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NRSC Endorsed Charlie Crist Bolts the GOP. Won't Give Back Donor Dollars.

Posted by [Erick Erickson \(Profile\)](#)

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One year ago today, NRSC backed Arlen Specter bolted from the GOP. Today, the media is reporting NRSC backed Charlie Crist is also bolting the GOP.

Seeing a trend here, aren't we?

Charlie Crist will not only run as an independent in Florida, but he has also reserved all of his air time in Florida through November, or as much as he can.

Why?

Because he knows the Club for Growth is going to do what they did to Specter — fund an effort to have Crist donors ask for their money back. Well, because Crist has spent it all on television advertising holds that he may or may not later use, he can say he has none to give back.

Classy, Charlie.

Oh, and below the fold, let's have a walk down the NRSC funded memory lane.

Lamar Alexander, U.S. Senator

“The thought of Governor Crist becoming Senator Crist is welcome news. Three years into his first term as Governor, he's the most popular elected official in Florida's history because of his outstanding career as a no-nonsense attorney general, a progressive education commissioner, and a fiscally conservative chief executive who last year led Florida to its largest property-tax decrease ever.”

Jon Kyl, U.S. Senator

“Charlie Crist is the right man at the right time. He'll help restore a Republican majority to the U.S. Senate in 2010, and I am delighted to support him.”

Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senator

“Decisions are being made every day in Washington that have a direct impact upon the lives of all Americans and we need Charlie Crist in the U.S. Senate to ensure that those decisions will benefit the citizens of Florida.”

John Cornyn, U.S. Senator and NRSC Chairman

“I am pleased today to endorse Governor Charlie Crist for the United States Senate. With his record of reform in Florida, I know that Governor Crist will bring a fresh perspective to Washington in our efforts to fight for lower taxes, less government, and new job creation for all Americans. Charlie Crist is a tireless advocate on behalf of all Floridians and one of only three Governors who earned an 'A' from the CATO Institute for his efforts to restrain spending and cut taxes last year.”

Mel Martinez, U.S. Senator

“As Governor, Charlie has demonstrated a common sense approach to governing that successfully addresses the critical issues facing Florida. He is the type of leader our state needs in Washington.”

John McCain, U.S. Senator

“As Governor, Charlie Crist has demonstrated his commitment to these fiscally conservative principles by delivering the largest tax cut in Florida history, reducing government spending, and focusing on the issues that are important to Floridians,”

Lindsey Graham, U.S. Senator

“You have been an incredibly successful governor, and I know your style of common-sense conservatism will serve the people of Florida well in the Senate and is exactly what the national Republican Party needs.”

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I'm shocked and stunned. (NOT!)

[barrypopik](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 1:24PM EDT ([link](#))

Some Republican leadership leaves a lot to be desired.

As for Charlie Crist, sinking his ship with Republican money, it's classless all the way.

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He is a PIG! He will LOSE & then he will ...

[JadedByPolitics](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 1:26PM EDT ([link](#))

be forever REMEMBERED for the LOSER HE IS!



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Go Rubio

[joecollins](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 1:36PM EDT ([link](#))

Great time to contribute to Rubio's campaign:

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The usual suspects when it comes to endorsing

[Steph C](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 1:41PM EDT ([link](#))

fake conservatives.

At some point, the anti-incumbent sentiments in this country are going to affect them, too, as it has already affected McCain. Considering how hard we've had to fight them as well as the Democratic Congress, I don't believe we'll forget so easily.

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Rich Lowry called that one

[Brian Roastbeef](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 1:44PM EDT ([link](#))

Crist is already in a difficult spot. Rubio has proven he can outraise him better than 3-1. Now he knows that his GOP donors are going to dry up and that he'll be in that uncomfortable position of giving up the money you have or look like a sleaze while keeping it. It appears he has chosen the latter, and conservative groups will rightfully punish him for it.

I really think Crist is done now. He really should have just dropped out, endorsed Rubio, and sat back hoping that Jeb won't seek Nelson's seat in 2012. Too late for that now. Goodbye.

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I agree with you about Rubio can outraise Crist,but

[DavidS1787](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:32PM EDT ([link](#))

what if the SEIU comes in to raise money for Obama's good old friend Charlie Crist?

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Then his SB6 veto begins to look very "different" ...

[Martin Knight](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 7:53PM EDT ([link](#))

And I don't mean that in a good way.

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then the Purple People Beaters will waste a whole bunch of money

[E Pluribus Unum](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 9:51PM EDT ([link](#))

And what they spend in a futile effort to defeat Rubio, they can't spend on some really, really crucial and close Senate and House races.

