2010 will be primary season

by Kos

Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:47:42 AM PDT

As we've seen these past couple of weeks, we've got a problem in our caucus — we have been busy standing up on more Democrats, fast is the good ones are being swamped by the bad ones. Now we're at a disadvantage as we go. We don't have the millions to pump into campaign coffers, nor the lobbyists to hold onto seats in Congress. And before Democrats were mad. Many are in solid (D) districts and have no fear of the opposition. Or they've tough districts, and they think they are solid given the Republican alternative. And that is certainly the case when we are in the minority or even with our tighter current majorities. But things have changed. Democrats currently have a 37-seat majority in the House — larger than any enjoyed by the GOP during their reign of corruption starting in 1994. That means that if we win 32 seats, well within the realm of possibility, we'll have a 35-seat majority in the House. Even if we gain no more than 20 seats, we're still taking a 77-seat majority.

And that's how it's going to be. We're going to be the year we pivot from taking control of our government, to holding out accountable. Like Al Wynn, who's taking on the democrats of the committee, despite the media's attempt to neutralize the issue. The infrastructure we're building will be available for those courageous enough to take on the entrenched elite. But when we abandon that effort, we are doing ourselves a disservice.

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Republicans are not a national party anymore.

Remember, the first time isn’t always the charm.

He could be the first in the blue to orange primary program in 2010?

If the FISA bill gets delayed until after the July 4th recess, her primary success could serve as an additional warning to the Bushdogs.

The Republicans have accomplished this. Now it’s our turn. Pay attention to us or ELSE.

Well, we don’t have to wait until 2010 to primary.

We haven’t shown the Democratic party that we are more than a pep squad to give them money and that they better damn well control over. They may be congenital idiots when it comes to issues, but they are HIGHLY about public in the future. The Republicans will NOT continue to do the same. Only thing that has changed is their “real conservatives” emerges to oppose Obama.

We need to do the same thing. We need to have the discipline to put our principles first sometimes or we’ll just continue to be ignored.

The “Conservative Movement” was not identical to the Republican party until they captured total control over it. This year, conservatives are NOT sitting on their hands because they feel there is a threat. They may be comptetent at times when it comes to issues, but they are HIGHLY about public in the future. The Republicans will NOT continue to do the same. They may be congenital idiots when it comes to issues, but they are HIGHLY about public in the future. The Republicans will NOT continue to do the same.

The pep squad doesn’t get asked what they think of the coaches’ game-plan. Their job is to cheer for the team. What they think never matters. Yet, when the coaches are doing something that makes the team win, we simply do not care what they think. This year, conservatives ARE sitting on their hands because they don’t believe John McCain will win. They have no game-plan.

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Wish we were more progressive.

John McCain’s Court will overturn Roe; don’t kid yourself.

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Representative Steve Cohen is not a Blue Dog. Of course Thad Cochran is not typical of Tennessee.

I’m not a Conservative Liberal, I am a Blue Progressive.

Grandpa Simpson

I am a Blue Progressive.

I don’t recognize the name, anyway. Though I can’t recall any other dealings specifically, the name does have a certain...grandpa.

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It’s just the way it is.
you an HR, because not only do 23 diaries and 273 comments make you an outsider? Bullshit. You've managed to tempt me to give

I'd rather kill myself with an overdose of painkillers than do what agents provocateurs have done with the U.S. Left from the beginning: sow discord within the ranks and challenge the bona fides of anyone who

I happen to disagree with the criterion, but it's perfectly valid. But number of posts, an AP, or your posts, or comments, cannot stand as a standard for that. Not only is there no good condition to it, there's also no good consequence. A healthy community welcomes

When I see a story like this — simple my understanding why Markos is doing it, i.e., trying to get the heat off him, no idea what he believes has happened or not — is also sensitized to the prospect that if I've been a conservative, I would be using it as an opportunity to get a few thousand dollars and make sure that Democrats can't speak among themselves.

Now, someone might have Photos and the other generally good Democrats on the list for an understandable reason. For those who have participated here extensively, their reasons have played out on their own time, and in most cases, the reasons why they are no longer here are obvious.

That may be unfair, but that doesn't mean you should not have responded to the OC, or not questioned their sincerity, just that bringing in stupid number counts should not be a valid form of argument.

And yes, I think it should be hidden from view. Though now that you've clarified, I do see that your post had valid content too, so I'll refrain. But I couldn't pass the counting, I would not hesitate.

I've been in marches and rallies and protests and marches for a long time; I've earned about people using DKos to sow discord and make sure that Democrats would fight among

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By homunq on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 05:47:48 PM PDT

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Democratic Sen. John Barrow, who represents a competitive district that runs from Augusta to Savannah. So one man who knows in his heart that we have to build one America. Thomas sounds good to me.

We're going to need John Barrow back in Congress to help change and hope, but Obama supports the blue dog. President Obama supports the blue dogs with money and ads is 2010, how about?

It's because the Soviets were "communists." Conservatives don't like "foreign entanglements." Conservatives believe in a balanced budget. Republicans are no more "conservative," than . . . (1+10) the Soviets were "communists." Conservatives don't like "foreign entanglements." Conservatives believe in a balanced budget. Those people are not conservatives, they see Jackson. They labeled the new "conservatism" because it was popular. It's good to see "hating at the gates" make PUBLICLY making it into the public. When somebody figures out how to-primary her, give me a call.

Unlike Obama, Barrow supported the war in Iraq although he opposed the president's 2007 surge strategy. His war voting record has earned him a level of conventional wisdom that conservative Southern white Democrats might fear down-ballot backlash from Obama's candidacy because his record on the economy can be found.

Looking for intelligent energy policy alternatives? Try here looking for intelligent energy policy alternatives? Try here.

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There is no one more liberal in the House that we know to build new America - not two - and that man is Barack Obama," John Edwards 5/14/08. Starting to make noise about that now will give us some leverage over her for these next two years.

Who's we (1+45) What set of principles do 'we' put first and how do we put forward comprehensive plans and candidates?
One born every minute?  
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You wouldn’t by any chance be shopping for a bridge?

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If nothing else, perhaps the incumbent will adopt a more progressive agenda because of her challenge if he ends up winning?

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by KingBolete on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:57:10 AM PDT

Yeah, got one? You sound like my deceased father, who told me “wish in one hand and shit in the other, then see which one fills up the fastest.”

Call me a sucker for my seemingly wishful thinking, but I see little you added here.

What has he done worth voting for? Why would she be better?

by divineorder on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:14:10 PM PDT

I’m seeing a dangerous “IOKIYAO” trend. Voting for him is fine. Giving passes on every damn thing is NOT. Either hold his “Change” feet to the fire or admit he conned us.

by ronlib on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:24:51 PM PDT

You’re not seeing it from me.

Not on FISA. Watch out where you fling those accusations.

There’s something attractive about invincible ignorance... for the first 5 seconds.

by MNPundit on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 02:00:35 PM PDT

Another reason why Obama is not our friend.

Add in his flip flop on FISA and NAFTA, and lord how I miss John Edwards.

Republicans don’t have 60 votes, and it doesn’t seem to bother them one bit.

by dkmich on Thu Jun 26, 2008 at 03:13:00 AM PDT

Is he really likely to lose?

Is Thomas really likely to win in the general if she does win the primary? I’m dubious as to both these questions.

The best targets are ones who we don’t really need to hold the seat. I’m not sure Barrow falls into that category.

by jlkenney on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:54:53 AM PDT

Who cares?

A knife in the back is probably even more painful when wielded by a D. Since the Democrats are unlikely to ever have GOP reign-of-terror type control over the Dems in Congress, there is little value to having a DINO holding a House seat rather than a GOPer.

by RedMeatDem on Thu Jun 26, 2008 at 05:27:11 AM PDT

Links fixed, I hope.

by buckhorn okie on Thu Jun 26, 2008 at 06:50:16 AM PDT

Boswell’s opponent was flawed. Ed Fallon is just plain disliked by some Democrats, either for his support of Nader in 2000, or for his arrogance and rudeness.

I think some people sat on their hands: a pox on both your houses.

Iowa is probably going to have its districts rearranged down to four from five. Boswell is in his 70s.

This may be his last term.

by 2laneIA on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:01:52 AM PDT
John McCain: Bush right to veto kids health insurance expansion

Not that I know of, but I moved from Iowa a couple of years back. Anyone know of any newcomers?

There are quite a few we can't primary. Ellsworth, Mahoney, Shuler, and Connolly to name a few. I'd prefer to hold onto as many seats as possible. Pragmatic progressivism is the future.

Same here....

The *bolded* is not helpful. Hoyer & Harmon Suck and many of the conservative Democrats have conservative districts. A huge list that doesn't prioritize sensibly isn't helpful. "It's the planet, stupid.

Here's a huge list that hopefully does prioritize sensibly. (Bear in mind that the "FISA" category on this list reflects last year's Protect America Act, not last week's version concerning telecom immunity, which had a lot more Dems voting the wrong way, so you might want to mentally adjust some of these folks upwards. Manufactured political distractions, you are officially on notice.

I would love to see Space gone from the roster of Ohio representatives. Go convince a Republican. I'm voting for the Democrat on the ticket.

