

The Deeds deception

In the July 2 Recorder article, "Deeds seeking office," Mr. Deeds spins a web of deception that defies reality. He claims he's running for office because he wants "to continue to fight for our families and what is important to us." What fight? What is important and to whom? It may be important for voters to know that Creigh Deeds is closely associated with the socialist wing of the Democratic Party ... whose consistent agenda is the expansion of the state. In short he's a liberal ... and has a voting record to prove it.

Starboard Views

By Al Woodson



Facts are facts and Feb. 24, 1994, Deeds voted against Del. Vance Wilkin's amendment to House Bill 30, a bill that would prohibit extending state insurance benefits to homosexual partners of faculty members at state colleges and universities. That vote could be considered "fighting for our families" if the family is defined as two homosexuals with a dog and cat or two lesbians with a pet canary. Deeds also voted against the Marshall Amendment to House Bill 1450 Feb. 9, 1995; a provision that would have prohibited use of state tax revenues to perform abortions. The liberal Democrat intelligentsia tries hard to explain to us yokels that a fetus is not a real human being and that it's OK to kill an unborn child ... but, some of us refuse to be lectured to or patronized into blinding our eyes to moral truths as easily as our elite liberal friends.

Deeds seems to have no problems with that but, we conservative Republicans can be pretty stubborn about what makes up a "choice" between right and wrong. Deeds also says he wants Virginians to "keep more of what they earn," but, in 1995 he voted against House Bill 2613 which was Gov. Allen's proposed tax cut for working Virginians and their families.

On education, Deeds said, "We can accept nothing less that a world-class education for our children!" What does that mean? Perhaps the truth of the matter means facing up to the failure of the educational system in America today. As expressed by the National Commission of Excellence in Education, "If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an act of war." What the National Education Association and American Federation of Teachers union barons want to teach, reads like a wish list from the radical left, including anti-prayer, "self-esteem" training and so-called outcome based education that encourages children to reject their parents' values and replace reading, writing, and arithmetic with feel-goodism and worse.

On March 8, 1994, Deeds voted against Senate Bill 515, a bill that added the three charters of the Virginia Company of London, with extensive references to

God and religious freedom, to the list of historical documents that must be taught to all students in Virginia public schools. And, Feb. 14, 1994, Deeds voted to refer House Joint Resolution 187 back to committee, thus delaying action or killing a bill that would have established a subcommittee to study the feasibility of implementing a school choice plan in Virginia.

Again, the record shows that Deeds voted against House Bill 2616, that would have sent lottery profits back to local communities to be used for education, law enforcement or tax relief and he voted against the governor's amendments to House Bill 2542 that would have returned more than \$300 million annually in lottery profits to local communities to be used for education, law enforcement or tax relief. Deeds voted against higher academic standards for Virginia's school children (House Bill 2030) but, favors the federal government takeover of education embodied in "Goals 2000," and he voted against the Marshall Amendment to Senate Joint Resolution 400 Feb. 24, 1995, a provision that said federal money must be provided to states and localities with no strings attached. He also voted against House Bill 2282, which provided teachers protection from frivolous lawsuits and improving school safety. Well, so much for Mr. Deeds' pitch for a "world class education!"

On the keeping "families safe" front, Mr. Deeds voted against House Bill 1318 that provided tougher sentences for repeat, violent criminals and against House Bill 1317 requiring mandatory minimum sentences for criminals who use guns to commit crimes. Deeds was also against pay-as-you-go for prisons and colleges and voted against House Bill 2347 ... that provided for using proceeds

from sale of surplus property for funding prisons and higher education capital projects. Deeds also voted in favor of a Conference Report that opposed the governor's plan to provide needed prison space for maximum-security inmates rather than releasing violent criminals back into our communities (House Bill 1452).

Finally, the worst deception of all. Deeds states, "I am proud of the independent leadership I have provided." That statement is only an attempt to retreat from his longstanding support and voting record for liberal and Democrat lust for power.

Deeds is making an effort to move away from a party that decided that power is more important than truth; a party that pushes for evergrowing bureaucratic control over our basic freedoms; a party that seeks to punish those who achieve and reward those who don't; a party that embraces discrimination through preferences based on race and a school system dedicated only to benefit an iron-fisted, heavy-booted trade union that cares little about educating our youth. The Democrats have demonstrated their political drift in their defense of a guilty president.

