

H. Ross Perot For President

by Patrick Lalley

H. Ross Perot could restore my faith in the American political system.

I began to hear rumblings about Perot a few years back when this whole draft Perot campaign began. He was on some late night talk show and they were discussing how he bought a copy of the Magna Charta and donated it to the National Archives.

It was kind of a joke then, the presidential thing, but now Perot has popped up again and it seems he may have serious support this time, especially in lieu of our current choices, Clinton and Bush. *60 Minutes* did a piece on him that revealed how extensive his volunteer network is; rows and rows of phone banks taking calls from hundreds of thousands of potential volunteers and contributors.

Perot claims to have no real political ambition but says he will run as an independent in the general election if his supporters can get him on the ballot in all fifty states. I don't know if there is a group of Perot supporters in our state but if there is give me a call, I want to sign the petition.

Now Perot could be the second coming of Thomas Jefferson and it wouldn't make much difference without financial support, but he has that too, not only from his supporters but as a multi-billionaire he could drop \$100 million to fund his campaign. In fact his phone banks are so busy they had get help from the Home Shopping Network to handle all the calls.

He is a self-made man who rescued employees from the Iranian Revolution in 1979 by hiring a retired general and sending him over to Iran with a few of his execs as commandos, and it worked. This is only one of the interesting tales that come with the man. The thing that interests me and lifts my spirits is here is a guy who has basic values of hard work and education and, besides being one of the richest men in the world, is a pretty

normal person by all indications. He drives an '84 Buick.

Here is a man who can inspire thousands of everyday people and he really isn't even running.

On issues he is as non-partisan as they come. He is pro-choice, pro-gun control, hyper-patriotic, supported the Contras and Reagan, but opposed the Gulf War.

He served in the military, worked common jobs, started his own company and built it into an empire, yet he is able to identify with the everyday problems and ambitions of the American people.

Now I don't agree with H. Ross Perot on everything, who could. But it seems to me that he embodies the spirit of what American politics should be. He is a citizen first and when he tells you his idea or opinion you have have reason to believe it is truly what he believes. Who in the race today can you say that about.

There is no inherent reason why the American political system needs to be bogged down in the crippling effects of bi-polar partisanship. It's time to take a realistic look at what the deficit and the pending health care dilemma could do to the basic economic structure of this country. I think H. Ross Perot will tell you the truth, even if you don't agree with him.

Voting for George Bush has never been an option for me and Clinton is a political opportunist who I believe has forgotten, or perhaps never cared, about the American left and the working men and women of this country.

H. Ross Perot is not a proven candidate. This whole push may be just an aberration. I hope for the sake of this country and the one we leave for your children that the spirit that Perot seems to embody lives on. I hope Washington is scared as hell. ☐

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