

The RNC - 2012

I have to say that I have been watching conventions on TV since I was 9 or 10 years old. My opinion of the group that calls themselves the Republican Party is that this time they have finally gotten it right. Yes - they have finally gotten the problem defined. A culture, a community, a country where humans live is paramount to the development of the human. If they develop in a healthy manner they will produce a healthy community. The only definition I can provide of "healthy" is what I know in 45 years of nursing. Nursing, I am afraid, used to run the healthcare system in its community. When drug corporations and HMO's took over healthcare in the 1970's and 1980's nurses (mostly women) lost control. Communities grow like an organism. If we look at the growth and development of the world I think we have to concede that until the 1960's men ruled and since the 1960's women have done their best to use their political and sexual freedom to make a better world, improve themselves or nurture their family or stay one step nearer the man who controls things. In my history (I am of an "advanced age") my communities had been civilized by my grandmother's parents. In the Midwest of the USA in the 1800's and the 1920's - women did not have a vote. Men built towns in lumber mills, mining, commerce and trade. Men left their parents to go in this direction and often they had young families or no women except those who were selling what the men needed. Woman's clubs helped to promote government, education and health for the young families and children who had come to the community (AKA mining camp, port or railroad stop). Women sometimes had been educated by their parents or schools in the east to read. They may have been nurses or teachers or missionaries. Towns were often rough and tumble and "wild". Men seemed to need a conservative government to slow them down. Young men today are so driven, so sexually frustrated, and so confused, they are anxious. They do not want to waste any time, they want to fulfill what they are driven to do sometimes without thought or knowledge of others. I could say they were cads but we (the mothers and grandmothers) can't say that because who wants to be blamed for raising a cad? In the mining town/lumber mill where my grandmother was a girl, women were mothers and wives and sometimes were beaten or cheated on. If this was so it was not publicized or punished, it was considered to be a sore or infestation, a temporary "dis" ease in the organism of the community. If the males or the leaders of the community stopped the offenses toward women and treated them as partners, (partners they sorely needed), the men would lead in a healthy direction. I cannot tell you how "shocked" I am when I hear truth about daughters being molested by their

fathers and ignored by their mothers because the health , education and welfare of the household was being unequally ruled. It was also not a time for women to make waves in the community without the support of a majority of women. Anyway, the culture my genes came from was Scotch-Irish and German. My grandmother, however, had a sense of propriety about her. She believed most all of her life that her ancestors came from their whereabouts on the Mayflower and had been present during the American Revolution. She loved English history especially the wives of Henry the VIII. I am not sure if that is the reason I saw those conventions all of those years or if that is the reason I love history and family history or if that is the reason that I believe the Republicans finally have it right. Although my sisters and cousins could also benefit from this knowledge (the desire and the research collected) none of us had the desire to scrape around cemeteries to find out after she died. I was too busy protesting the War in Vietnam, looking for degrees and a wedding band. Soon I was raising a child, having a career and divorcing and remarrying, relocating, repenting and changing. Becoming my grandmother was lost in a cultural shift Toffler would call The Third Wave. Already that publication is over 30 years (3 decades = 2 generations) ago. Unless one is interested in what happened then, one who did not live it, they would not see the road that humans are taking on this planet. As a conservative who loves progressive ideals, I have to hope that there is either still is a planet for my descendents to live on, or they (my descendents) have fulfilled their part in the care for mankind. As one of advanced years I feel relatively sure I will not see the beginning of the next century. I am not sad about that – I am excited to see what transpires in the meantime. My point to this blog is to say that, as a woman born in the last century, men still are created in a particular way and the physical design as well as the spiritual design is so very simple and we are so very smart, as women, we should help the Republicans with the conservative agenda. We need to stop raising Cads for sons and encourage our daughters to be helpers, not rock queens. When the 1960's became the culture of plastic, free love, birth control and the micro chip, we did what women are designed to do: we took it in. Who knows what good (or bad) that has done for our culture but why would 68 out of 91 school age church children be living with single parents? If we do not slow down and nourish our families we will be strapped forever with a government who has to care for them. Governments that will not just provide health, education and welfare (HEW) but will find foster parents for children and a rehabilitation facility for a mother and (maybe) a jailhouse for a dad. Our tap root is broken, the tap vine needs replenishing. Let us slow our selves down and be kind to each other

(including our neighbors.) Let's heal, build trust and raise families who believe in health and giving instead of death and taking. An austerity program might mean less government involvement but it also means that communities who care for their neighbors and help each other: eat, have shelter, get their kids educated, become safe and grow into a pro-social, healthy community for their kids (your grandchildren or great- grandchildren). As a person of advanced age I would like to have a word with moms and dads of kids (ages 0 to 21). It is not all about sex and drugs. We have fought that battle since we brought alcohol to the Indians and they blessed us with growing tobacco. Sex is not what you see and hear in the environment. It is a physical/emotional/spiritual need that often never gets fulfilled because we keep raising the bar. It is the same with drugs. We have become so used to altering our state with chemicals (i.e. aspirin for a headache to Viagra for erectile dysfunction) is it any wonder that our children and grandchildren are bent on living for marijuana and ecstasy. Oh yes, methamphetamine destroys families as easily as skin and teeth – how stupid. How do I end this "sanctimonious" tirade? It is about choice – healthy choice for a healthy community. I do not make healthy choices for myself all the time but I know what they are. Many of our citizens do not have a clue. How sad. Let's educate families.