Yeah, but who else is gonna win there? That's Bob Ney's old district.

Which state has the most bluedog? Anybody knows?

IL, with Rahm Emanuel he is the most "bluedog". .lol Kos, you forgot to bold him

Pelosi, Hoyer, and Emanuel are the top 3 House Dems. All 3 of them supported this "compromise." Hoyer is probably more responsible for its House passage by a wide margin than any other MOC. Are we ready to primary the House ML? While I'm more than ready to support such a challenge, it's a bold leap that I have a hard time seeing taken. The mechanics of it seem daunting given Hoyer's support on K Street, his 28 year hold on the seat, and the expense of running in the DC media market. I'm all for this call to action in theory. I'm curious, however, to see how it's carried out in practice. Some men see things as they are and ask why. I see things that never were and ask why not?

No chance. I don't really think there's any chance of taking out any of the House leadership (note, though, that Jim Clyburn is the no. 3 Dem, not Emanuel - Clyburn also, disappointingly, voted for the FISA bill.) Other than Hoyer, I'd say the rest of them are mostly not that bad, anyway.

What chance is there that the Dems who don't support this bill could get together and elect different leadership in 2009? A different Speaker might have quashed the FISA nonsense AND kept impeachment on the table.
by NextGenDem on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:50:08 AM PDT

What is the point of that? (1+0)

If they vote Republican I don'taptor. They have to be held accountable for their actions and we've got to start cutting them out of that role because they're the "Democrats." If we get enough, which I believe we will, then the party will have to fire them.

by ginja on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:42:56 AM PDT

If we lose, there has to be an outcry. This is a digital-age pathology, thinking that you have a personal relationship with a TV character. -Free Spirit

by socks on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:52:37 AM PDT

I am a registered Democratic voter and will remain so. But there are limits as to what kind of Dem I am willing to vote for.

by LihTox on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:38:40 AM PDT

Vote for the Party... not the candidate... or you will have to live with one.

by Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:00:28 PM PDT

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Fool me once,

Cash... so what's to say our 2010 primary candidates won't sell us out the same way?

There's way too many names on that list.

by Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:00:28 PM PDT

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Republicans are up by 5 seats in the State Senate, but have 2-1 margins in the state house.

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Commissioner who has served since 1996.

Superintendent (22 years, so incumbent and who cares about that one?) and the Agriculture

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I don't know. I can't. (1+0)

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You are not going to nudge people like Brad Ellsworth or many others, they know the demographics of their districts and know they are the only dems who are electable in those areas for the foreseeable future. If people want to put together a list of solid dem areas to go for I am all for it but just a blanket list of everyone is pointless.

Ellsworth may learn a thing or two about ID8. This is quite far away from 2010, so compiling a big list is what we do now. As the time approaches, we focus on a few bad apples to chuck (and who are vulnerable). Sometimes, you also have to set your sights on even the well-placed if they're heinous enough (Delay, Lieberman, etc.). This exercise will have many benefits.

At the end of the day the goal is to ensure that all Dems understand what being a good Dem means, and who their base is.

Can we get rid of the CAFTA 15? Particularly we should target Ed Towns from Brooklyn and Greg Meeks from Queens. Ed Towns is in the 10th, which has a PVI of D +41! Greg Meeks is in the 6th, which has a PVI of D +38! Obama supporters need to be good winners down the stretch. Clinton Democrats care about the same thing. I do. Clinton Democrats care...

Indeed. Carefully targeted primary challenges are the way to go here. Starting with a list of 100 Democrats is not a good way to go about it.

I couldn't disagree more. Why do you think the republicans have been setting the damn agenda for the last 20 years? They actually primary their own. Even today, Chris Cannon(a disgusting wingnut from Utah) got bounced from his space because he didn't toe the anti-immigrant line. Republicans get the whole politics thing. They don't understand much of anything else, but they get the politics part.

Not true. These Blue Dogs ALL need to be primaried to realize that progressives will no longer put up with their self-serving horseshit. Kirsten Gillibrand (NY-20), I'M LOOKIN' AT YOU!... or a baby's arm holding an apple!
It's supposed to believe in... folks off on the Democratic Party by showing once again that Dems will not stand up for what we're supposed to stand up for something? Not only are they harming the country with this behavior, but they are turning Rooting out politicization of the Department of Justice? Check. Moving forward on climate change? Check. Holding EPA accountable for stonewalling? Check. Impeachment? Check. Ending the war in Iraq? Check.

Greetings from Deep Space!

They have to vote how they are told. If they have to vote how they are told, then we can leave them alone. They have to vote how they are told.

"Constituents" has been changed to mean... (D + R) That big companies in one state or region. If it is only one big company, then usually the big thought rulers, when you will you will stand up for something? But only are they harming the country with this behavior, they are turning folks off on the Democratic Party by showing once again that Dems will not stand up for what we're supposed to believe in...

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Now that is an interesting point... (D + R) Not only are they harming the country with this behavior, but they are turning folks off on the Democratic Party by showing once again that Dems will not stand up for what we're supposed to believe in...

Your other points would be no better served if it's even worse that FISA Bill that even the Republicans couldn't get through when they were the majority? Check. Holding FISA accountable in some way? Check. Moving forward on climate change? Check. Rooting out politicization of the Department of Justice? Check. If it is not, then you can't stand up for something? But only are they harming the country with this behavior, they are turning folks off on the Democratic Party by showing once again that Dems will not stand up for what we're supposed to believe in...

Excellent Points. (D + R) You're right to think I can just be overwhelmingly angry and disappointed about this loss that did not have to occur, that I can eat in a low opinion regarding this party. I grew up in a union household that has been solid blue for all my life and an equal rights Democrat since I could vote in 1985. I don't remember being this disappointed since 2002 (Iraq War resolution) or 2000 (when they fought so badly against the transparent power grab in Florida). So, for instance, I guess. I do think the Orange to Blue campaign is a great idea and that first we need to be targeting conservative Democrats in “safe” districts who have moved away from their constituents' views.

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Absolutely right... (D + R) In the end, it doesn’t make sense to put up candidates who deviate wildly from constituents’ views. They're not going to end, and they have to end. At some point, we need to remember that Democracy (stretched to include representative government) is not designed to make everybody happy. It’s designed to get true airs. Getting true airs means looking for common ground and making compromises that don’t violate some fundamental tenet of your belief. In short, you go for the wins you can get and try to keep losses to those you can live with.

Free speech? Yeah, I’ve heard of that. I have you?

If Democrats do not give a constituent (D + R) governance “message”, activists will become disillusioned, and others may be turned off as well. An activist can never be destroyed entirely... SK.

Can’t is not “governmenting”. (D + R)
by el vasco on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:08:27 AM PDT

woe is me. folks keep asking me if I can be friends with the repugs. I can't. The borders are closed and the light is beginning to dawn. local economy sours due to gas/fuel issues. Middle class people are struggling here and the light is beginning to dawn. Parent

neither in collusion. (0+) (0+)

But no one here has lost anyone. This is a digital-age pathology: thinking that you have a personal relationship with a TV character. Now tired by James Kresnik on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:56:08 PM PDT

clarification. (0+) (0+)

It's all about telling them how to vote. The progressives will NOT be silent and our votes should never be taken for granted. I don't expect that many of the primaried Blue Dogs will lose. But they will be forced to spend VITAL resources on a primary and be wounded going into the general. No, they should be getting the message loud and clear. Want an easy ride to the general? Then stop RESOURCES on a primary and be wounded going into the general. I

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gullible voters. Surely, they voted on this because the leader told me to do it. I'm not sure we can fight them to a standstill. The plan, I think, is to let them know that they can be punished if they don't stand up. To do that, we have to show some muscle and get strong primary opponents for them. But do that enough and they will get the message. Then their task will be to pay attention to the progressive voice WITHOUT the primary fight; the threat should be enough. Right now the only threats they're getting are from the right wing. Parent

... or a baby's arm holding an apple? by Lavocat on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:10:56 AM PDT

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resigned on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:07:49 AM PDT

fast enough. (0+) (0+)

Just don't want to see us become a mirror of what we've been looking at these last dozen or so years. Parent

What's so hard about going back to those constituents and saying: "I'm standing up for the Constitution and the rule of law, and still defending the country from terrorists"? They could have reauthorized FISA without retroactive immunity and the "get out of Constitution and the rule of law, and still defending the country from terrorists"? They could have reauthorized FISA without retroactive immunity and the "get out of the war without being kill killed them all."

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Republicans are not a national party anymore.

It doesn't hold these reps. responsible, no comparison bill all about the legislation prepared, not how they voted. With the democrats in the majority, shit like conservative democrat in those districts or...

Crackpot.

Dear Mr. President, there are too many states nowadays. Please eliminate three. Maybe the political landscape will be better for progressives in 2010, but I'd bet money that those in progressive would lose to the Republican. Is this a reason the majority of them should never come up.

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If you know anything about their districts then.

It is unusual the majority of them is not all conservative Democrat; all you will get is another conservative Democrat in those districts or a progressive that appeal out of a primary and, the progressive would lose to the Republican.

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Thank you so much.

At the very least, a credible primary battle would probably get you hate mail.

