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By David Carter || Not long ago I was sitting in church, and like I normally do between Sunday school and the sermon, I checked the news on my phone to see what was said on the Sunday morning talk shows. As usual, these programs were full of talking heads, politicians, and other "experts" talking about the 2012 presidential race, and what effect Gov. Jon Huntsman's entry will have on the contest. Some reliably conservative commentators have been dismissive and derisive of his chances, and this started to make me think about not only how off-base they are, but why I believe in Ambassador Huntsman and his plan for our country.

As many of you know, Ambassador Huntsman announced his candidacy for President this past Tuesday with the Statue of Liberty in the background. The picture couldn't have been more perfect, and the message delivered that day was even more memorable. For once, a Presidential campaign didn't kick off with the normal bashing of the President. Instead, it was a very respectful rebuke of the job that President Obama is doing. He then went on to give his vision for our great country and reaffirm the belief that the greatest days for our country are still ahead of us.

If you look at what Governor Huntsman did for Utah, it is amazing! Under his leadership, the state of Utah was consistently rated as one of the best states in the nation for small businesses. He cut taxes, improved conditions for businesses, and actively sought after more businesses to go to Utah. He understood that government does not create jobs, but that businesses create jobs. By doing this, he received an excellent rating by the conservative Cato Institute. Thus, I will take Ambassador Huntsman's record over any other candidate's signature on a pledge. Actions speak louder than words.

Another area that I am sure people will try to attack Ambassador Huntsman on is his service to his country. Yes, he did serve President Obama as the U.S. Ambassador to China. While these people will try to paint him as a closet Obama liberal, the truth is far from that. When President Obama asked then Governor Huntsman to serve as ambassador to China, he did so because there is no one else more qualified for the job. Jon Huntsman has studied U.S.-Chinese relations for years. He speaks Chinese fluently, understands their culture, and has been a leading authority on Chinese issues for some time now.

The bottom line is this: the United States of America called on him and asked him to serve his country, which he did with pride and honor. You do not say no to something that important just because the President of the United States is a member of the opposite political party. That is why our country is in the shape it is now. If someone has a 'D' beside their name, often for us

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Republicans, the default response quite often is to demonize them. Let us not forget that this economic recession began because of failed policies of both Republicans and Democrats.

Finally, Jon Huntsman is not only a conservative who appeals to the GOP base, but he also appeals a much broader swath of voters. He is the only GOP candidate for president that the Obama administration does not want to face in a general election. That is why I am behind Jon Huntsman Jr. for president. I sincerely hope you will join me in supporting the only candidate for this job who has a clear common sense plan for putting Americans back to work and restoring our nation back to the "shining city on a hill" as President Reagan would describe it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: *David Carter is a Republican activist from Clinton, S.C. He previously worked as field director on the 2010 congressional campaign of U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan.*

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By Renee July 5, 2011 at 8:49 am

I concur with everything that David Carter says in the article.

I am a conversative activist, and I stand on my principles strongly. I also am a Republican who wants a Republican elected as President in 2012. I do not diminish my principles, but I do prioritize what is most crucial for a candidate to be electable. At this point, I see Huntsman as the most "electable" candidate there is. I see there is a huge wave of "TEA partyisms" throughout South Carolina. Some really love this; some really do not love this. We must look at the BIG national picture. What will America do? Who does America want? In a word, Huntsman.

He is more than qualified to do the job, and has proven his patriotism. He has crossed party lines to work with Obama, and has not dissed him or in any way show disrespect to our Chief. Huntsman will not discount the Libertarians and the Independents, which are the winning votes here. He has strong Republican values, as I do, but he sees the big picture as well. Our next president MUST be able to listen and understand the middle. Our country has lots of major issues dividing it. To try to overcome all of them in a primary is foolish. You need to HEAR the people, and present your platform based on the needs of the people.

I see Huntsman, more than any candidate at this point, is very much the only

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"electable" candidate to run against Obama. An extreme conservative who



By BigT July 5, 2011 at 8:50 am
yes closed to the middle will not get their votes. Their votes will be

t who have been paying the FITS for this propaganda. Because your site is going to lose all of the credibility as a news source you've labored to earn. I doubt it last long if this is the route you're going to take.

PS: You can quit trying to bust politicians for prostitution activity. It's a bit hypocritical at his point.



By Renee July 5, 2011 at 8:58 am

Mr Big T,

Is this quote based on this article? This is not propaganda, nor is it in any way to be discounted. People have different styles of writing, and I do believe Mr. Folks is trying to get the readers, of which you are one, to discuss the presidential candidates and assess them. That is what is great about America. We have that right.

This article in particular is in no way demeaning or slanderous to Huntsman. Your comment, however, is. Don't post a totally rude comment on a thread of positive viewers who are honestly wanting to assess our next US President.

If you do not like Mr. Folks' writing, best to unsubscribe. I do not see him changing his somewhat dysfunctional humor anytime soon. Actually, never. This is not at all said with malice or rudeness, just a reader who posts on what I see is really pertinent to discuss. This is most definitely a wise choice on Mr. Folks' behalf.



By BigT July 5, 2011 at 9:07 am

I know that FITS has been critical of genuinely Conservative Republicans, from Jim DeMint to Michele Bachmann.

This (above) is a presentation of soft-peddled admiration for the Left-leaning Moderate, Huntsman. Huntsman, if you did not know, has lectured Republicans on how not to define Obama for what he is.

WE TRIED THAT and LOST. So at the risk of being RUDE, I'll point out that doing what Huntsman says is a Ticket to FOUR MORE YEARS of Obama's Miserable Failure.

Forgive me for being honest. But My Family, My Children and My Country mean more to me than being Civil to people who want America to LOSE!!!!