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One bright note

[RINKER](#) *Wednesday, April 28th at 1:45PM EDT* ([link](#))

At least we won't have to worry with him anymore. 2012 is definitely out for him!
I knew I didn't like him when he handed John McCain the Republican presidential nomination with his endorsement.

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I would pay money to have NONE of those guys endorse me

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Crist Is a Political Idiot - WHO Is His Constituency Here?!

[IJB](#) *Wednesday, April 28th at 1:57PM EDT* ([link](#))

Is anyone advising this moron?! Or does he just only listen to his own ego now?!

Someone help me out here - *HOW* does Crist win this race?!

If you are a real Republican, you have no reason not to back and vote for Rubio.

If you are an Independent who's opposed to the Obama agenda, you have no reason not vote for Rubio (and certainly NO reason to vote *for* Crist!).

If you are a Democrat, you have no reason not to vote for the loyal, reliable Obama supporter, Kendrick Meek.

If you are a member of a teacher's union, you are still better off supporting Meek, regardless of Crist's veto.

So *who* does Crist think he's going to get to vote for him?! The minuscule number of people who think he's doing a "good job as Governor"!?!

As far as I can tell, his only constituency might be Independents who are soft Obama leaners. THAT'S NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH TO GET YOU TO 33%!!

Crist thinks he's going to be the next Michael Bloomberg or Joe Lieberman - the difference there is that, in those races, Republican voters had NOWHERE ELSE TO GO if they wanted to beat the Dem. That's *not* the case here.

It's like I said elsewhere - Crist isn't going to be the next Bloomberg, he's going to end up being the next Chris Daggett.

I'll predict right now that, if Crist is still in this race in November, he'll draw no more than 15% of the vote. In fact, the odds are pretty good that he won't even get 10% of the vote.

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Exactly right

[Darin_H](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:03PM EDT ([link](#))

Crist's political career will be in the dustbin of history come November.

A visionary coward says that anger can be power, as long as there's a victim on TV - Flat Top, Goo Goo Dolls

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I don't remember who Chris Daggett is...

[zollistar](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:11PM EDT ([link](#))

...so your comment is very good news indeed..

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Dagget was the 3rd party candidate

[Leopard1996](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:34PM EDT ([link](#))

For the NJ governors election. It was expected that with Dagget on the ballot, the vote would be split between him and Christie, letting that piece of garbage Corzine back into office for another term.

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And never mind that NJ has no history...

[Moe Lane](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:36PM EDT ([link](#))

...of supporting third party candidates at the levels* that the polls said that Daggett did.

*As far as I can tell, neither does Florida at the Senatorial level,

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Yeah no doubt

[Leopard1996](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:39PM EDT ([link](#))

I lived in NJ for over 20 years, and never saw a third party candidate get any traction. But alas, NJ got so stupid, that I had to leave.

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Marshall Coleman is the comparison

[TxCon](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 3:47PM EDT ([link](#))

that worries me. Coleman cost Ollie North a VA Senate seat in 1994.

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There Is *No* Parallel To The Coleman Race Here

[IJB](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 4:42PM EDT ([link](#))

The main differences:

- 1) Ollie North was running against an *Incumbent*, who are notoriously hard to dislodge. FL 2010 is an *open* seat race, which means the dynamics are totally different. (Kendrick Meek is no Chuck Robb!)
- 2) Coleman was endorsed by the (for some strange reason, popular) RINO John Warner. Crist will lose *EVERY* Republican backer he has right now - they’ll all go to Rubio.
- 3) The VA GOP was pretty split at the time IIRC. The opposite is true of the FL GOP, now that Jim Greer has been ousted.

Even in the Coleman race, he only pulled in 10% - in the current FL Senate race, that 10% would allow Rubio to win comfortably.

Crist can only play “spoiler” in this race if he can keep his numbers over 20% on Election Day. I’m totally dubious that he’ll be able to keep them even over 15%.

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I'm a cynic, but I still had hopes that Crist would do the right thing.

[RedBeard](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:13PM EDT ([link](#))

I've always known he was a rudderless and opportunistic RINO, but I still held out some hope for him. I guess I wasn't taking into account his surplus of stupidity. And stupid is as stupid does. Goodbye, Charlie.

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RedBeard, It's Time To Look At Reality

[jaybo](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:30PM EDT ([link](#))

First it was Sen. Chafee, then came Sen. Specter and now we have Gov. Crist.

Can you not see the pattern here?

RiNOs (political opportunists) are worthless when tough decisions need to be made. I will go as far as to say that they are even dangerous. They are dangerous because they do not make the hard decisions out of concern for the country.

