

Pigeon Poop On A Pump Handle

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There are a lot of people in my Congressional district, represented by Steve King, that have wanted to vote him out of office for some time. The district is so heavily weighted partisan Republican, however, that King could embarrass us with his toxic ideology and still be re-elected.

The district was considered safe for Republicans so the Democrats never fielded a strong candidate or provided the resources necessary to challenge King. King was a pathetically poor constituent type representative even getting away with supporting ethanol nemesis Ted Cruz for president and getting re-elected. Cruz, running his own tight race reportedly called King to give him his support.

His own party doesn't like King, rebuking him for recent racist/white supremacist statements. Former House Speaker John Boehner, whose best friend was our previous Congressman Tom Latham, called King an "asshole." There are a lot of voters here in this district who vote for King as their way of giving their middle finger to Washington. There may be some emotional release from that but it doesn't get you anywhere there. King is treated as a leper in Washington with no ability to serve effectively in a constituent manner. Therefore, he spends his time on the culture war cable networks knowing his conservative base would vote for him anyway even if he announced his support for Satan.

The neo-Nazi group he supported in Europe was founded by an SS officer so that is not far removed. He said the group would be Republicans if here in America. The RNC took issue with that. They are trying to save control of the House for Republicans yet have ostracized King's views as being too extreme to be included in their party. King uses the office he holds as a platform to dispense his ugly ideology. He has refused to hold town halls fearing protestors. That means he only talks to his close supporters and is shut off from the views of many Iowans in his district. Grassley, Ernst and other representatives all hold town halls and defend their views and actions. King can't do that, so he hides. When he is challenged he gets furious, becoming unhinged at a forum last week where you could see his anger explode as he declared the meeting was over when asked a question he didn't like.

Some here in our district are starting to think the unthinkable that King has finally soiled in his nest so badly that evangelicals might not come out for him. He has a very good challenger in JD Scholten. JDS is a very good fit for this district. I briefed him on Ag issues and he answered two of my questions on other topics how I wanted him to. He told me that he would not vote to ban any guns and would not vote for Pelosi for House Speaker. He would be the constituent service kind of Congressional representative that we sorely need.

Agriculture has many issues we need help with and King is worthless as pigeon poop on a pump handle. King is frustrated because his campaign funding has dried up. Companies such as Purina, Intel, and Land-o-Lakes cannot be associated with a racist/white supremacist so are pulling their funding from him. Maybe the KKK will fund his campaign?

By contrast, contributions have flooded into the JDS campaign and they have momentum. This has created a situation where it is no longer unthinkable that King could get voted out of office. That is what he deserves. He has deserved

it for a long time but he was insulated by jerrymandering so was not held accountable. He has refused to debate Scholten. That is okay. I told JDS that why would he want to get on a stage and let King pretend to be something he is not.

Scholten has run a good campaign and in driving to Des Moines and back last week I have never seen so many yard signs for the Democratic Congressional candidate before. King has typically won his races by a wide margin and if he wins by one vote he still wins. This is the best shot this district has had to cut out this infection because if racist ideology is left in office its power grows. The racists have left me a threatening message before warning me, "Don't you know where you live!" We will find out next Tuesday if it is a district anyone can respect.