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“The Plot Thickens”

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Aaahhh... the plot thickens in the Democratic race for that party’s nominee for President. As of this writing Obama is 150+ delegates ahead of Hillary and it has been said it will be mathematically impossible for Hilary to catch up. If this scenario is true then by the time the Democratic National Convention is held in late August the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and its befuddled leaders will have to seek some kind of brokered deal between the two in order to declare a nominee that would not only be agreeable to both individuals in question, but also pass muster with the rank in file delegates and, more importantly, the constituents they represent back home.

There is already a deep quagmire on the ground in Florida and Michigan where Hilary is trying to claim delegates that, technically speaking, don’t even exist. The National DNC “punished” each state’s Democratic organization for moving their Primary elections closer to the first of the year without the DNC’s permission, by dis-allowing the seating of any of their state delegates at the National Convention. With hindsight prevailing, that decision is being called “stupid,” “ill-advised,” “premature,” and “sophomorically inept” by members of the Democratic Party elite, and now they’re trying to get someone with a long stick to pull them out of this sinking sand before their Party and the whole Primary process goes under. Another DNC decision they might want to re-think is their post-1982 change to proportionately splitting delegates among the candidates during Primaries as opposed to the tried and true “winner take all” method.

Both Florida and Michigan have removed themselves from the fray by advising the DNC they will not be paying for the solution whatever it may turn out to be. Neither governor, thankfully, will allow taxpayers of their state to foot the bill for the do-over elections and the governor of Michigan, who is a Clinton supporter, has muddied the waters even more by saying if they do have a new election, by mail or otherwise, it will be limited to only registered Democrats. Hilary says that would be okay with her. Michigan is a state with many senior citizens and unions, both of which currently make up a large portion of Clinton’s base supporters. However, don’t expect Obama to jump at such a deal because it would take away one of the largest foundational factions of his base ... the Independent voters.

Florida has said it is willing to accommodate a do-over in its state and structure it in such a way to be fair to both Obama and Clinton. They have said a mail-in election would be the easiest and most fair way to handle the fiasco, but some of the Party hacks are bringing up the specter of potential fraud. So what else is new? Sen. Nelson of Florida says he believes the mail-in vote would be the surest way to guarantee a fair response and he predicts if a mail-in ballot is used more than 3 Million of the states 4 Million Democrat supporters would probably respond. The whole idea, of course, is left to be seen.

Howard Dean, the DNC chairman and the one responsible for the “punishment” decision in the first place, is justifying his decision saying that the punishment was needed to show the rebel states’ Democratic organizations they must adhere to what is best for the Party and refrain from thinking on their own. So much for states’ rights in this whole debacle.

But wait, there’s something else now for the DNC to worry over. A scandal has erupted in the Democratic Governor’s office in New York. Governor Eliot Spitzer... once that state’s Democratic poster boy for a straight shooting, law and order type of guy when he was District Attorney of New York City... made an announcement that he had been involved with supporting and participating in a large on-line prostitution ring in the State of New York, entitled the Emperor’s Club. He supposedly used his name and position, and tens of thousands of dollars, to further the cause of this group while, also, participating in the “fruits” of its labor.

The FBI, who was investigating the multi-state involvement of the club’s participants, had the Governor on tape speaking to his favorite young lady, “Kristen”, who was very explicit in what she would do for the Governor, and Spitzer was referred to on the tape as Client #9. Gov. Spitzer, with his beleaguered and seemingly shell-shocked wife at his side, initially made a very innocuous statement at a hastily called press conference saying this was a “private matter” that affected only his family and went against all he had stood for in the past. Predictably, on Wednesday Spitzer came before the cameras again to announce that he has officially resigned his position as Governor of New York and will seek to serve the public through avenues that will open up in private life. Being the chief legal officer for the State of New York, and having broken both Federal and State laws, the Governor had very little wiggle room to do anything else but step down.

Folks, neither the Democratic Party nor the Republican Party has the corner on immoral or illegal activities of its members and, unfortunately, as sure as we are that the sun will rise tomorrow we can be sure that Gov. Spitzer’s confession of malfeasance will not be the last one we’ll hear in our

lifetime. A sad commentary, for sure.

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