I admire and honor Sen. McCain's service to our country. But his flip-flop on immigration reform and and cap & trade is a shameless, politically motivated ploy to be re-elected to The Senate.

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Oh, I understand reality

[RedBeard](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 3:12PM EDT ([link](#))

The problem is that Crist does not.

I had hoped that he could, at the very least, recognize the cold, hard facts, step aside, and save whatever political capital he had left in order to fight another day. A good political opportunist would have seen this as the only viable strategy.

But instead, Crist has apparently lost all touch with reality, and has effectively terminated himself as a political force. What he has done makes no sense, even for a waffling RINO opportunist.

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If you donated money to Crist...

[KeepOhioRed](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:20PM EDT ([link](#))

excuse me if I don't shed many tears that you won't get your money back.

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We still need to urge donors to make a stink

[RedBeard](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 3:25PM EDT ([link](#))

A loud outcry against Crist's tactics, whether the money comes back or not, will be a good thing. Voters don't like tricksters and turncoats, and Crist keeping the dough just makes him look even worse. And that is a good thing.

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What pisses me off

[Republican Michigander](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:24PM EDT ([link](#))

Over the last several years, I've been told about how the GOP has moved to the right, which is crap. If anything they moved to the left. Then these so called moderates, mostly in the beltway, are demanding that my party do this and that. THEIR candidate got nominated in 2008, and what happened, they endorsed Obama. Scott McClellan. Mark McKinnon. Colin Powell. Kathleen Parker. Peggy Noonan. David Frum. Matthew Dowd. Chris Buckley.

The NRSC goes out and backs Specter and Crist. They support the fiscal leftism from the dems. The base has enough and doesn't support the establishment picks. Specter bolts and Crist bolts and cries about the GOP moving to the right, which is crap. The establishment supported them. Those who rejected Crist and Specter are THOSE STATE'S voters.

These so called moderates (not true moderates) can go F themselves. I'd vote for a John Dingell over a Charlie Crist. Dingell won't stab me in the back. F them.

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The people you named in your post are all

[DavidSI787](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:37PM EDT ([link](#))

progressives! They shouldn't be trusted! They like Obama are for a global government higher taxes, and are disloyal to their own party.

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You are absolutely positively correct about these Progressives.

[Bill](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 9:03PM EDT ([link](#))

Doesn't matter which party, Progressives drink from the trough of BIG GOVERNMENT and moderates, RINOs, middle of the road, center right or center left want a BIG Government, not small limited government. All those you named who got their nominee in 2008 and then endorsed Obama are those Progressives, as are the Crist supporters. Progressives are like extremist homosexuals, they are proud and not afraid to come out of the closet now! It has been 100 years since our Progressive Teddy Roosevelt was president. You remember Teddy Roosevelt, he is John McCain's favorite President. A Progressive GOP president forerunner to Woodrow Wilson and FDR.

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Why would anyone ever trust him?

[jsmiddleton4](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:25PM EDT ([link](#))

Given what his own words are about being a Republican, staying a Republican, how could anyone ever vote for this guy? Being and "independent" does not mean "I have no values." Crist just showed he is nothing more than an untrustworthy politician. There is nothing independent about that!

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In case you want to call Cornyn and the RSNC

[ColdWarrior](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:26PM EDT ([link](#))

If you'd like to call the NRSC, they are actually answering their phones: 1-202-675-6000. I asked for the Press Office and spoke with a young lady named Caroline who offered to check with her superiors to see if she can get me a copy of the NRSC press release about Specter (I'm sure they'll say they never released one or that they "purged" it from their system).

I called Cornyn at his Senate office and his staffer said he did not have a statement. Yet. 1-202-224-2934.

Any doubt as to whether Crist was a "Republican In Name Only" should now be laid to rest.

Thank you.

ColdWarrior, PC

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"[Primary e]lections have consequences, my friends." — John McCain

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"Let them come."

[Chemical Sam](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:37PM EDT ([link](#))

Mickey Mouse could run against Rubio for all I care. The House of Mouse would have their own legitimate reasons for funding Mickey's campaign.

I could say the same thing for Crist, but the fact of the matter is he's doing it with money from his Republican base, given to him expressly for the purpose of winning a Republican Senate seat.

Now, he can have but one motive, and that's harming his own Republican base in a simple act of revenge. He will do his best to cost Rubio the seat. He may draw off enough votes and succeed. Either way, his public career is completely over.

If he wants to run for the sake of his own ego, let him. But he should return the money that the Republicans gave him.

What would really be the sweetest is if he just fails, Rubio wins, and all those donors to the NRSC evaporate, and the people of Florida finally learn their lessons.

