

## Political Ads

Is it JUST ME? This election season, I have heard the latest barrage of political ads, and all of these ads have lies involved! For example, we are always hearing about how this one voted to raise his/her pay. This is stated as if there was some smoke filled bar scene where a bunch of politicians are sitting around a table, secretly trying to sneak in a pay increase, in the middle of the night... Reality is usually more complicated...

First of all, we are giving the politician too much intellectual credit, because most of the bills that are voted on, by the House and Senate, are written, in offices, three blocks away. IN FACT, most of our "REPRESENTATIVES" don't even READ what it is that they are voting for/against! This goes for Republicans AND Democrats...

Secondly, let us suppose, as ludicrous as this idea is, that our congress people read the bill they are signing into law... And LET US SUPPOSE that there is a pay increase, for them... It is VERY LIKELY that such a pay increase might be attached to a sentence on page 11,685 in paragraph 2... There are an AWFULLY large number of words that may be written in 11,685 pages! To illustrate my point, take a look in my photos.. When I went to DC earlier this year to participate in some advocacy, I had a chance to view a portion of the Budget. In my photo, I have VOLUME 1 of the ABRIDGED VERSION of the US Budget... It weighed about 30lbs, or so (not 30 pages, 30 POUNDS!) Anyway, things are forever snuck into that multi-TRILLION DOLLAR budget!

Now, I may be digressing a smidge with this, but it discredits about half of the political campaign ads that are currently playing...

Another interesting group of adds has to do with campaign donations... AS IN ... This candidate took money from this group, therefore, this candidate is GUILTY of everything that the group is guilty of doing.... Well, maybe they are Maybe they are NOT... However, It CAN be stated that there are VERY FEW times that a candidate actually hand receives a campaign donation from anyone.. It is almost ALWAYS a campaign staff assistant, who opens an envelope, puts the check in the "to deposit" pile, and then makes a quick scribble about who and how much. Months later, the LA Times, the NY Times, or some other news agency digs through these notations so that they can manufacture news in a slow cycle.... Next, the opposition party... (aka the ones who were bashed in the articles/news stories) launches an investigation into the fund raising habits of their counter parts... Why? Because the Politicians in DC are a bunch of babies with the "WELL HE DID IT TOO!!" "DID NOT" grade school mentality.

Worst of all, there are elections won and lost over the above types of campaign ads because people are looking for the lesser of two evils....

Now where was I?? Oh YES, Campaign Ads.... They are all filled with lies, Deceit, and blatant Hypocrisy... My thoughts are to vote for someone else entirely than what our 2 "parties" have to offer, because I find them all, to be lacking....