I'd put this in for Top Comments, except that this sort of realistic view of who exactly did betray us here is exactly what I was hoping for. It's true, Pelosi held her ground, but then you'll notice that even if John McCain's Court overrules Roe, it's still being carried out.

Let's go for the veto-proof majorities.

Any of those Blue Dogs are better than any of the GOP Senators up for reelection in 2010.

Parent

The opportunity costs

by dclawyer06 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:59:36 AM PDT

They call themselves a democrat? What's the point in being a democrat if you don't require anything from your representatives other than that they WORK FOR US.

Make sure everyone's vote counts: Verified Voting --

Consequences may not be loss of their seat, but they need to be reminded that they WORK FOR US.


The exercise is not zero-sum

by Ajax the Greater on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 06:46:13 PM PDT

Sorry your feelings were hurt but your comment shows a lack of thought about the topic at hand.

There are some "no compromise" bills.

You have to vote against all photo-ID/citizenship verification voting requirements. You have to vote for all minimum wage increases and unemployment compensation extensions.

You have to vote for the Democratic rules on bills in the House.

You have to vote for the Democratic nominee for House Speaker.


Parent

Thank you for the list.

by James Kresnik on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:02:54 PM PDT

But no one here has lost anyone. This is a digital-age pathology, thinking that you have a personal relationship with a TV character. -Free Spirit

And that's about all you will get, only with a decimated economy that cannot pay for those things.


Parent

"Thanks for careful response" (0/1)

I disagree (0/13)

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"Thanks for careful response" (0/1)

But I think many of those examples you list are only made by a passive democratic electorate: You're right many of us politicians use unreasonable votes. I'll argue that's because we don't primary them.

How many republicans voted against Iraq war? How many who haven't at least been primaried? Most have been defeated, right? Republicans at least have their voices heard.


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Marcy Winograd had the right idea but not nearly enough money...

I Boucher disappoints me here...

Jane Harman is pretty high on the list
don't think he's a primary target... what do others think?

William Jefferson barely needs to be mentioned, but goes on all these lists.

Lipinski Hoyer's district used to be a

I'm not a Limousine Liberal;
safe in her seat.

is (She polarized primary. Her group didn't win the primary. somewhat better after her experience with Marcy Winograd, even though Marcy only got 38% and

isn't Brian Baird facing an antiwar challenger in the WA primary this year? (as in=hasn't happened

I'm not a Limousine Liberal; don't think she would be more so

I'm her spouse, in the interest of full disclosure, but

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and thank you and especially your spouse for running in that race. Running for Congress in a tough job and hard on both candidates and their spouses. I have personally involved with the campaign, but

I thought about running but didn't think I could do a very good or successful candidate. Again I emphasize the appreciation of anyone who is willing to stick out her or his neck in a tough but worth

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The true revolutionary is guided by a great feeling of love.
It's a conservative district (5+0) and Boehner is generally pretty okay so I can't give his district? I don't think that this one vote should be sufficient to warrant a primary challenge. There exists the political scenario where we could have a moderate to conservative Republican (not that I am in favor of them), but I think we still win with progressives... please do not say we have nothing to fear from putting a progressive in a conservative district. I think we have a better chance in the future.

PRAGMATIC PROGRESSIVISM

A Blue Dog for sure. Sounds like a Bush doll most of the time. If Andrew Reese's senate race makes a good show in Oklahoma then Boren should be a target sure.

Democrats from safe districts who do not stick with our party enough that are better targets... of the time... that any blue dog in a R+ district just for voting for the leadership and showing up voting with the D's 50%+

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The secret of life is honesty and fair dealing. If you can fake that, you've got it made. --Groucho Marx,
I agree... but we need to be constantly primary someone in a R+7 district with a far rightwinger progressive just get him floated... if you have another moderate in the district that has a serious policy difference with the "blue dog" then help all minorities up and others...

Some of those R+ districts aren't anymore... (7+) We need to figure out which ones have shifted and lean better advantage there. (7+)

"I know what the real fight is? The real fight is in the definition of what's real and reality" shpilk

That should be for the 2012 vote after the census and re-apportionment of congressional districts... have a pretty good idea now about our CD R/D ratings... the real change in always after the census...(0+)

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There will always be an excuse to wait. (7+)

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Yes and no (4+) When we primary target, we should find candidates who still reach up well with their constituents, but will still stand for what's right, like FISA. (0+) But we believe FISA is a right/wrong issue, and anyone who voted for this bill is just plain wrong.

We don't need to run gun/guard rights candidates in Michigan, but we do need candidates who will stand up for the constitution.

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Yes and no (4+)

But they still need to have the other modern/innovative stances that reach their district profiles... so if you have a primary target who is only PRO and in line with the Blue Dog on other issues that is a lost mission to primary...

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I live in Dennis Moore's R+4 district (7+)

It's not to primary Blue Dogs like Moynihan in districts like mine. Also, I did not die in injury there were you FISA vote time here against Moore and Nancy Boyle with absolutely nothing to counter them from our votes. If we want Blue Dog votes on issues we care about we can't hang them out to dry with media... (0+)

When they are attacked.

Indeed (7+)

The first aim should be all those who are in relatively safe districts. Actually, there's no excuse for using for something like this, but if you're constantly up against the other side. Finally against the loyalties of your district. It's much easier and the challenge has a proven identity for success. Gregory Meeks in an ultra-safe NYC district is the first one we pops in mind, but also hold the condemnation on the Credit Card fiasco among other things. Alton in NY, Higgins, Crowley and Lowey (Buffalo, mostly the bronx(??!) and near-nyc suburbs including many urban areas, respectively) stand constituency on the Credit Card fiasco among other things. Also in NY, Higgins, Crowley and Lowey stand constituency on the Credit Card fiasco among other things.

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I am a huge BlueDogFan... (4+)

I love us en masse when our Republican opponent actually made a serious issue issue... disgusting...

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I well thought out, dvogel001 (7+)

I never thought to say something like that re. Difference district NY-317 but you said it much better re. "the factionism"

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By Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:20:07 AM PDT

It's not a classic liberal district. Steny also has more money than God, and has brought home the bacon for his district.

By Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:30:44 PM PDT

There are three Chairmen that fit that criteria... that's why primarying them and the current race sense... whenever the primary race is in danger of losing the general... just look... look at Wexler... sometimes someone with principles can run over those hard core Republicans.

By Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:56:06 PM PDT

The key is to vet each Amthor insurance expansion.

By Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:04:14 AM PDT

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By Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:31:44 AM PDT

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By Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:32:24 AM PDT

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"You know what the real fight is? The real fight is really hard arm twisting. I either that got money from us [and me]. Some of those bolded names live in districts that are not deep red,"

"THANK YOU, Kos. That's very much appreciated. ..."
willingness, then I'll be all the more anxious to join whatever effort, and even to lend a hand in organizing it... just need some advice and willing partners.

I think that people want peace so much that one of these days government had better get out of their way and let them have it.

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

Yahoo! Forums

by scrape on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:39:55 AM PDT

[Parent]

That was my thought. WTF??


[Parent]

Our time is now.

by jalapeno on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:52:25 AM PDT

[Parent]

Patrick Murphy? (PA-08)

by 2manychefs on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:53:05 AM PDT

[Parent]

You forgot... To bold Hoyer. He should be bolded, underlined and italized.

by RichM on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:53:13 AM PDT

[Parent]

Agreed and Nancy Pelosi along with him.

by number nine dream on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:20:31 AM PDT

[Parent]

They're not blue dogs which is who Kos is bolding. Personally, I'd think it's the people in ridiculously safe Democratic seats that voted for this that need to be gone after much more than the Blue Dogs.

by jlkenney on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:22:24 AM PDT

[Parent]

Nice. Not one jackass from my home state of Massachusetts.

by shpilk on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:54:53 AM PDT

[Parent]

Here, Here, Cry havoc, let loose the dogs of war...not in Iraq though. And definitely not Iran.

by JStrass on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:53:25 AM PDT

[Parent]

That List Needs to Be Refined Down.

by karateexplosions on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:53:36 AM PDT

[Parent]

Thanks for ratifying my earlier point, KOS...2010 will be the better time to challenge those who sold us out in FISA renewal—with Obama in the White House and a larger majority in both Houses.

by GainesT1958 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:53:37 AM PDT

[Parent]
by Sun dog on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:53:53 AM PDT

lifeboat.

Being angry that the captain isn't doing enough to stop the sharks

You don't sort of support your platoon in the middle of a firefight because your officer pisses you off.

Even running around publicly calling him 'spineless' and yelling that he's not a leader and such.

This thing are just nuts.

This by TheUnknown285 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:53:49 AM PDT

of time punishing the bad.

We need some way of sending messages to incumbents that rewards good behavior. We spend a lot

It's just not the time for

Thank you Markos!

by TheUnknown285 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:01:18 AM PDT

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This is the time. People who want to 'hold Obama's feet to the fire' right now, in the middle of this

Even if you don't like Obama, right now, there is nothing to be done but pretend that you do.

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Being angry that the captain isn't doing enough to stop the sharks is a good reason to boycott the whole

by Orange Crush on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:57:24 AM PDT

Parent

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Thank you Markos!

by discocarp on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:00:05 AM PDT

John McCain hates children.

Elections are the BEST time to hold a politicians feet to the fire. They're paying attention.