My way out of a recession or depression: Start a new company and start making some serious money! The lab is now ready! — <http://www.criterionchemical.com>

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But, he was never a real Republican, he was just a politician.

[davesinsanantonio](#) Thursday, April 29th at 5:28AM EDT ([link](#))

And, like all politicians, all he really cares about is winning the next election at any cost. Politicians have no principles upon which they stand. Principles are for statesmen. Statesmen care most about what is best for the country, not just the next election. As in most things human there is a bell shaped curve on the statesman-politician continuum. I admit it is a skewed curve on the politician end. There are very few true statesmen. Charlie Crist is pure politician, as are all RINOs. The fact they are RINOs proves it. We need to find and convince to run true conservative statesmen (and that term includes women who really care about the course of America) then work to get them elected and re-elected until they become infected with Beltway Disease, Then we need to dump them and find another true conservative statesman to replace them.

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Now this... I love Rubio

[deano64](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:41PM EDT ([link](#))

but Rush is reporting that along with Jeb Bush that Marco Rubio has spoken out against the new Arizona immigration law. I've never been disappointed in anything I've heard Rubio say until now. Does he understand states rights? Has he read the bill? Uggh.

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He gets a pass.

[RINKER](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 2:52PM EDT ([link](#))

There is some misinformation out there about the bill. There are some solid conservatives expressing some reservation about some details of the bill. I'm going to let the dust settle before I take sides on some of the finer points. I agree with it 100% in theory - I just want some more information about it.

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Cuban Americans Are Notoriously Pro-Immigration

[IJB](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 3:22PM EDT ([link](#))

For obvious reasons.

Rubio's position on AZ is hardly surprising, and is nearly totally besides the point, considering his background. It's not a disqualifier (by itself, anyway...).

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The Cuban Americans I know

[rightwingmom52](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 4:53PM EDT ([link](#))

believe in the rule of law and in becoming a U.S. citizen. They do not favor amnesty.

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I Never Said They Did

[IJB](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 5:03PM EDT ([link](#))

But the ones I know would tend to be leery of a law like AZ's, even though it's totally right on the merits.

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Look, nobody is perfect. So, let's not attack the best

[davesinsanantonio](#) Thursday, April 29th at 5:38AM EDT ([link](#))

candidate just because he has one little mole on his cheek. Again, remember the bell shaped curve. If the Dems are way left, and Rinos are on the curved part of the left, and most Americans are in the high middle, Rubio is on the right hand slope. Who is farther right than he is? If no one out there is better, then support him and stop whining for perfection. You will never find it. Anyone who looks perfect will have hidden flaws that will come to light at the worst possible moment. So, go with the best candidate, and stop nitpicking him. If you have a real problem with his position on the AZ bill, tell him directly, and factually back up your position (maybe he will come around to it), but don't give the opposition any ammunition to use against him. Believe me, they will use any ammunition you give them, because all they care about is winning and destroying this country. Don't help them do it!!!!

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Misinformation about the bill out there?

[deano64](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 3:12PM EDT ([link](#))

Yes, it's called leftist propaganda... It's a pretty straight forward bill. I would actually like a little more clarification from Rubio on his comments. I certainly am not saying I won't continue to support him because of this. It's just concerning since his comments sound a lot like comments coming from Dems and RINOS.

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[jimc1969](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 3:57PM EDT ([link](#))

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Is there a pool going

[bk](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 4:23PM EDT ([link](#))

as to ratio of Crist anti-Rubio ads vs anti-Meek ads? I'll take 90% if that's available.

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Hooray! Now off to victory!

[snowshooze](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 6:07PM EDT ([link](#))

And Finally Crist is out of the way officially.

Should there have been any left in Florida who were still uncertain who Crist really is, this should clear it all up for them.

After I get gloating I will have to write another snide e-mail to the RNSC and rub it in a bit deeper... and thank them get again for all the fine work they do. (gag)

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Florida Independent Party...??

[snowshooze](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 6:16PM EDT ([link](#))

I tried to dig something up on them.. I came up pretty much zip.

Are they even organized? I was hoping to see some statement as to the Crist defection there, thought it might be interesting. Can anyone just declare ? Yep, I am an Independent? It would appear so.

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Might be running as NPA

[Republican_Michigander](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 6:37PM EDT ([link](#))

No Party Affiliation. I can't speak for Florida, but that's the terminology here in Michigan.

If I get extra money, I'll be sending two checks. Marco Rubio and Pat Toomey.

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I say

[proudconservativerepublican](#) Wednesday, April 28th at 10:44PM EDT ([link](#))

if Crist runs as an indy he can pretty much kiss his political career goodbye and I won't shed a tear over it.