By fitsnews July 5, 2011 at 9:19 am

Big T,

We have initiated a new series where readers submit their thoughts on the 2012 race. You are welcome to participate in this series.

As was the case in the 2008 race, we are not (and will not be) on any presidential payroll in 2012 – nor will our founding editor consult with any candidate, candidate PAC or affiliated 2012 organization.

As for Huntsman, we've made it pretty clear that he his NOT our candidate of choice ...

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By Renee July 5, 2011 at 9:20 am

Mr. Big T,

I will forgive your bluntness, because I feel everyone has the right to speak as they feel. This is what is great about America. However, I must ask...Have you sat down with Jon Huntsman, his wife and family, and taken the time to KNOW this candidate, or do you draw your conclusions based on hearsay

from news media? I have indeed sat down with him and his lovely family, and I

Best Line: I've been labeled with Rick Santorum. I make it a point to KNOW

the candidates and their CORE values. Platform speeches are just that.

Let us not forget that this economic recession began because of failed Speeches. Look at a candidate's record and you will see clearly the most qualified. policies of both Republicans and Democrats.

Worst Line:

I respect your concern for your family, and as a Christian mother of 2 young sons, I most definitely am involved in the conservative process. I can insure that these sons and my counsel to my readers with 40 years of

Obama. God tells us that we should Love Thy Neighbor as thy Self. I try to, Yes, yes, that's what we need more of...more "compromise"...cause that's follow the Golden Rule and be civil to everyone, whether I support them gotten us really far over the last 40 years hasn't it?

100% or 0%. It is God's plan for all men to LOVE ONE ANOTHER. I will leave

my remarks at that, and I would respect any "agree to disagree"

presidential comment. God bless you, Mr. Big T, and I truly didn't mean to upset you in any way. (We all know why, among other things he argued the stimulus was too small, supported cap and trade, and increased Utah's budget deficit while in office.)

I wonder what church David Carter attends. I'm assuming the bible is interpreted liberally to them...because the candidate he's supporting obviously feels that Joseph Smith improved upon it.

Good for Carter for being religiously liberal and tolerant.(assuming he's not a Mormon of course)

Though I don't think that's gonna play well with those that are more conservative in their ideological approach and feel the bible is just fine the way it is...not that there's many of those types around today. Christians are much more tolerant today of the corruption of their faith than people give them credit for.

I wonder how Carter deals with Joseph Smith liturgically considering Matthew 7:15, "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves."

Seems to be he's gotta be OK with Joseph Smith not being a false prophet from that standpoint...maybe he is a Mormon...but what do I know...I see Christians all over supporting Huntsman and Romney.

Maybe a Christian here can explain how they deal with that?(are Mormon's considered Christians?)



By Matt July 5, 2011 at 9:48 am

Here's how these pro-Huntsman robotic commenters seem to go:

I am a staunch fundamentalist Christian conservative who supports the war in Afghanistan, is against gay marriage, and believes that global warming is a myth – and I am supporting Jon Huntsman for president. We need serious leaders to solve serious problems in these serious times, and Ambassador Huntsman is that serious leader. I sat down at my kitchen table and gave a thorough examination to every single candidate running, and the answer kept coming up as "Huntsman". He speaks Chinese, he has a beautiful family, and he was the most conservative governor in the history of any state in this nation. Patriotism oozes from his veins, and even though I personally detest Barack Obama and everyone associated with him, I love the fact that Ambassador Huntsman answered the call to serve our president. America: this is our moment. This is our time. Listen to this 20-something's advice on who is the only candidate who can carry Ronald Reagan's torch forward to victory – my hero, Jon Huntsman.



By BigT July 5, 2011 at 9:51 am

1) I feel that FITS is Really Rough on many, many Republicans. So to me it's very noticable when one seems to be getting a pass.

2) FITS declares itself a Fiscal Conservative. Republicans, in bed w/ people like Huntsman, are why we get WILD spending. If you OPPOSE democrats

and Liberals, instead of "Working With Them" we can address this Horrible
 By Imao @ Matt July 5, 2011 at 9:54 am
 I'm sure in. For Huntsman to blame Republicans is a bit deceitful. It's
 Republicans (IMHO) who have damaged us so.

3) Republicans, Conservatives and Tea Party Obervers "Should Reagan Walk
 away from Huntsman and love that Romney MUST PUNISH EVERY ONE
 cannot afford to make another STUPID mistake.
 Let's not discuss Reagan's running up deficits or enlarging gov't..propogating
 the bubble we are dealing with today...cause all us good Republicans know is
 that the economy was chugging along fine when he left.

Life is good when the credit cards aren't maxed. :)



By BigT July 5, 2011 at 10:37 am

Imao: You (w/ your Reagan comments) are marching in LOCKSTEP w/ the
 current liberal Talking Points...

I've seen you radicals try to re-write the Bible (Jesus was a Communist to
 hear yall tell it.) So you may as well morph Reagan into your mythology, too.

Yall HATED, HATED Reagan. If he was all you now claim him to be, you would
 have LOVED him....

Reagan LOVED America and he believed in our greatness and God-driven
 destiny as a nation. And for that alone, liberals despise him....



By Common Sense July 5, 2011 at 11:36 am

itty bitty t once again ignores all the facts brought up by others and just
 spouts political verbal masturbation yet again from his pie hole. It is not liberal
 re writing of history to say Reagan raised taxes, increased government
 etc..these are facts. Facts! you know those pesky things you ignore as you
 look back on the Bush era as the greatest era in American history..But hey
 dont let facts stop you from over using the all caps button and spewing
 ignorant trash from your pie hole.

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