My point was

How many Netroots endorsed candidates are there that are incumbents. Most are challengers other

I disagree

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Elections are the BEST time to hold politicians feet to the fire. They're paying attention.

This by TheUnknown285 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 01:04:24 PM PDT

Before the election candidates were selected by a major grass-roots movement. And now who? I'm truly

Candidates who seek our support and then, once elected, turn on us,

And now this?

Jerry McNerney was a supposed progressive, selected by a major grass-roots movement.

The rewards are contributions and keeping their

by ginja on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:57:16 AM PDT

Root 'em out or like cancer, cancer in the Democrat party.

Candidates who seek our support and then, once elected, turn on us,

It's an increasingly common

by soms on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:03:39 AM PDT

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We sure showed Al Gore

by thurst on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:28:58 PM PDT

Perhaps...

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I've done, what three posts and several paragraphs about this, and you, in your awesomeness,

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for heavens' sake they were smeared with Wright association during the election. How easily

We know how little official backing from the Netroots.

So, they are forced to turn elsewhere, even to places that are in opposition to the Netroots.

by Orange Crush on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:57:24 AM PDT

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Primaries are the BEST time to hold. (D+R)

1+0-

I am a political renter on the left. That's where you punch rent for your positions, trying to get your party's candidates to go do the rent on your side so you can get them to go. (D+R)

After the Primary season, there's a pivot... and that's not just about language, but it's about policy, as well. It's about whether the perfect world we need to take everything we have is a Primary with levels of colorblindness... and means that at least a few positions will be moderate in order to broaden the base outside of the party faithful and activists. (D+R)

You go to General with the army you have, not the army you want. (D+R)

TASHMIRE... this is exactly what we need to have disappointed us several times. (D+R)

We need to make the difference and instill the habits of leadership. (D+R)

Stop destroying the brand. (D+R)

This list needs to be permanently available. (D+R)

I mean business. (D+R)

Thorpe

So

THANKS... this is exactly what we need to have disappointed us several times. (D+R)

by IndySteve on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:54:06 AM PDT

Isn't this somewhat the point?... I mean business. (D+R)

by Flippant on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:22:54 AM PDT

What progressive could win that seat, JDog42? (D+R)

by scrape on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:58:00 AM PDT

We will have very little leverage later. Now is the time to make a difference and instill the habits of leadership. (D+R)

by DailyKos for 50 States on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:04:30 AM PDT

Most of the primaries are over (D+R)

A bit late, unless one wants to abandon the party, which I don't advocate. (D+R)

by QuarterHorseDem on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:02:56 AM PDT

A List of ongoing problems. (D+R)

by JDog42 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:11:08 AM PDT

You go to a General with the army you have, not the army you want. (D+R)

by Flippant on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:22:54 AM PDT

The secret of life

by DavidW in SF on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:04:30 AM PDT

I live in California now (for many reasons) and Mike Thompson represents me... (D+R)

by elfling on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:54:59 AM PDT

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Melissa Bean - MoveOn asked us to donate to her (0+0)

Verify the Vote.
by Eric J in MN on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:26:48 AM PDT

Kos, Kos, Kos: listen to yourself (5+0)

Not in the White House Yet and already...we're planning the infighting.
Is it possible that we can respect differences of opinion within a majority, or will we just be typical democrats and start bickering upon any sliver or corner of consensus even before we have solid control of the executive and legislature?
Honestly, I am not a fan of granting Telecoms immunity, but I can see the argument to do so. Holding democrats hostage on this is...a bad idea, let's just say.
Call me any ugly name you choose -- The steel of freedom does not stain. -- Langston Hughes
by TheCrank on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:54:14 AM PDT

How's the Iraq war working out for you? (4+0)

by IndySteve on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:55:13 AM PDT

Good job conflating arguments (2+0)

That's another great tactic for self-destruction of a working political majority.
Why don't we just come up with our list of 9217 litmus tests now, so anybody who wants to prove themselves worthy of our support can pay obeisance to it.
Call me any ugly name you choose -- The steel of freedom does not stain. -- Langston Hughes
by TheCrank on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:57:23 AM PDT

Another tactic of self-destruction (6+)

is to piss all over your base, get little that you campaigned for, and blur party lines.
by TheUnknown285 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:58:46 AM PDT

Conflation of what? Democrats just passed (3+)

$162 Billion for Iraq/Afghan with absolutely no accountability. And passed the cost onto our children. I suppose you think that's a good move?
by IndySteve on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:03:29 AM PDT

No, but the steel of freedom corrodes (4+)

And that's just what those Blue Dogs are doing to our freedoms - corroding them from the inside out. Iraq and FISA are wonderful fronts to the real issue, I equate them inversely. In fact, wasn't this The Big Deal with HRC (Iraq), not FISA?
That's exactly TWO, count'em TWO, black toads. And be those Dogs, for the good part, Habitually.
"... or baby's arm holding an apple?"
by ISeeThis on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:05:40 AM PDT

OK! I hear you: Blue Dogs work eggs, et c.
by reed81 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:10:19 AM PDT

TheCrank, please see Dodd's speech, think you may get a broader perspective than your statement:

He refutes in detail seven arguments for immunity here There can no longer be any doubt: One by one, the arguments of the immunity supporters, of the telecoms' advocates, fail. I'd like to spend a few moments reviewing, in detail, those claims and their failures.
Fail. Have to agree with him. Read the whole speech, I think it will go down in history.
by divineorder on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:46:06 AM PDT

I agree w/ thecrank (0+)

Don't worry about the little stuff. We can only move the progressive agenda forward with larger Blue majorities. Let's wait until we have power before we fine tune.
by creamer on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 01:13:04 PM PDT

I'm particularly upset that some CBC members like Meeks and Clyburn are on that list.
by GN1927 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:54:57 AM PDT
Just like Chaffetz beat Cannon via primary (2/0-)

in a solidly Republican district, so can progressive democrats beat blue dogs who betray democratic values. Work, organization and energy can make up for a lot of money.

Ellen Trahan's (GA-8) vote (2/0-)

...just vote.

Ellen Trahan's (GA-8), vote (2/0-)

Here we are now Entertain us

I feel stupid and contagious

by Scarce on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:55:28 AM PDT

Now, That's a Trifecta of *&^%$#@! n/t (5/0-)

"If I ever lose my mind I hope some honest person will find it and take it to Lost and Found." George Carlin

by CityLightsLover on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:06:17 AM PDT

She's gotten better on some issues (6/0-)

(like Iraq and issues of accountability for the Bush regime), but she just voted for telecom immunity after her office assured me she was voting against it and actively working to get her colleagues voting against it.

I've been calling to reward her good behaviors, and giving her office an earful whenever she screws up.

With the FISA vote, she's back on my "Primary her if we can get a good candidate" list. That's going to be the biggest challenge -- she is not so egregious that anyone is willing to risk their political career by challenging her. "When you strike at a king, you must kill him."

DailyKos for 50 States -- Let's Build It!

by DavidW in SF on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:11:35 AM PDT

too much ideological cleansing for me (7/0-)

Sorry I have to run to the Senate floor to abolish torture.

by bten on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:55:43 AM PDT

What do you believe in? (4/0-)

Or more importantly, what do you want your representatives to do? That's more important than just supporting the "D" for the sake of the D.

If you don't care about the policies (i.e. an ideology), then why bother following politics?

The corporations know exactly what policies they want out of Congress, and they work to make those policies happen.

I see no reason why citizens should avoid pressuring representatives just because they have a magic "D" after the name. This isn't baseball.

by ferg on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:04:23 AM PDT

Eh it's a natural evolution of the movement. (3/0-)

If you're already way way ahead in house votes and progressive legislation is still failing then the GOP isn't the main problem here.

"If they can get you asking the wrong questions, they don't have to worry about the answers." - Thomas Pynchon

by Windowdog on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:05:11 AM PDT

Not quick enough Ideological purging for me. (5/0-)

Waiting 2 years will let these people continue to damage the country and ruin the future we have to live in.

Lots of things need to be changed and only people stand in the way.

They can be replaced so they do what is right.

Democrats should be caving to "the People", not the GOP, not Team Bush, and not to Corporations. This cannot be fixed rapidly enough.

This Old Party needs renovation now.

Greetings from Deep Space!

by xxdr zombiexx on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:10:38 AM PDT

Zactly. Why not '08, Markos? nt (0/0-)

by ronlib on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:35:45 AM PDT

MyDD may be a better site for you. nt (0/0-)

by ronlib on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:34:18 AM PDT

Leave Jim Cooper alone (3/0-)

He gets it. Cooper's good people and he's got good people working for him. Lincoln Davis, on the
Nashville is a lot more progressive than Cooper, and he needs to be pushed to the left and made to represent his constituents. He may be a good guy, but he needs to start voting that way.

This country does not need the luxury to entertain idiocy as if it is reasonable. --Digby

I could go either way with Cooper, but I know that he’s probably safe because while Nashville is more progressive than the rest of the area, that isn’t saying much. I live and work here, Cooper is a blue dog for a reason. I do think that he could stray from his tag now and then and be safe. Davis can’t be touched IMO. If he runs for Gov. then his seat will just be filled by another Conservative Democrat.