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Support Rubio

[bamron](#) Thursday, April 29th at 7:07AM EDT ([link](#))

As soon as Crist (really, what an inappropriate name, Judas is better) announces, I am making a contribution to Rubio. I think many others will do the same. Talk about blind ambition, this guy needs a seeing eye dog.

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Something smells

[saltlick](#) Thursday, April 29th at 7:33AM EDT ([link](#))

Watch for a “payoff” to Crist somewhere down the line.

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Four way race now

[freethinkerfl](#) Thursday, April 29th at 8:12AM EDT ([link](#))

that Crist has gone Independent, the door is open for Libertarian candidate Alex Snitker to take a large portion of the vote. Crist will drag votes from Meeks and Obama supporting independents. Rubio and Snitker will split the rest and Snitker has a chance in this political environment to win.

This makes for a very interesting Senate race up to November!

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The Libertarian has no chance to win.

[Brian Hibbert](#) Thursday, April 29th at 8:24AM EDT ([link](#))

At best he has a chance to be a spoiler and cause Rubio to lose to the Democrat. Split electorates NEVER win. They only allow their least favorite choice to win with a minority of the vote.

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Alex Snitker = Ron Paul

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and if you look at his website, his positions on the issues mirror Ron Paul's. I expect Ron Paul to endorse him any day now. He will accomplish absolutely nothing more than to insure a Meeks win.

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Last year, at the RedState gathering I asked Marco Rubio if he'd do the same thing.

[Brian Hibbert](#) Thursday, April 29th at 8:22AM EDT ([link](#))

His answer was the right one. He said that should he lose in the primary, he would acknowledge the will of the voters and support the winner of the primary. His reasoning was that even Crist would be FAR better than anyone on the Democrat side.

Too bad Crist isn't as honorable as Marco Rubio.

GO MARCO!!!!!!!

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Did Crist take the GOP Pledge of Allegiance...

[jcincy](#) Thursday, April 29th at 8:57AM EDT ([link](#))

So Ray Boyd in Georgia refuses to sign the GOP Pledge of Allegiance and decides to run as an independent.

Here we have Charlie Crist... I don't know if there's a silly pledge in FL as well... but look at his record...

He had no problem taking GOP dollars to run for governor...

He had no problem taking GOP dollars to run for senate...

But when things weren't going his way in the GOP... so long suckers!

You folks still think a pledge would keep a man like Charlie Crist from bolting the party or stabbing the party in the back? Get a clue.

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Who will Crist caucus with?

[Scope](#) Thursday, April 29th at 9:24AM EDT ([link](#))

Krauthammer made the best comment last night about Crist. First, they played the Wallace interview, from three weeks ago where Wallace asked him 5 times if he would run as a Republican. He consisted said yes, though squirming while answering. He already knew then that he was going to bolt from the Republican party.

As Charles said, Crist, running as an Independent, what is he running on? What are his positions, as they have constantly changed over the last few years, the oil drilling off Fla. coast being one of them. After the Wallace interview, who would believe anything he says? It will be interesting to see if his ads, if he can afford them, give any hint of who he will caucus with. At this point the only thing he can promote is himself. Will he just talk about the things he accomplished while Governor? He sure gained the support of the Teachers Union just recently. How much money can he raise just from the teachers? Who will send him donations?

Because he slapped the idiot Republican elites in the face with his switch, they have more than egg on their faces. Will they retaliate? As of Sunday, McConnell told Wallace that he wasn't ready to take back his endorsement of Crist. Can the NRSC ask for their money back? Not that they will get it back, it's spent. Can they attach any future donations in any way?

The biggest question- Will the R elites learn from this. They've done wrong in the past, but, this race is so high profile it has to have them on their butts, facing the wall, with dunce caps on. Can't wait to hear their statements on this, if they make any, and don't hide from embarrassment. If I were them I wouldn't go on any interview shows for a long time. They will get smacked hard. Can we finally put them on the dung pile?

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Will one of our resident lawyers please explain

Tbone Thursday, April 29th at 9:56AM EDT ([link](#))

why taking campaign contributions to run as a Republican and then not doing that is not fraud?

Why isn't there a class action suit files against Crist?

Envisioning when all that is Left is the Right.

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Crist tried to reach Rham Emanuel

Scope Thursday, April 29th at 10:07AM EDT ([link](#))

according to this article, Emanuel had no interest, but, is planning on pushing Meeks hard in the election.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2010/04/the-night-beat-sorry-charlie/39662>

Poor Charlie has no where to go. If he won, God forbid, again, who will he caucus with. No one has any interest in him because he is a man without a rational thought or principle.

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