Creigh Deeds and the Democrats are joined at the hip. He cannot escape his liberal voting record as he tries to sell himself as a phantom politician who pretends to support traditional moral values ... while he stealthily promotes infanticide, lifestyles of sexual deviation, feel-good irresponsibility and masking of real-life issues with illusions. What's real is real and what's true is true.

Voters of the 18th legislative district will decide if such hypocrisy and deception deserves reelection or will they elect Mik Collins, a conservative Republican, who tells the truth and back it up with action.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is not in response to Mr. Woodson's letter published in last week's issue of the Recorder. It is to express sadness that anyone interested in politics would write such a letter or that the Recorder would publish it.

I know both Creigh Deeds and Mike Collins. Both are gentlemen and I like to think that neither would engage in scurrilous tactics to gain political advantage. Both know how I plan to vote, and why, and that does not change my relationship with either of these good men.

When Mr. Collins first announced his candidacy I wished him well and casually expressed the hope and expectation that this would be a clean campaign. He agreed. So far, the only breach of civility that I have observed on either side has been Mr. Woodson's letter. My first reaction to that letter was to think it will do more to hurt Mike than to help him, and this unintended consequence is not fair to Mr. Collins. The letter is obviously unfair to Mr. Deeds.

Mr. Collins is on the horns of a dilemma. If he repudiates Mr. Woodson's letter he risks alienating some of his supporters. If he says nothing he risks endorsing it by his silence.

It has become fashionable to attack all politicians as scoundrels. The sad fact is that this attitude has been learned from some of the politicians themselves. Politics is an honorable pursuit and most politicians are honorable people. Partisan politics is something else again. My earliest recollection of the ugly side of partisan politics was the statement by T. Coleman Andrews, then Commissioner of Internal Revenue, that all Democrats are liberals, all liberals are socialists, and all socialists are communists. Most people I knew looked on him as President Eisenhower's equivalent to President Truman's Harry Vaughan and paid him no mind.

It is not being a pollyanna to think that civility is still alive and well in this area of the world; however, civility is an endangered virtue. Before we do it more harm, let's stop talking about our opponents and say what is good about our own. And let's not think that for our candidate to be good, the other must therefore be evil.

Sincerely yours,

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Editor, The Recorder

Dear Editor,


This is in response to Arthur B. Davies, III's letter on civility published in last week's issue of The Recorder. When Republicans point out hypocrisy and tell the truth about Democrats, the Democrats say Republicans are being mean-spirited or uncivil. When Democrats tell the truth what will the Republicans say? We will know when and if that ever happens. Harry Truman, the last truthful Democrat President, said, "They call me 'give-em-hell-Harry,' but, I just tell the Truth and they think it's hell!" Today's New-Age Democrats view the truth as "relative" and it's whatever they say it is. Their attacks are standard fare. When the liberal Democrats can't attack the message, they attack the messenger. No matter, I'll just keep on telling the truth and overlook their offensive ad nauseam attacks.

To Democrats, bi-partisanship means seeing things their way and be nice, however, they don't apply that standard to themselves. Mike Collins is under no obligation to agree or disagree with my remarks. He is his own person and when he's elected to the House of Delegates he will endure the same scrutiny as his fellow colleagues. Mr. Davies should recognize that T. Coleman Andrews almost got it right. Many Democrats are liberals and many liberals are socialists. All socialists are not communists, but some are and there's no denying there's a far Left element leading the Democrat party.

But, back to the "Deeds Deception"...how about an update? Campaign literature from Deeds states, "Creigh Deeds won't let anyone steal our children's dreams." A bill that would have made it a separate penalty to kill an unborn child while maliciously attacking a pregnant woman passed in the Virginia Senate 31-9, only to be defeated in Delegate Richard Cranwell's House committee. Deeds decided to vote with Cranwell and against motherhood. With that vote, Deeds is saying to Virginia's expectant mothers that he doesn't care whether their unborn child survives to dream or not.

Finally, Mr. Davies' inference that The Recorder should engage in censorship to stifle freedom of speech seems, at best, to be un-American. He should go back and read the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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