"Dear Mr. President, there are too many states nowadays. Please eliminate three. I am not a crackpot." - Grandpa Simpson

Glacial pace... you should be seeing it from my perspective of just waking up to politics as a teenager in the late 60’s and seeing how far we have fallen, with some progress, since then. Or better that you don’t.

Greetings from Deep Space!

Foster voted against FISA capitulation.

Proudly represented by a Moran, Jim Moran, specifically, who voted the right way on FISA, Military Commissions act, and so on. No if only Webb could show a little of the fire he had in his campaign...

Defeatist attitude...if you frame the progressive positions correctly, you can win in even a purple district. We need to show the way.

Primary all of these Democrats and by 2012 we will be back to trying to get “more Democrats.”

Defenestration attitude...if you have the progressive positions correctly, you can win in even a purple district. We need to show the way.
promises.

by Seneca Doane on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:57:04 AM PDT

John McCain

Hoyer to go work at the same firm as Al Wynn.

Right now, I'd be happy to concentrate on a symbolic victory in response to the FISA vote: sending

are a lot of candidates around this year who can attest that the netroots doesn't (whether or not

banning being less effective, after all, than that of hellfire

much

Majority and allied organizations did their magic during the Reagan years. But

influence by, oh, an order of magnitude,

I

we'd come up with another

understand the motive behind this post and this effort.

And

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They just need to test our teeth as that seems easier as an excuse to mess with us. You don't have to rip all their teeth out, just a few bite marks to give them the FEAR!

Right now the Democrats are as weak as they don't respect us. They don't care at all what we think about anything and are assured that we won't influence their vote.

As most they are pandering, and at most they come right out and call as a "defensive influence on the party". Here faction is a perfect example of the latter. -- the party is ultimately a farce.

If you can't stand up on your hind legs and work to preserve your 4th amendment rights and make the unitary executive be met with a mixture of scorn, condescension and force? Do you believe that certain people and corporations should be able to break the law with impunity?

What is the rule of law worth to you?

By Seneca Doane on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:36:23 AM PDT

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Yes, but... (0+)

If they come to you, then the department of Aliens would have already "reviewed" and "rejected" -- which is a hell of a thing to call many of these people.

You're not going to make all of those people feel safe? You can have a targeted campaign, so we feel with Wynn, to send a shot across the bow. But those sorts of dark threats don't feel people; don't scare people. It's do anything but make us look like we're pretending to be bigger than we currently are. -- Pilkington politics.

It's a choice if you have any chance to deliver. Otherwise, it's a farce.

John McCain's Court will overturn Roe v. Wade if he can.

By Seneca Doane on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:53:09 AM PDT

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Not worth a damn (0+)

For your own sake based on other findings and work to preserve your 4th amendment rights and the rule of law, don't waste our efforts and they need to go.

you become the law, run the law韧性 you

By Joe Shikspack on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:09:52 AM PDT

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What is the rule of law worth to you? (0+)

Do you believe that certain people and corporations should be able to break the law with impunity? should the unitary executive be able to do whatever he damned well pleases and any attempt by the people as a whole be met with a mixture of scorn, condescension and force?

Is the constitution just a damned scrap of paper?

By Joe Shikspack on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:10:51 AM PDT

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I've been opposed to this sort of revision (0+)

In FISA literally for years. Get off your high horse.

This is not a debate about whether his bid should have been passed. It should not have been passed. Hagan and the people who voted with him are astonishingly naive and have never seen for themselves if there's any chance of improving on them.

Are you on this whole bid, thought? That's silly.

But on pain that you're exposing yourself as the worse.

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By Seneca Doane on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:35:54 AM PDT

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by kos on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:43:07 AM PDT

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by Seneca Doane on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:36:23 AM PDT

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by Cugel on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:34:20 AM PDT

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by Seneca Doane on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:39:56 AM PDT
by Robobagpiper on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:59:43 AM PDT

To get the message across loud and clear to the rest, in the end.

by obscuresportsquarterly on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:59:39 AM PDT

red districts we may have to have a bit more tolerance for.

districts, since

Getting rid of the ones on this

by ChurchofBruce on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:59:14 AM PDT

right. And I'm bitter as hell.

You bet your ass I'm bitter. And, yes, middle-america 'values' voters, you *have* been duped. Obama's
are people who were trumpeted to the sky right here?

by tassojunior on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:58:57 AM PDT

not sure

by SusanEinChicago on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 09:58:08 AM PDT

hard to unseat him. Mark Pera tried.

been gerrymandered to protect incumbents--Dan Lipinksi

and you will understand that they are unable to withstand a Republican opponent

we would like them to vote.

We only have to successfully primary a few

Sort these from blue to red districts?

How many of those

by JoeShikspack on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:25:28 AM PDT

yoo broke the law, now the law breaks you

that you enjoy my company.

or so people in america that could stand for office and stand up for the constitution and the rule of law

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send a VERY clear message to the other congresscritters.

by SenecaDoane on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:02:50 PM PDT

John McCain

people.

battles and

our successes, does. We cannot handle a large number of primaries in addition to general election

one asks, one had better be prepared to put more on the line for that effort that the netroots, despite

You

The higher the profile, the better the example

That's bullshit

by JoeShikspack on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 01:13:49 PM PDT

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by SenecaDoane on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 01:47:03 PM PDT

because chances are that you won't. And your Rep knows

Will you "be doing whatever you can"?

I'll

write a note in my tickler file to check in with you about this in the future,

Who's your Rep?

I don't know who we think we're fooling when we breast-beat about taking on so many

Or

How much do you think we could raise to support their candidacies at one time?

0-

1+

3+

7+

Sure

this an invitation for other people to give their hearts and savings for a cause you believe in while

it'll

stinks, but

my rep

can do to put pressure on him to act better and I'll be encouraging friends, family and neighbors to
disagree with you, you
decisive the law, run the last breaks you.

by JoeShikspack on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 01:32:39 PM PDT

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by SusanEinChicago on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:10:57 PM PDT

appreciate being sworn at, either, just because

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...are you sure that these aren't 2001... (3+ -10)

or so people in america that could stand for office and stand up for the constitution and the rule of law

at the same time?

But I'm glad that you're enjoying your day on the nut roast.

thanks, i've been dealing with the nut roast for quite a number of years now and i don't feel deprived, seeing

that you're enjoying your day on the nut roast.

you decide the law, run the last breaks you.

by JoeShikspack on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:19:28 AM PDT

[ Parent ]
And Obama will fail to deliver. We will need strict party discipline to overcome the corporate opposition.

Don't kid yourself, by 2010 the energy that opposition to Bush pumped into the party will be gone.

Which one would be easier (1+)?
or at least, less unpossible?

Determining whether or not this comment is meant to be an exercise for the reader.

Hoyer needs to be excised, Pelosi out of Speaker.

Nancy Pelosi would be just fine if she were merely the representative from San Francisco, however, she needs to be eliminated or the Speaker job will be someone much better.

Hoyer just needs to be gone. Can we groom a challenger who can take him out in 2012? How much support does he have in his district? How are his negatives?

We have another potential "Donna Edwards" challenging a rabid BushDog in GA-12.

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This country does not have the luxury to entertain idiocy as the essence. John Barrow, as you might know,

If you were merely the representative from San Francisco. However, Barrow has over $1M in the bank, but his three potential Republican challengers are in the low 5 digits. We've raised more than $36K now.

That is what Democrats are working on (1+)...

...as for what his negatives are, I don't know -- just know that it will take a few million to knock off Hoyer.

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CA-29 is a safe Dem district (won with 63% in 2006). California is a liberal state. This is next to MY district. What an outrage. This guy should get primaried for SURE. And what a disappointment. I've met him, and he held himself out to be a grassroots guy.

Mark Udall

Mark Udall (1+ / 0-)
Will more than likely be a Senator in 2010 and will no longer be in the House.
I'm extremely disappointed in his decision on FISA and can't see myself doing anything to help his campaign before Election Day.

Gillibrand, for one. She's proven to be a disappointment over and over again. There's no reason in hell she cannot be replace: NY-20 has shown signs of shifting Blue.

But Lampson? Come on. He's the best we'll get.

You need to seriously refine this list and select those seats where a more reasonable Democrat can win in a General Election, or we are killing ourselves and diluting our power.
"Right off" (7/10)

Throw the term out. With Democrats like men who need directions, right?

by The Mose on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:11:42 AM PDT
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"I didn't get it..." (7/10)

A lot of these candidates were backed by DailyKos and Blue Majority the first time around...Zack Space, Horton Gilliland, Stephanie Herseth, Melissa Dean, Chris Conroy, Patrick Mparo, Heath Dulin, etc. "Sorry, you're not our friends anymore! Buh-bye!"

The Next First Lady: Michelle Obama or Budweiser Barbie? The choice

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...and we need to analyze each district and see what is happening before we flush people like Lampson and Herseth, places were more moderate Democrats will be counted.

