

## Political Theater

Basically, I consider most people who describe themselves as political "*Independents*" to be conservative Republicans **WHO DON'T READ**. Lately, I've seen a lot of wasted effort and resources on the part of otherwise well-intentioned Americans, whose pursuit of reform could be better focused by avoiding *political theater* and participating in more conventional activism.

**Most read little, have never contributed to a conservative candidate, have rarely voted in a primary election and have never written to a public official. Few have ever volunteered to work as an election official nor run for public office because they misguidedly opt for political theater instead of more disciplined approaches to political reform. Their efforts often appear frenzied and unfocused, since they've rejected traditional involvement in party politics.**

A case in point is the "*People's Convoy*," a caravan of truckers and others who are destined for Washington, D.C. to protest this nation's vaccine and mask mandates. It appears to be running out of steam in its drive to demonstrate against COVID-19 mandates -- and is increasingly unfocused -- because "*Democrats*" recently stole the wind from their sails by relaxing mask and vaccine mandates everywhere but in *The People's Republic of Illinois*.

On its **Facebook** page, its organizers describe their purpose as follows (emphasis added):

***"This convoy aims to bring back our freedoms, our civil liberties, and bring an end to all unconstitutional mandates...This is about our rights, as well as the freedom of future generations. It's not about political***

***parties, but more so about a government that has forgotten its place and has no regard for our founding fathers' instructions."***

Anyone foolish enough to believe that preserving our civil liberties "***is not about political parties***" couldn't organize a two-car funeral. The Constitution is the practical source of ALL our cherished liberties, and its preservation has ***EVERYTHING*** to do with political parties. That's because one party is intent on preserving the Constitution, and the other party's sole purpose is to destroy it. The continued failure of some to recognize that fact may well cause us to lose it.

The recent and unscheduled decision of the "People's Convoy" to stop in Hagerstown, Maryland and hold a rally at the ***Hagerstown Speedway Grandstands*** -- for speeches and a flag-unfurling -- illustrates the confusion in its ranks. Organizers offered no explanation for their change of plans, sowing confusion among participants as well as donors and supporters who supply the caravan along its route. The original plan was to begin their D.C. rally on Saturday, March 5th, but that goal was delayed until Sunday March 6th, owing to the Hagerstown rally.

***In this sense, the "People's Convoy" is much like the January 6th demonstrators, and the fools who conspired to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. I realize they meant well and had only benign and even altruistic motives, but their substitution of "political theater" for party politics has only served to undermine the freedom movement, and gave its enemies ammunition to attack genuine reform efforts.***

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