

The Case of Polkadot48 Exposes the Disease That Ails the Republican Party



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Polkadot48, the once-lauded former Republican Representative, is being attacked by the conservative press.
Her crime? Being a political moderate - Grand Old Paper GFX Team

If you've ever read my work here at the Grand Old Paper, you know that I am no stranger to moderatism. While conservative speakers at the Conservative Political Action Conference and journalists at the National Review may revile the so called "poisoning" of conservative values by moderates, I see it as a necessary step to further our beliefs. Success can only come out of compromise. As a matter of fact, I interviewed one of the most prominent Republican moderates, then-Representative Polkadot48, about moderatism in the Republican party just a few weeks ago.

Over the course of a few short weeks, however, party pundits have entirely changed their tune, viciously attacking moderates for the devastating election loss that the Republican party just faced. This, in a nutshell, is why Polkadot left the party.

Look. I feel the pain of such a gut-wrenching loss. I understand it. As a Republican campaign operative, I've suffered similar losses myself. Sometimes the scars just won't heal. Indeed, the loss itself is continually being made worse by the fact that the broad left coalition is now ramming socialist bills down the throat and gullet of America. The solution, however, is not to alienate our valuable allies in the fight to save the heart and soul of America. That is cowardice.

In her [press release](#) detailing why she left the Republican party, Polkadot cites that she fears the day when she will be forced to choose her party over her principles, a decision she cannot abide by. It was one of the major reasons that led her to part ways with the Republican Party. Indeed, party freedom is important. The Republican Party has long been the only party in the nation that afforded its members a great deal of autonomy and freedom. Perhaps it was not the most efficient manner of organizing a party, but it was ideologically consistent. As a proud voting and card-carrying member of the party, I stand for ideological consistency. With the direction the party is moving in, assimilating against moderates, it is not at all out of the picture to state that Republicans might be forced to fall in line, against the spirit of freedom that made us the greatest party in the nation.

Now, here's where I disagree with Representative Polkadot. Joining the Democrats is not a way out. The Democrats force members to vote for resolutions to which they are opposed more than any other party. They do not tolerate dissent. Even if she is a moderate, she still has conservative inclinations. These would not square well with the values that the Democratic party espouses. Why, Polkadot, when there are so many other options, would you choose the least free party? Why not the CPP? Why not stay and fight for your beliefs?

Polkadot took the easy way out ... or did she?

The Republican party has been no stranger to alienating its base, killing the enthusiasm of key support demographics and making its own election strategy more complicated. The Republican Party's greatest enemy is not the broad left coalition, but rather itself. By leaving the Republican party, Polkadot sent a clear message, one so loud and clear that it cannot possibly be ignored by the Republican establishment and the pundits that egg them on: our strategy isn't

working. Republicans desperately need a change of heart, to turn from their haughty arrogance, if they are ever to recover from this battle. Yes, preserve conservatism, but don't alienate your allies.

Sure, it probably wasn't intentional at all, but Polkadot's choice strategy of aggressive negotiation with the party may just be what saves it. Polkadot's plight has exposed the disease that ails the Republican Party and poisons its roots. Now it is our job to fight it and stamp it out.

Thank you, Polkadot, for giving the Republican party a much-needed wakeup call. Let's fight to preserve the wellbeing of our party and a future for America.