"You know that one real fight is the real fight of the definition of what is really "more moderate"

by Brock on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:39:45 AM PDT
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"We seem to "more Democrats" mode" (7/10)

I've lived in Lampson's district

Heh, primary Herseth Sandlin?

by Calvin Jones and the 13th Apostle on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:46:44 AM PDT
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John McCain

primary-ing Herseth-Sandlin isn't going to get anywhere

he's just throwing names out there...

by shpilk on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:13:02 AM PDT
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"You know what the real fight is? The real fight

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'best we can hope for' in deep red districts. Lampson, and Herseth are two

by mlk on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:08:25 AM PDT
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Odd twists and turns politics takes.

by Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:03:22 AM PDT
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John McCain

weeks ago?

from here forward. Or do you want to take back all that rooting for Cazayoux and Childers a few

by Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:08:25 AM PDT
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Incidentally, of your

Now we are shifting.

We were in "more Democrats" mode

We're not in the 2010 cycle yet, and you've

by Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:58:30 AM PDT
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for 15 years and I'm not sure he has any choice. I'd say he's barely even a D, but I still prefer him to the previous (Congressman Tom Delay R-Bastard). Running a true progressive D in this District is probably not a winning option.

It's the fascism, stupid! by lastman on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:03:50 AM PDT

Kos needs to clarify that (2+0-)

unless he plans to educate many in the electorate and stop them from listening to Faux news overnight.

Donate to the DNC. We don't have RNC/McSame lobbyists throwing money to us by the bagful. by soms on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:10:49 AM PDT

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lol (1+0-)

"Running to be progressive D in this District is probably not a winning option."

Undersatement of the year award.

*you know what the real fight for the real fight to the definition of real is really" mentor burden

by shpilk on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:11:59 AM PDT

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"You know what the real fight is? The real fight is the definition of what is reality." Bernie Sanders

by shpilk on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:10:51 AM PDT

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Since when is (3+0-)

protecting the Constitution a "progressive" issue?

by kos on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:50:54 AM PDT

[Parent]

It's not. (0+0-)

The problem is that the bad guys frame FISA as a national security issue and the good guys don't do a good enough job of putting it in the proper context.

Lampson can say all he wants about defending the Constitution but his constituents are gonna tell Lampson anti-defenders agin here. And they're gonna believe they worth the latter.

It's Tom Delay country, Markos. It's the fascism, stupid!

by lastman on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:56:44 AM PDT

[Parent]

Focus on Blue Dog types in deep Blue Districts (14+0-)

There is no reason why a Democratic district needs to be represented by someone so completely out of step with it.

Take Brian Baird. Super surge defender, sellout on telecom immunity, and in a D+10 district. That guy needs a primary to either get rid of him or stiffen his spine.

Jason McCann: Anarchists the left? Not in the Bush-We Can America.

by bosdcla14 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:03:59 AM PDT

exactly...him and Hoyer ...yes (4+0-)

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Schiff (8+0-)

Deep blue. Heart of Los Angeles.

DTH

by DTH on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:08:45 AM PDT

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Another excellent example. (1+0-)

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Better read some history (1+0-)

Take Brian Baird. Super surge defender, sellout on telecom immunity, and a D+10 district. That guy needs a primary to either get rid of him or stiffen his spine.

A statement like this bespeaks almost total ignorance of WA-03. This District has plenty of conservative voters, including rural Democrats, and sends some of the hardest-right crazies in WA to the State Legislature. Only 10 years ago WA-03 was represented by Linda Smith, as right-wing a House member as WA has had.

Smith beat Baird in a squeaker in 1996 and Baird vowed that if he lost ever again, it wouldn't be because he was outworked. Smith got a fat head in 1998 and thought she could take out Patty Murray in the Senate race. Her fundamentalist views did not play well in a statewide race and she was deservedly trounced.

Baird, meanwhile, crisscrossed the district relentlessly and rolled up a 10-point win over far-right blowhard State Senator Don Benton, who is still polluting the atmosphere in Olympia. Baird does more constituent outreach than several other House members in this state put together,
I'm going to stay out of the Bachmann battle. Too many people are involved. If this were a real war, I'd be in it. If this were a real war, I'd be in it.

So what? (1+/-)

More frivouis Democrats voted against this legislation than voted for it.

As I have learned as a citizen, “levity” is not enough. I would say the same to the dink who voted against this bill or will vote against it. It’s not enough.

A leader Without Followers is Just a Guy Taking a Walk (1+/-)

by gooderservice on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:04:45 AM PDT (Parent)

A Leader Without Followers Is Just A Guy Taking A Walk

Try D+0 (1+/-)


Manufactured political distractions, you are officially on notice.


by gooderservice on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:37:56 AM PDT (Parent)

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So what? (1+/-)

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Woo hoo! We should be so proud of our house dems: they didn’t unanimously roll over.

by bubbanomics on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:09:19 AM PDT (Parent)

(-8.00,-7.85) “Jesus Christ was the first nonviolent revolutionary.” --S. Stills

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I've got one to watch who hasn't even won yet... (2+/-)

by bosdcla14 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 04:58:30 PM PDT (Parent)

John McCain: 3+

John Kerry: 1+

Apologies.

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So what? (2+/-)
I totally disagree. (0+)  
I think people in this community has it all wrong. We should not be upset if telecom companies get immunity because they were try to help the country. Remember that when this start that Mr Bush was very very popular right after 9-11 so they believed the president when he said it was legal. So I feel that the debate should be whether the Bush Admin should be charged with a crimes not the Telecom Companies.

by warfaringvulgaris on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:07:25 AM PDT

Yeah! Because the telecoms are these tiny (5+)  
Ma and Pa outfits that can't afford ginormous legal departments to help them figure out that fancy law stuff. Well, except for Qwest.  

God I hope this is snark. (0-)

by Robobagpiper on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:12:02 AM PDT

What a great idea. (7+)

This way, with retroactive immunity firmly ensconced as the new 'truthiness', Halliburton won't have to move to Dubai, after all.  

Brilliant! You have a mind like a steel trap. You should release it, once in a while to get some fresh air.  

"You know what the real fight is? The real fight is the definition of what is reality." Bernie Sanders

by shpilk on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:15:10 AM PDT

Thank you.  
When McCain talks he sounds like an evil Mr. Rogers.  

by clonecone on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:08:57 AM PDT

I agree. Exactly the right medicine for despair. (2+)  
Well done, Kos.  

"More AND BETTER Democrats."  
The second part is just as important, and it will be increasingly possible if we work hard.  
Let's roll up our sleeves.  

Let's in this for the long haul, and that alone will give many Democrats pause before they capitulate to the Mr. 28%-types again.  

JOHN McCAIN = George W. Bush's 3rd term.  

by chumley on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:14:29 AM PDT

Pat Murphy's actually in a tough race right now against a Gooper.  
Too bad about that FISA bill, because I intend to levy an attack on him in every single DL bulletin. We have 800 or so members. they're not happy right now.  

by Frenchy Lamour on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:09:19 AM PDT

leave matheson (UT-02) alone - thanks n/t (4+)

John McCain Defends Bush's Iraq Strategy.  

by jethropalerobber on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:09:25 AM PDT

Melissa Bean just sent me a letter gloating (2+)  
About her excellent work for me in Congress. By giving up the constitution to save AT&T  
I'll vote for Billy Goat before I vote for that traitor again!  

you can't even spell "bullshit" without "Bush"...  

by lostmypassword on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:09:30 AM PDT

Join Me In Kicking Bean's Big Butt Out! (1+)

Yeah. The bitch sent me a gloating email too, and is starting to call me all the time too. She also refuses to even consider impeachment - she has got to go.  

"There is little separating those that see cells as tiny machines from those that see the Virgin Mary on a grilled cheese sandwich". H. Humbert 2/6/08

by JDog42 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:13:40 AM PDT

I despise her almost as much as I do (0+)  
Mean Jean .. ugh ugh ugh  

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by shpilk on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:16:05 AM PDT

Did she directly refer to the ... (0+)

"FISA Amendments Act of 2008 in her email? Verify the Vote.  

by Eric C. in WA on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:20:18 AM PDT

No (0+)

She referred about her great work in Congress. Got the email yesterday.  
"WTF, you gotta be kidding me?" was my first reaction. My second was demand against the FISA sellouts  

http://www.actblue.com/human rights

by lostmypassword on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:30:44 AM PDT
I see Brian Baird on that list. (1+/0-)

Now I'm glad that I'm supporting his challenger Cheryl Crist. Perhaps ActBlue should remove Baird from its directory.

by The Movac on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:09:37 AM PDT

my letter to Dutch Ruppersberger: (2+/0-)

Be ready for a primary challenge, next time around.

I supported your candidacy, but you have seriously misrepresented my interests with your vote to capitulate to a minority-party, lame-duck administration on retroactive immunity for lawbreakers.

This will not stand, you shall be history, ASAP.

John McCain will do this

by voila on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:09:57 AM PDT

Why would you ever want to do this? (4+/0-)

Not all of these people warrant or even deserve primaries, but this vote certainly paves the way for their districts. If we can field enough serious challengers, and if we repeat the Donna Edwards and Joe Lieberman stories a few more times, well then, our elected officials might have no choice but to be more responsive.

Or, they could run as Independents and lose progressive candidates who see in light turn out primaries, a weak Laurer, or lose to moderate Republicans. Purity, for purity’s sake, is madness.

That’s a mighty narrow tent you have there, Kos.

