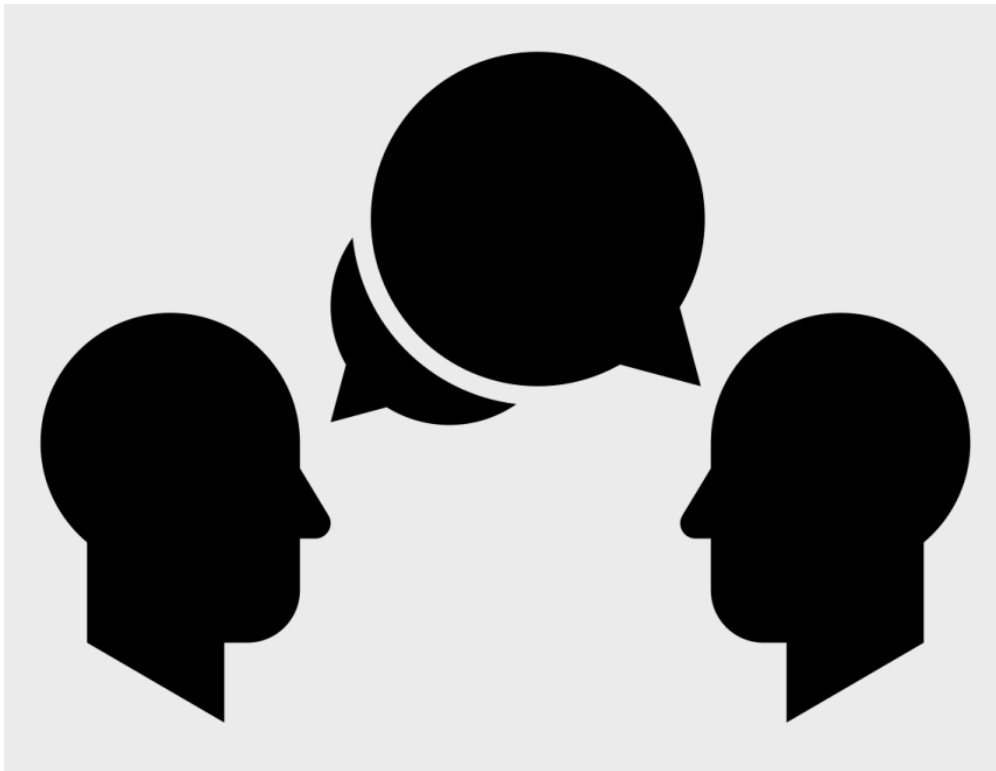


When Debates Get Heated: Differences of Opinion within the Republican Party



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On the 9th of November, 2020, a fierce debate broke out within the halls of the Republican Party satellite office in Little Rock, Arkansas, Dixie.

Greylat, a libertarian Republican from Lincoln, had come to Dixie to visit the DXGOP and share his experiences as a veteran member of the House of Representatives.

Also present was Dixian Republican /u/tablekitten, a new recruit with an eye for foreign policy. While we had a round table discussion on the state of the coming Assembly races, the conversation somehow spun into a mention of former President Donald Trump and his Israel policy. The talk somewhat spiralled from there. A transcript is provided below by the Dixie Republican Party for the benefit of the subscribers to the Grand Old Paper.

Tablekitten: Here's a radical proposition that we could discuss. For the sake of argument, I'm establishing that Israel is a terrorist state.

Greylat: 

Tablekitten: It can only be sustained through continued violence. What other middle eastern state is and has been an adversary to all its neighbors? No individual neighbor of Israel is responsible for the tensions. Israel is the common participator.

Greylat: They all attacked Israel together in 1948.

Ezra: I like Israel and the Jewish people. I am not an antisemite.

Tablekitten: Israel must logically be responsible.

Greylat: Do you want an actual answer?

Tablekitten: when people say Israel was attacked in 1948, this ignores the backstory.

Greylat: 

IcyHelicopter: The middle east under the Ottoman Empire was known for its peace and freedom, naturally

Icy was then told off for doing what the younger Republicans call “shitposting”.

Tablekitten: Israel is not some random state where the population pre-existed then there was de-colonisation and then for some reason or other they came under attack. What is now Israel was settled by Jews in the lead-up to the 47-49 Palestine war.

Greylat: It was settled for fifty years prior to the war.

Tablekitten: Yes. I do not dispute that.

Greylat: And before that people who visited the region found that it was effectively empty

Tablekitten: Effectively empty?

Greylat: Yes.



Greylat prepares his next debate point.

Tablekitten: What about Jerusalem? What about Jaffa? What about acre? They were not empty.

