

## RGJ - election fallout story

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I'm working on a story about election fallout that is critical of your role in the Washoe County Republican Party. Below are questions I'm seeking responses on. Feel free to respond by text or email if those are your preferred methods, but I'm happy to talk, too. The deadline for replies is noon Wednesday (tomorrow). So you know where I'm going, the gist of the story is that the Washoe County Republican Party:

- Spent money and other resources in Democratic strongholds where Republican candidates were unlikely to win.
- Did not spend money and other resources in up-for-grabs races where Republican candidates could have won because they weren't sufficiently on Team Beadles.
- Kicked out Republicans from the county party, passed resolutions censuring them, and through your Nevada Liberty website, allowed fellow Republicans to be attacked as clowns, groomers and RINOs.
- Spent time and effort on claims of widespread election fraud despite concerns from fellow Republicans that such "hair on fire" outrage was turning off independents and center-right voters needed to win.

That's what numerous people I've talked to have told me. Obviously there's another side and so that's what I'm seeking from you. I've also emailed the story summary and similar questions to Bruce. **The story gets submitted at 1 p.m. Wednesday.**

**Here are my questions** (feel free to send separate responses on each if easier):

- Some say personal attacks work at the state and national level, but usually backfire at the local level. Do you think your attack mailers through The Franklin Project PAC helped Republican candidates? If so, why?
- Why didn't you spend more effort on promoting why people should vote for your preferred candidates instead of against their opponents?
- I heard from multiple candidates that civic groups would not support them if they were affiliated or backed by you. Do you think you personally helped or hurt candidates?
- Multiple Republicans said early on that emphasizing rigged elections would keep voters home, especially independents needed by Republican candidates to win. This seems to be borne out by the data. Do you agree or disagree?
- Why wasn't more money/effort put into door knocking and encouraging people to vote?
- One claim is that you've basically taken over the county party and are purging of it people not closely aligned with you. Do you think that's a fair statement? Why?

If easier to talk (I think it is!), let me know a good time to talk between now and noon Wednesday. I'm available on my landline at [REDACTED].

P.S. I'm sending questions and the story summary to Bruce, too.

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