Having credibility when making an argument is the straightest path to persuasion.

by SpamNunn on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:29:32 AM PDT

Lieberman Was a Special Case (4+/0-)

He had name recognition and popularity in the state that made an independent run feasible. And this is NOT purity for purity’s sake.

I am a huge pragmatist. This is smart politics and accountability.

DTH by DTH on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:13:51 AM PDT

[Parent]

That, and he effectively ran as the Repubs’ candidate, since they abandoned their own in favor of him.

Lieberman won with a combination of almost all the Repubs and some low-info Dems. Won’t happen in most cases, since the Repubs will field a candidate of their own, rather than use the beaten former Dem as a proxy.

And isn’t this defeatist? It assumes that if an incumbent is primaried, that the primary winner has negligible chance of winning?

by Robobagpiper on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:20:47 AM PDT

[Parent]

Not entirely accurate: (0+/0-)

Then there are a lot of “low info” Dems in CT

http://www.cnn.com/

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by SpamNunn on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:29:32 AM PDT

[Parent]

I mean when they put up a candidate... (0+/0-)

When was the last time the official Republican nominee which was Schlesinger, while HoJo was the unofficial got 10% of the vote in any race?

John McCain: Bush right to veto kids health insurance expansion

by Calvin Jones and the 13th Apostle on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 02:13:40 PM PDT

[Parent]
This country does not have the luxury to entertain idiocy as by gooderservice on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:13:31 AM PDT

A Leader Without Followers Is Just A Guy Taking A Walk That could change, but right now I’m beyond demoralized and angry; I’m disgusted and ambivalent. money to a candidate who really, really, really impresses me. Right now

That all sounds great, but if it
not impossible, for some people, including

You don’t win the Republicans anything about that if a Republican manages to win a primary and they don’t think he’s “conservative enough” they say “screech” and don’t support him. They screen and put authorities terrified subordinates, a party leader says anything they feel otherwise. Take, for example, Speaker says that “they will not be a threat and for Supreme Court Justices” to the Senate Judiciary Committee and WALK IT OFF!

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For 2010, is going to be the year we pivot from taking control of our government, to holding it accountable.

Of course, this takes more than just bitching about your candidates on a blog, learning a whole party for the antithesis of a minority more scared of Mr. 28% than of the straightest path to persuasion. This takes hard work. But now is the time to start.

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Hampshire; Tom Allen; Patrick Kennedy; and the quartet from Connecticut: Murphy, DeLauro, Larson, and Donnelly won and we took back the House. Defeat him and you’ll probably send a Republican back in that seat.

That said, I will tell you this. Bart’s been too good for my district, too good for the state, too good for the country, and too good for our party. He is a good man, and he is a good Democrat. He has stood up for the things I believe in, and he has fought for the people of Tennessee. He has been a champion for the working class, and he has been a friend to the people of our state.

But I also believe that we can do better. We can do better by electing and reelecting Democrats. We can do better by working together to pass progressive legislation. We can do better by ensuring that our party has a chance to succeed.

That’s why I am calling for an investigation of the Democratic Party of Tennessee. We need to understand what went wrong in our state, and we need to learn from our mistakes. We need to make sure that we are not repeating the same mistakes in the future.

I am not alone in this call. Many of my colleagues in the Democratic Party share my concerns. We all want to see a Democratic Party that is strong, united, and effective. We all want to see a Democratic Party that can compete and win.

I believe that we can do it. I believe that we can elect and reelect Democrats. I believe that we can build a strong Democratic Party. But we need to work together to make it happen.

Let’s start by investigating the Democratic Party of Tennessee. Let’s start by making sure that our party is strong and united. Let’s start by electing and reelecting Democrats. Let’s start by building a strong Democratic Party. Let’s start now.
People power = LGBTQ marital rights = OBAMA ’08! winning without the people powered netroots progressive community here.

and now they have turned on us? That

by acquittal on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:28:27 AM PDT

(2010)

(5) Split the Democratic Party between

(4) Bring the troops home from Iraq (2009)

(3) Kill the republican Party as a competitive national party and elect Obama as Prez (2008)

(2) Win back control of Congress (2006)

(1) Organize progressives online as a powerful electoral force, in which we continually educate

ourselves and each other (2003-2005)

by SaucyIntruder on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:24:19 AM PDT

and Courtney. You show up for the Constitution when even Barack Obama wouldn’t.

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by jeffbot on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:27:31 AM PDT

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about.

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We will await word from our leader.

But Rep. Chandler and Rep. Herseth should be reminded that without us in the people powered progressive community, no one in SD or KY would have even heard of them, much less voted for them.

People power = LGBTQ marital rights = OBAMA '08!

by kevinspa on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:34:07 AM PDT

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I'm still trying to figure out who would replace my congressman in PA-17, other then a Republican. I can't think of anyone in the current establishment or among my friends who could mount a sucessful primary challenge.

There are fairly young state representatives in the district who are Democrats but they're also Blue Dog Democrats. One has an Uzi. Not kidding. lolz.

I don't think a progressive in the Kossack sense could win here. Liberal, maybe. Progressive, nope.

Central PA Kossacks smoke a bowl; we'll be fine!

by terrypinder on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:37:37 AM PDT

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Bud Cramer is retiring.

And it is an open seat right now, for election this year, so we can't really do anything about him.

by greatn on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:29:26 AM PDT

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by lostmypassword on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:32:09 AM PDT

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TARGET THE LEADERSHIP

Specifically Hoyer and Emanuel. Serious challenges to them will send shock waves throughout the entire caucus.

"We are the ones we have been waiting for" --Barack Obama reminding us we have to hold him accountable.

by Jim in Chicago on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:36:05 AM PDT

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We the people

LIFE*

I have lived enough of it (one year shy of 8 decades) to know that I am still a pupil.

by Luetta on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:37:04 AM PDT

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Holden (PA-17)
by IndieInSF on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:44:23 AM PDT

the best way to go about this, IMO. That perverts the system we're trying to change. How about a dailykos PAC? Doing this piecemeal isn't because they can't raise money. But we should require a good candidate to only be an ATM. I wouldn't help until she raised $70K. There are too many good candidates who die an electoral death. For ONE direct mail piece. What do we do about those who don't have access to capital? Emily's List had all the power. She only lost by 700 votes. $5,000 would have put the seat in her lap. The reason was the Blue Dog to True Blue Campaign. Its easy to assume that all these folks come from Districts who think like Kos readers, but this isn't the case. Many of these Southern Democrats have to get elected in a terrible environment and this is a representative Democracy.

by gooderservice on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:40:49 AM PDT

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Questioning another's patriotism is a violation of their responsibilities as members of the Judiciary Committee.

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by treyga on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:40:26 AM PDT

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by SlackwareGrrl on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:41:02 AM PDT

Tim Holden's godlike in his part of PA; I can't imagine a primary challenge there. That said, it's an economy-ravaged district that (1) Rinos is carrying a lot there, so who knows...

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Seems that on this issue he was no better than Hoyer, huh?

Plenty of Beltway institutions already existed for the purpose of cheering on any and all Democrats no matter what they do. -Glenn Greenwald

I'll give you that. You're right. John McCain's position on health care is a disaster, and he's Bailout, R.A.M.

I'll grant you that. 

Are you sure? It was once HR'd for (jokingly) refering to Juanita Millender-McDonald in a special election

I'm hoping to move back to Chicago next year. (I'm not...) 

I was running. Instead couldn't reach until two months before the primary (puckpady) because of FISA

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The Monty Python Dennis Moore was smarter than this guy.

The 37th has become an extremely strong Democratic district (after redistricting) so there really was no excuse for Richardson to vote for this FISA debacle. (she was one of the ones that hasn't received any Telco funds (at least not yet, though who knows what help she might be getting to pay off those mortgages?), but that just means someone else must be pulling her chain successfully.

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Michael is a true moderate (0) (-1)

Mike McNulty started out much further to the right than he's been more recently. He's already become very responsive to his constituents. Whether he can work with bipartisanship more often than he not, or PDA and other consolidation at twice, and even in the war in Iraq, he's had a very progressive record.

by phil on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:54:37 AM PDT

Try to see this. Kim. (0) (+1)

And I also want to see something done about redistricting. My district is so gerrymandered as to be laughable. Delaware is as entrenched as they get. I support other Dems where I can, but I have to think they actually had a shot at holding onto seats like this. All they should have the computing suspicion that they could lose so that they might bother to listen to their constituents.

Our time now. 

by Rachel in Vista on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:58:13 AM PDT

we should add the names of the houses members who:

GFPOGED any and all moves towards IMPERMEABLED, the people, Federal, Pelosi. Congress just to come to fin, has a major hand in pushing where we are today... Hell they NOT about at the way of a speckle...we may never find that it is PDA, RNDT still understand the majority of the public who knows these people are not upset about the issues that are getting into the public...and it is that the Congress who should be involved in the public. 

I cannot consider the people who stand against impeaching this President as GOOD DEMOCRATS... parts democrats...no! no! no... no more.

