



Lifelong Republican wants his party back

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I'm a 60-year-old Coloradan who has voted Republican most of my life. But not any more. The Grand Old Party has been taken over by fanatic ideologues owned and operated by a handful of billionaires who want to have their way.

The party that had seven years to do something about health care couldn't win even though they own the casino. Republicans have made a laughing stock of America. Our allies have been thrown aside and are laughing at us. Our president has tried to drag us all down to his level, but he's shown us he's nothing but an incompetent, draft-dodging bully who can't help but to lie. Where is all the legislation we were promised? Seven months in and they still haven't passed one piece of legislation.

Trump's Cabinet picks look like a Wall Street board room. His family is using the White House to line their pockets and his staff picks are incredibly amateurish and ill-suited to their jobs. Trump's phony religious piety, his backstabbing his friends, his disgusting behavior should have been enough for the GOP to do something. But they are being paid to look the other way for their short-term gain. Right now the GOP is owned by four people: Charles and David Koch, and Robert Mercer and his daughter Rebekah. Between the four of them they run ALEC, The Heritage Foundation, The Cato Institute and a hundred others. They write new laws for state legislatures, spend millions to put their candidates in and now control more than 30 states.

I want my party back. I didn't sign up for some billionaires controlling our way of life. I want my party back.