

Messiah Seeking And Voting

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The biggest problem we have with democratic principles is that by voting, citizens are submitting to one candidate or another. In totalitarian societies, people are born in a state of submission, so my comments should not be taken as a call to do away with democracy.

There are two styles of representation [Trustee Model](#) and the [Delegate Model](#). In the United States, the Trustee Model is all that is used. There are no delegates in congress. With the Trustee Model, citizens opt for a candidate who works independently of the will of the electorate but is trusted to act on behalf of those he represents. Because a trustee acts independently, he can and does represent actually represent anyone he chooses to represent.

A delegate, on the other hand votes completely according to the will of those he represents. When I ran for congress in 2010, I ran as a delegate. The voters completely rejected this approach. As it turns out that each voter has aspirations of gaining the upper hand in the country. They were not willing to give up the illusion of control and subject themselves to the will of the majority. I got my plow cleaned in the election. Voters want someone to decide issues for them. They vote trustees into office, believing they have their best interest at heart.

Voters begin getting betrayed, as soon as their candidate gets elected. I often explain that self interest is the only incentive present where group behavior is concerned, I also point out that truth is not used in persuasive arguments in politics. To get elected, politicians must tell voters what they want to hear. If they don't, they will lose. Voters don't want to hear the truth,

Voters choose candidates they perceive as messiahs. Messiah seeking is the way voters pick trustees whose dialogue is compatible with their sensibilities.

Normally, when these two models of representation are compared, it is assumed that trustees will do exactly what their role calls for. That notion works great on paper. Those of us who use the fantasy free approach to economics and politics know that nature does not provide an incentive to serve, although it is universally assumed to be present. Human nature doesn't allow the trustee model to work as intended.

What we will get out of any upcoming election will be some new perceived messiahs while some who have worn out their welcome will be dismissed. They will all still be perceived messiahs. None will actually represent the voters who have elected them. Perceived messiahs will end up representing who and whatever makes representing them worth their while. Voters get outbid in this process immediately.