business transactions is lost and the economy suffers. In addition, justice delayed is justice denied. If a nation's legal system is too slow and inefficient, or overly meddlesome, businesses will suffer, thereby slowing growth.  
**Low Corruption:** In a corrupt society, all the capital is sucked up by government officials and is usually taken out of the economy overseas to offshore accounts. In addition, it is the businesses with the best connections, not the most productive and efficient, that survives in a corrupt society. Only efficient productive businesses contribute to a nation's economic growth.  
**Low Crime:** A high crime rate leads to increased insurance rates, business interruption and property losses, all of which makes life difficult on businesses.

**Economic Freedom**  
**Freedom from high taxes:** High taxes can strangle infant or struggling businesses and force larger businesses to more tax friendly environments costing jobs and the government a tax revenue base.  
**Freedom from burdensome regulation and frivolous litigation:** Too much regulation and an environment of frivolous lawsuits strangle business forcing otherwise productive enterprises to close, costing jobs and additional wealth for the economy.  
**Freedom to own Private Property:** In a nation where no private property exists, there is no economic freedom.<sup>4</sup> You can't trade something you do not own. For free trade to occur within a country, the citizens of that country need something to trade. So it is essential that the country retain a respect for private property.

**Fiscal Responsibility**  
**Balanced budgets:** High government deficits push the government into borrowing money, thereby reducing the amount of capital available for business to expand and thereby reduces growth.  
**Low Government Spending:** If taxes need to be kept low and budgets need to be balanced, government spending needs to be kept as low as possible. Profligate government spending will either lead to high taxes, high inflation and/or high deficits, all of which are bad for sustained economic growth.  
**Sound currency:** Inflation is just another form of government taxation. By printing too much money, the government is basically paying for its spending habits by reducing the value of everyone's savings. High inflation also discourages savings and thus reduces the amount of capital available for business investments.  
**No subsidies:** Government subsidies increase government spending (leading to higher taxes, higher inflation and higher deficits) in addition to increasing the cost of consumer goods in the society.<sup>5</sup>

5. For example, farm subsidies increase government spending and increase the price of food throughout the world. Subsidies also increase government spending and increase the price of food throughout the world. Subsidies also increase government spending and increase the price of food throughout the world. Subsidies also increase government spending and increase the price of food throughout the world.

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**International Consensus**  
 Since the fall of the Berlin Wall, most economists around the world agree that free enterprise is the key to prosperity. Social and industrial planning policies have bankrupted and destroyed economies, while free market economies have flourished.

**How To Achieve Sustained Economic Growth**  
 After studying the economies around the world, economists now generally agree that if a national government follows certain policies the national economy will grow. These policies, which fit within 5 fundamental concepts, are:

**Economic Freedom**  
**Fiscal Responsibility**  
**Strategic Investment**  
**International Trade**  
**Ethical Standards**

1. By the 1990s, most economists had concluded that free enterprise is the key to prosperity and are for all intents and purposes, united in this consensus.

**Benefits Derived From Sustained Economic Growth**  
 World policy makers have discovered that the most intractable problems plaguing a country can be solved through sustained economic growth.  
**More Resources for Social Needs:** When a country's economy grows, its tax base increases, providing more money for education, health, infrastructure, charities and other important social needs.<sup>1</sup>  
**Healthier Environment:** In developed countries, the natural environment fares better because these countries put less of a strain on the domestic natural resources. Industrializing economies are much more destructive to the economy than a service based economy like the U.S.<sup>2</sup>  
**Stable Population:** In developed countries the population either stabilizes or starts to diminish.<sup>3</sup>  
**Democracy:** When countries develop successfully they almost always turn into democracies. When a country's per capita GDP passes \$9,000 they usually throw out their dictators and hold free elections. Sometimes it happens sooner. Singapore, South Korea, Chile, Indonesia, Spain and Portugal all made the change at or around \$9,000. So development clearly leads to democracy.  
**World Peace:** Economic development also leads to world peace. Developed democratic countries simply don't attack other developed democratic countries. Can you imagine Chile attacking France, or Belgium attacking Denmark, or Sweden attacking Singapore, or the United States attacking Japan? These hypotheticals would never happen because all these developed countries' economies are too intertwined. An attack would interfere with world trade and hurt the economies of both countries. Plus educated prosperous people know that there is nothing to gain from attacking another developed democratic capitalist country.

1. National leaders have learned that the best way to increase the executive tax revenue base is to increase the tax base. In the past thirty years, the executive tax revenue base has increased from 10% of GDP to 20% of GDP. In the past thirty years, the executive tax revenue base has increased from 10% of GDP to 20% of GDP. In the past thirty years, the executive tax revenue base has increased from 10% of GDP to 20% of GDP.

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*Bottom Line:  
Economic Growth Works*

Countries that have ignored the warnings about "controlled economies", like India, have paid the price by stagnating, staying poor, and sustaining dangerously high population growth rates. Countries that have embraced capitalism, like Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Malaysia have prospered. Most notably, Singapore, which has probably the freest economy in the world, has developed into a first world economy from a desperately poor third world nation.<sup>8</sup>

There is overwhelming evidence in the world that the policies listed above work and that sustained economic growth brings unparalleled benefits. Amazingly enough, many politicians either refuse to face reality or are just plain ignorant of these facts. Because of either their blindness or ignorance, or perhaps personal ambition, many push policies that are counter to increased prosperity.

In recognition of this problem, the CRL Economic Growth Taskforce<sup>9</sup> has three goals:

- To educate and influence politicians to adopt pro-economic growth policies.
- To let the public know which candidates adopt these policies by giving out endorsements.
- To help elect candidates that will promote these pro-economic growth policies.

