

Mike Brigmond's Letter to the Editor of the Osceola News Gazette March 19th, 2009

To the editor:

What message did Gov. Charlie Crist send to the citizens of Florida by appointing Circuit Judge James Perry to the Florida Supreme Court? Those who feed off the governor's dreams might say … well, we don't know what they might say since State Republican Party chairman Jim Greer has yet to issue his usual slobbering praise of how wonderful our governor is for having the foresight to appoint a liberal, pro-choice, pro-homosexual to such a high office.

Maybe the governor finally stumped Mr. Greer. Perhaps the slippery tongue of the RPOF chairman cannot adequately find the words to make this slap to the face of the Republican Party seem like a kiss, although he will undoubtedly give it a try.

The message Gov. Crist continues to give is this: "You can ask, but don't ever expect me to be conservative in anything but words. My agenda is MY agenda." When Gov. Crist rejected the list of Supreme Court nominees and demanded a more "diverse" field from which to choose, it appeared he was simply playing the race card and pandering at full speed. But now that he has made his choice, and since skin color, nationality and gender should not matter, we have to conclude the governor was not concerned with skin color, but was looking to appoint a judge whose principles and belief system was more "diverse."

The governor has a plan, a mission. He wants to become a senator, and maybe even president. Having those ambitions is OK. It's common for little boys and girls to dream of growing up to be a doctor, or lawyer, or president or a princess. But children are taught they can obtain their goals by being good students in school, being honest, hard working and personally preparing themselves to qualify for whatever position they dream about. It seems that the governor's pathway to stardom takes a different direction. Apparently he thinks the best way to get what he wants is to lay aside the principles of the party he represents and pander to political expediency. He did this by appointing someone whose principles are diametrically opposed to those of his own party. This speaks volumes about the Charlie Crist agenda. It's all about getting elected.

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