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What should the anti-Trump people do now that Trump will be the nominee?

This is a tough one. Most of the anti-Trump section of the Republican Party has three things they are considering. First, let’s be clear. The reason we are even having this discussion is because there is a powerful segment of the party that believes Trump cannot beat Clinton.

However, the polls in the past show their numbers against each other should really be discounted. There were too many candidates for any pollster to make a good poll survey. Now that we are down to a Clinton-Trump or Sanders-Trump race, we will start getting a little better numbers. However, until the one democrat nominee is picked, only then will the numbers be really useful. Even now, poll numbers are starting to shift to a closer race between Trump and Clinton. The powerful establishment believes they are right about their theory. Where to they go from here? They have three potential avenues to go. First, just let Trump run on his own; offer little support. Second, just actively support house elections. Thirdly, run a third-party candidate with what they define as true conservative values.

Let’s consider these three options. The first option is to just let trump on his own with little support, but not oppose him. This one is sad, as they are so against him that they are willing to help Clinton win the White House. I can’t fathom any good republican overtly letting that happen. The second option is doing nothing to help or oppose Trump, but to spend all their effort and money helping the candidates in the Senate and House. It is reported that in the Senate there are 24 seats up for re-election. Possibly 6 of the seats republicans hold are at risk in a tough contest. I have no problem with the party using resources to help those candidates. This is the same thing the democrats will do. But to withhold support of the party’s presidential candidate is plain stupid and self-centered. Finally, there is the third option of running a third party candidate. This is completely insane. The prospect of the establishment running a third party candidate that supposedly conforms to what they believe is a true conservative, is pompous and stupid. After all, who died and left them God to determine that only they can define a true conservative? Their opposition is based on Trump not being very clear in his verbal representations of his positions. Let’s be clear, I don’t agree with all of Trump’s positions, but there are a lot of positions I do agree with. For all you conservatives that wonder what his positions really are, not what the media has defined them to be in their opinions, go to the official Trump for president website. The media has spun his comments into exaggerations of his detailed positions, especially when it comes to his positions on illegal immigration, the refugee position, and his position on minorities. On his website, he has in print his positons, in pretty good detail. All this candidate hype that Trump has no specific positions, ignored that he has had them available on this website from the beginning. Finally, the third option of opposing him with a third party candidate is sheer nonsense. This will epitomize the arrogance of the party leadership. It will show their true colors of their power first, the success of the party last. It will declare only they will define the party. We, the people, mean nothing to them. They still don’t get that we, the people, are mad as heck at Washington on two fronts. Millions of people have said, by supporting Trump and even Cruz, that we are not happy with Washington. We are mad that the direction Obama has taken the country and mad that the supposed conservative republican congress has not done enough to stop Obama. There has not been enough willingness to challenge Obama. The highest on the list of complaints include letting a 2,000-page bill get passed, when no one even had a chance to read it first: Obama care. Then, there are all the, what conservatives believe to be, illegal executive orders Obama has issued. Let’s not forget the big elephant in this election: The Supreme Court. If they don’t do everything they can to put in a republican in the White House this November, they are saying their power is more important that the country. For these supposed true conservatives, to help a staunch liberal to get elected is insane.

I hope as time moves on, the hurt feelings of the Cruz supporters come to grips with the importance of throwing their support behind the now determined nominee. We need to put aside our desires of a particular candidate that is no longer in the race, and support the nominee. The fate of the country is in our hands. Conservatives need to decide what’s more important, our egos, or the country. Trump is now conservatives’ only chance to keep the Supreme Court in balance. There is no possibility of a third party candidate to get elected. That would guarantee Clinton the White House. Put our country first. You know it’s the right thing to do.

In conclusion, for the elite republican establishment that keeps trying to say Trump and his supporters are destroying the party, I ask: when are you going to start listening to us, the people? The people that you say you represent? Get over yourselves. You are not the last word. We, the people, are. If you fight the candidate that we the people chose, it will be you that destroys the party.

I’m Tom Wiknich, and that’s what I think. I’d like to know what you think. If you have any comments about this editorial, or would like to discuss or recommend a topic, I’d like to hear from you. Please email them to info@kzgn.net.