**Join the Economic Growth Taskforce and help encourage the right policies that will give us all a better tomorrow.**

8. Singapore's annual per capita income has grown from \$500 to \$24,000 in just thirty five years. In the past thirty five years India's annual per capita income has only grown from \$100 to \$2,000.  
 9. The Economic Growth Taskforce is a division of the California Republican League.



*Beginning with Abraham Lincoln, the Republican Party has stood for freedom.*

**Be A Real Republican**

Republicans unite behind economic freedom by fighting taxes at all levels of government. Republicans unite behind regulatory freedom by fighting bureaucracy at all levels of government. Republicans must now unite and fight for individual freedoms!

How has the concept of state-mandated childbirth become a core value of a political party dedicated to freedom?

How can the party that wants a smaller, less intrusive government also want to regulate a woman's most private, personal decision?

California Republicans believe in freedom. California is a Pro-Choice state for the same reasons that the Republican Party should be the majority party in California-people want freedom -- California Republicans cherish and protect freedom!



**Do The Right Things**

Legal abortion doesn't mean easy abortions or fast abortions, and certainly not more abortions.

Legal abortion means safe abortions. It means that when a woman sees no alternative to abortion, she will have a trained medical professional caring for her.

No one wants an abortion. It's a terrible decision for anyone. But if someone believes they must have one, they will get one - regardless of the law.

Abortion is an impossibly difficult medical, personal, and ethical decision. Government should regulate building highways, fighting crime, and protecting our national interest. Consequently, political parties should be concerned about the disposition of highways, crime, and national interests. Neither government nor political parties should have a hand in making highly personal decisions for individuals.

1. The Public Policy Institute of California's Extramural Survey as Reported in the California Journal, April 2002, page 48.

**Do The Smart**

*Politics*  
The California Republican Party is unpopular among women quickly becoming a political issue.

71% of California women

Most people feel strongly that opinions relating to abortion are a personal - not political, issue.

Here in California, the Democrat Party won while making opposition to the death penalty position. Since letting go of that unpopular position, Democrats have scarcely lost a statewide competitive in California, the California Republican Party **MUST** let go of abortion as a core political issue.

The California Republican Party's opposition to a woman's right to choose makes the Party unpopular among women - not one that dogr people and ideas - not one that dogr differences. An intolerant Party is an irrelevant Party.

Reclaim our relevance! Support us in our quest for the most significant, political stumbling block to the California Republican Party. Help us take the California Republican Party Platform out of the California Republican Party Platform.

**California Republican League Pro-Choice Caucus**

The California Republican League (CRL) is California's leading Republican organization, and is dedicated to the California Republican Party by removing the language from the California Republican Party Platform.

To focus on this goal, CRL created the Pro-Choice Caucus whose purpose is to change the platform of the California Republican Party to support Republicans who work for this change.

You can learn more about the efforts of the Pro-Choice Caucus by going to our website at [www.prochoicecaucus.org](http://www.prochoicecaucus.org)

# CRL Pro-Choice Caucus Brochure



**CHANGE the party**

**CHANGE the platform**

**RECLAIM our relevance!**

**CRL pro-choice CAUCUS**



# CRL Associated Students



pro-choice  
fiscally conservative  
environmentally conscious

**So, you have an interest in politics,** but you think that the Democrat mode of thinking is outdated and naive. Unfortunately, you also feel out of place in the Republican Party.

Well, you're not the only one. The majority of Republicans feels as you do. Their voices have just been squelched by a small yet vocal group that has damaged the image of the GOP in California. Since the 1980s, mainstream Republicans have become disenchanted with the official California Republican Party because they have been outvoted at conventions by a highly organized fringe group bent on shifting the Party to the far right of the political spectrum. As a result, fewer and fewer Republicans have been elected to office in California because the candidates fielded generally do not represent the viewpoints held by the majority of Republican or other voters in the state.

**"The CRL upholds a unique mix of progressive and conservative ideals that are consistent with mainstream Republican values."**

In small and efficient government, strict standards and accountability in education, strong national defense, and a free enterprise system that creates opportunities where an over-regulated system stifles them. Obviously, you cannot be a Democrat if you advocate the views above, but you cannot be a stereotypical Republican either.

... The California Republican League is dedicated to giving the silent majority of Republicans a voice in all levels of government. The CRL upholds a unique mix of progressive and conservative ideals that are consistent with mainstream Republican values. On one side, we believe that a woman should have control over her own body and that our natural environment should be conserved for future generations. On the other, we believe in small and efficient government, strict standards and accountability in education, strong national defense, and a free enterprise system that creates opportunities where an over-regulated system stifles them. Obviously, you cannot be a Democrat if you advocate the views above, but you cannot be a stereotypical Republican either.

**"In essence, you can personally ensure that the voice of mainstream Republicans is heard at the local, state, and national levels of government..."**

For that reason, the CRL makes it easy for you to feel a sense of belonging in the Republican Party. A subdivision of CRL, Associated Students also provides a place on your campus or in your community where you can meet with like-minded Republicans who are fiscally conservative, but socially enlightened. In terms of getting involved, you can participate in local CRL chapter development by attending leadership meetings with our other young members. You can work closely with our extensive statewide network of mentors. You can attend important and exciting political events. You also have the opportunity to meet inspiring candidates who uphold ideals you can actually be proud of. In essence, you can personally ensure that the voice of mainstream Republicans is heard at the local, state, and national levels of government by getting involved with CRL Associated Students. There is no reason political activity should be boring or tedious either! We mix political activism with countless social activities so that our members can share many interests in addition to our Republican philosophy.

If you are still reading this and loving it, you are the perfect type of person for CRL Associated Students. We therefore invite you to join as soon as possible so that you can help implement real change in California. Thank you for your interest and we'll see you around!