

THE EXTRA POINT

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1013 So...What are Jerry's Political Beliefs?

Prior to yesterday's commentary, Ray and I got into a discussion about officials in Hawaii and elsewhere — in this case Democrats — who are lifting Covid restrictions. We also said the only reason they're doing this now is because polls show their failed policies are going to cost them in the upcoming election. When I got home, my wife said something that led to me writing a very different program than the one I had planned for today. That's next, on The Extra Point.

What my wife told me yesterday was that my comments in calling out Democratic officials might lead listeners — specifically local folks who are Democrats — to misjudge my political beliefs.

I think it's fair that people know where I'm coming from, and why I take the positions I do. For potential clients, they should also have a clear picture of who they might be putting in front of their employees. So, here goes.

First and foremost, I don't identify with either Democrats or Republicans. Because I do a daily commentary on Guam's only conservative talk station, is irrelevant. I'm here because Ray's here...because we go back forever.

Before I talk about my personal views, I need to acknowledge that there are people who would prefer I never discuss politics. They tell me the reason they listen is for the information and inspiration, and they miss that when I get into other areas. I get it, and I appreciate that sentiment more than you know.

With that backdrop, the following is where I stand on politics.

1. When I talk about "Democrats," I'm almost never aiming my comments at Guam Democrats. I'm pointing at Biden and the disaster that is his administration. My family is chock full of

Democrats, and many of my friends vote that way. If that's the way you roll, I would never disrespect your choices as to which candidates and positions you support.

You should also know that I've also been vocal in my disappointment with Republicans, both locally and nationally.

2. When it comes to local politics, I don't care who is in office. I support the person who wins the election, because that's the person who can make decisions to benefit my family and yours.

3. When Lou Leon Guerrero was elected, I was clear that I hoped she'd be the most successful governor in Guam's history. I still feel that way, though I certainly don't agree with some of her decisions over the past three years. I hope her leadership results in massive growth for our economy. What good does it do anyone if a governor fails?

4. I want three branches of government, as the law calls for. Right now, we have two. Plain and simple, I think that's tragic.

5. I have no love for partisan politics. I'm tired of candidates who talk about helping the people, then win and spend their term sucking up to their party.

We need independent candidates to come forth and have an honest chance to be elected. The two parties have made that almost impossible.

6. I believe in the Constitution, liberty, and freedom. There are people who don't care about any of that, and they believe they know best how you and I should live.

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They intend to make decisions for us. Is that the world you want for your kids and grandkids?

We're only four generations past D-Day and the campaign to rid the world of a ruthless dictator, who also wanted to create a new world order.

I wonder if the heroes who took down Hitler ever imagined an America like we have today, one so divided, so angry, and some so willing to cash in the system that they've been taught to hate...a system that millions of people around the world have risked everything to come to.

7. I don't want Trump to run in 2024, and for three reasons. One, I think Ron DeSantis would be a better president. Two, if Trump did get the Republican nomination, he would unite the Democrats like nobody else ever could. Three, America needs to calm down, and everyone needs to find some solid ground with people whose opinions they don't agree with. Trump could never be that calming influence.

There's more, but those are the big nuggets.

So, I promise that I will continue to strive to be a source of information, and hopefully inspiration.

In those relatively few instances when I see something that I feel I must address, it will be because I believe doing so will be in the best interests of the majority of those people listening.

Thanks for being there. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a small part of your day.

That's the Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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