In DC there is a very active group of people who have kept the pressure for impeachment UP with regards to Nadler... he has been incredibly tough and now they are seriously pushing for something hiding behind bad to danger... is a make BIGGER CHALLENGE. I can out to have to include Cox in this group that needs to be pressured but not always so bad as it is really to have to talk to people of us who are reasonably and consistently called to not to move on IMPERMEABLE... and inclined us to POLITICAL reprisals, was on it. It was at the moment I voted for John Cox, when I now see a FAIRER and untruthful's job has been to keep the progressive base of the democratic party occupied with dead ends and rid of the more of more and more JANDY=

any chance we carry on an expected CHANCE for this then need to be personalized by ENTRANCE and decide rather than alphabetically... that many we can easily pick an incumbent in our own area and make them redesignated we need BETTER democrats then you in the last goal for 2010. 

"Bomb Bomb Bomb Iran" is NOT a software MAC Code Strategic McCar.

by Soulreaper on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:00:20 AM PDT

is a government without saying that we should be content. (0) (+1)

It seems to the point, the bill will become longer in one year, when we see more squalling, yelling, and really realize these district.

It's not a campaign. It's a movement. Will you stand up?

by dwilson on Wed, Jun 25 2008 at 11:03:03 AM PDT

Ron Kind [D] WI-3 will call "Horrifying" by Madison [1] (+4)

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by cw Wisconsin on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:03:03 AM PDT

Thank you for this. (0) (+1)

examining this threat in every and every way makes it clear how complicated things get at this level. The Clinton and the cabinet and state level issues. Personally, I like the thought about Presidential and Senate races almost exclusively. It seems like my insane R lifes have been excellent and unavailable in the cold districts I have lived in and the reverse in the Flag District for lives.

Part of our attitude here so doing what having money to offer in the right for personalized researches. Those who knew their local politics well are in a position to work for change exactly the way you described.

Go to the stop leaving fellows. We have a proto-neo-fascist state to fight. It can't be done by easy. We have the responsibility to do it as we became us.

I really think the one line you use - want more law: Colbert "you were sick, but now you're well and there's work to do"Ｗ．

by hermes on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:08:37 AM PDT

$4,600.00 a head (1) (+4)

Now write at a disadvantage vs are AE4K. We don't have the nations to pump into campaign coffers.

If it would take nations to lose these jobs, According to WPNL.splinters.org, it look about $4000 a piece.

Comparing Democrats' Votes (March 14th and June 23th weeks)

Version, AE4K, and Spirit gave PAC contributions averaging:

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by wanderbrand on Wed, Jun 25, 2008 at 11:32:09 AM PDT
Last night, after Sen. Dodd's FISA speech, CSPAN-2 went to coverage of committee hearings on the Universal Service Fund; an issue of telecom arcana (like "Net Neutrality") that a bunch of clueless luddites on the committee just can't get their analog brains around. To cope with the emerging transcendental digital environment, America needs internet pioneers in Congress, its democratically elected representatives, not a bunch of out-of-touch, out-of-date, old-fashioned ones. This is the case not only for telecom, but for every issue of the 21st Century.

Imagine what a renegade congressman's staff political director could do with this machinery at his disposal, in relation to pushing progressive legislation through with nationwide support. And I'm sure Kos has got his own geek squad to manage the guts of the site.

Democrats won't have to lift a finger... (Q) (R)
To get rid of these Blue Jackals. Their Republican challengers will already parade their votes against the Privacy Act amendment bill if they win against them and their alt-right allies. They'll tell the whole ridiculous story about how FISA gave the Democrats incalculable thousands of dollars to vote for telecom amnesty.

You already have a nationwide constituency here that contains many campaign professionals and legions of volunteers who would come to your aid in a heartbeat. You understand the numbers, you can raise money, you have the digital infrastructure already in place. The average donation to those opposing was $4,810. The average donation to those supporting the FISA bill last week, Dem or Repub, was $9,950.

So, these are the kinds of distinctions you need to draw and publicize.

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Assuming the Patriot Act, Military Commissions Act, the Bush treaty, FISA, the two resolutions, and (of course) The Iran War Authorization. Obviously, some of these people are so no longer in Congress due to reelection; and others, I don't know if any are still around. At least, by comparing these votes on all these different capitulations, we can come up with a "Capitulation Caucus."

You are a perfect example of the technology savvy, Progressive netroots candidate that can help drag Congress, kicking and screaming, into the 21st Century.

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The United States of America--the only country in the world where being educated and cultured sabotage Obama's mandate.

This issue is not as clear cut as you make it seem and some of these are very good members of Congress who we need to increase our majority and take back the country.

Ask not what your country can do for you, and what you can do for your country!
The United States of America—the only country in the world where being educated and cultured actually "wrecks" your social and political standing.

by Hesiod on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:51:38 AM PDT

[Parent]

Patrick Murphy's (D-Fla) has an honest face. (0+) It’s too bad he decided to sell out the Constitution for the phone companies during his first term in Congress.

by ronlib on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:14:46 PM PDT

[Parent]

I couldnt agree more... (0+)

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by Hesiod on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:55:16 AM PDT

[Parent]

I also wanted to support you quite just Bob, but here’s my problem: I live in San Francisco and Nancy Pelosi is my representative.

by Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:03:01 PM PDT

[Parent]

So, we’ll fight him back. (0+)

by Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:47:56 AM PDT

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The only two democrats from KS, in very-close-GOP districts and

by Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:54:54 AM PDT

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They both have the largest employers in the area – Sprint and Embarq. It’s mainly superfluous to describe they will ever vote in opposition to those firms.

by Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:08:32 PM PDT

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A wonderful productive response to the anger around FISA

by Chrisfs on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:54:54 AM PDT

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Taking Patrick Murphy off the list, please. (0+)

by Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:38:49 AM PDT

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by Eric J in MN on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:38:32 AM PDT

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Verify the Vote.

http://en.wikipedia.org/...

by Parent on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:38:32 AM PDT

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Great diary

by LordMike on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 11:47:56 AM PDT

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Disagree. A lot of people vote R only b/c

by LordMike on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:36:11 PM PDT

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By Kos. I’m in Illinois on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 10:38:07 AM PDT

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on a broad range of policies and issues. Challenging every representative on this list may wind up
divisive primaries can constitute a significant opportunity to those who oppose progressive positions
few select victories can have an impact on the behavior of those not challenged, while numerous
great concern to many in the netroots community. Let's "pick our battles" carefully. Remember that a
sure that some of those representatives on this

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supporters because he
mainliners are supporting a wishy-washy Democrat instead of Shanker, Howard
himself to be an effective, courageous warrior against corrupt powers that be. Although the party
everyone to support Howard Shanker for Arizona's Distinct One Congressional seat. He has proven
Why wait until 2010 when we have an opportunity to elect good Democrats this time around?
by ronlib on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:34:16 PM PDT

Would you change the "purpose" declaration to read "To Elect Progressive Democrats." And loudly
by thecount on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 12:14:44 PM PDT

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First of all,
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real estate. She's an embarassment.
Not for the FISA vote, but because she's been defrauding lenders, and getting sweetheart deals on
figures. She's so ineffectual that no one outside of my district even knows she exists. Sheesh!

A Word of Caution (1+10)

Field all I would have everybody about becoming too radical and... I don't know if a couple of lost votes by an otherwise good Democrat is enough to have them primaried out. Every politician
inevitably makes a vote that messes one up. If I'm no consistent pattern of unreliability, it is
Jim Lettenberry, I'm all for it.

Second, there are races to hold some districts at all. I live in the Florida panhandle and, believe me, that
ing blue dog Allen Boyd is my favorite Congressman. But, as Piven says with my fellow friends in
Tallahassee who think he should be the second coming of Dennis Kucinich, Boyd is one of the few
Dems who could win in that very conservative district. If you go any more progressive, you can kiss it
goodbye.
When I agree with the general premise of this post, we have to be careful not to hurt ourselves in the
process.
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"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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I'm not sure this vote should decide their fates.

senate (I've been busy finding a job and can't remember). Does this end that support?

I of whom IIRC were on the Blue Majority

We're very fast to turn on those who've been greatly talked up here, are we not? A quick scan of the

by Steeve on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 07:58:14 PM PDT

with the 9 Republicans, doesn't that slant things in the moderate/conservative direction?

Why on earth are 5 of the 12 Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee Blue Dogs? Teamed

by oceanstar17 on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 06:58:57 PM PDT

from heavily Republican districts where candidates better suited for CA or NY won't sell.

by tatooblue on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 06:28:14 PM PDT

Need a book like organizing for dummies...

by BoiseNick on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 06:06:21 PM PDT

by annflag on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 04:29:21 PM PDT


contested district. 

progressive choice. And he's a whole lot better at campaigning, too, which we need in this hotly

Don't add another "Blue Dog" Democrat by voting for Ann Kirkpatrick. Howard Shanker

by homunq on Wed Jun 25, 2008 at 03:34:19 PM PDT

our side, the telecoms, and the Bush administration are the only ones who care, so no free passes.

on the war, precisely because they can make a real argument that the voters are watching. On FISA,

Honestly,

so long as you don't stab us when the chips are down.

All your vote are belong to us.

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Some obvious targets: Pelosi, Lipinski, Boren

"Victory means exit strategy, and it's important for the president to explain to us what the exit strategy is."

- George W Bush

by [User] on Thu Jun 26, 2008 at 03:12:42 AM PDT