Greylat: Outside of the major cities, it was empty.

Tablekitten: pulls up the [Wikipedia article](#) for the 1922 Census of Palestine.

The group spends a few minutes perusing the article, and Greylat expands a map of the Israeli region onto a nearby projector. Meanwhile, something flashes outside the building.

Adith goes out to investigate. It turns out to be Milpool shooting bottle rockets, and accidentally hitting a streetlight.

“What the everlasting fuck are you doing, Milpool?”

“I’ve gotta get back at fucking Dewey mate, I’m practicing.”

This is not unconventional from Milpool, so Adith sighs and gets back inside. Hopefully the light will work the next night.

The discussion resumes.

Greylat: And I'd accept the Arab victim complex if they'd actually agreed to the partition, which favored them.

Tablekitten: $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million persons. That is not empty. If it was empty why did they need to expel so many Arabs from villages and the like?

Greylat: You can count the villages, they mostly compose large cities now.

IcyHelicopter: If Jamaica took over Mecca and Medina for 1000 years, and populated it with Jamaicans, would it diminish the rights of Muslims to hold power over their holy cities, and lands of origin?

Adithyansoccer: Icy raises an extremely good point. *Plays "Buffalo Soldier" in the background.*

Tablekitten: Muslim control over their holy sites should not come at the expense of the jamaicans. I do not think it is an issue of time, although time is certainly relevant. I think it is an issue of the rights of individuals to their property and the rights of nations to what would by that point be their patrimony. It is not right for any group to be uprooted.

IcyHelicopter: But those people have been uprooted for 70 years at this point, so under your own argument, what's done is done, Israel is now 80% Jewish.

Tablekitten: Except- *(he is interrupted)*

Greylat: And besides, the Arabs still have access to their holy sites

Tablekitten: There are still regular infringements on the modicum of palestinian sovereignty still existing in the west bank.

Greylat: "Palestinian sovereignty" is a fiction

Tablekitten: The syrian golan is still occupied. How is that?!?!

Greylat: Jordan recognized that the West Bank is Israeli. Golan is only technically Syrian because Syria refuses to negotiate and accept the loss.

Tablekitten: Jordan is aligned with Israel (or at least the government is).

Greylat: Jordan controlled the West Bank under the partition plan

Tablekitten: The state of Palestine legally exists in the west bank at this time.

IcyHelicopter: As many Jews live in Golan as Arabs.

Greylat: It was theirs, and they recognized it to be Israeli



Tablekitten smiles as he debates Greylat

Tablekitten: IcyHelicopter, that's because it was settled after being occupied in the 1967 war.

Greylat: "The State of Palestine" only exists because Israel set it up, buddy. It was a terrorist organization.

Tablekitten: Do you think i do not know that? Gets heated.

Ok, firstly- (interrupted)

Greylat: And it doesn't have sovereignty either

IcyHelicopter: So?

Tablekitten: Though i called israel a terrorist state earlier, I think we should not worry about semantics.

IcyHelicopter: People now live there

Tablekitten: Because it is not constructive, by allah (He facepalms and swears under his breath.)

IcyHelicopter: Do you want to uproot people 🤔

Tablekitten: ok, the golan is a place in turmoil. When you go there, you know its status is still in question. I think they are perfectly liable to be peaceably sent back to israel. Just like the settlers in gaza

Greylat: The Golan is defended by the IDF. There are no settlers in Gaza.

Tablekitten: there are not any more

Greylat: Israel withdrew in the early 2000s

Tablekitten: They were removed, yes precisely.

Greylat: They were not removed, they withdrew.

Tablekitten: So people moving to the golan should be aware of this possibility. Also, well, removed by Israel. It was an organized thing. Anyway, (is interrupted again, and is now looking very irritated.)

Greylat: If you look at the history, you'll find a repeated pattern of Israeli goodwill and Arab bad faith.

Tablekitten: Settling a territory that is in question is not proper. Also, goodwill?

Greylat: It's in question because Syria refuses to negotiate.

Tablekitten: Continuing to occupy the golan on the pretext of security is not goodwill.

Greylat: It's not a pretext.

Tablekitten: Syria will not recognize Israel because Israel is occupying their territory.

Greylat: Syria used the Golan to attack Israeli farms in the north in 1967.

Tablekitten: I consider that Israeli control of the golan is not necessary.

Greylat: It is necessary for the defense of Israel.

Tablekitten: Israel is massively overpowered when compared to Syria.

Adithyansoccer: Why don't we all just come together and grill?

Greylat: You know what, fine. Let's do that. Table, is that alright?

Tablekitten: Sure.

The DXGOP members then made a mighty fine brisket.

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