Subject: Stop using Nader to win against the Democrats. Posted by setstyle on Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:16:52 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

PantherIt is my belief that Nader is running either because he's stupid or he's intentionally taking votes. He should very well know he won't win, or really even get close.

1. I don't think Nader is stupid. Look at his education record.

2. I also don't think he is aiming to take votes away from anyone. And since he's not stupid, he knows he isn't going to win. He's out to make a statement, a statement that he's not going to give in to monopolized American politics, and that he will stand for what he believes. Look at all the criticism he's endured.

I agree with knight1b and Crimson in that if the Democrats had a strong position to begin with they wouldn't look to blame everyone else for their problems. They did it in 2000 and they're doing it again this year. There's a poll analysis at http://prorev.com/green2000.htm that shows little connection between Gore and Nader votes.

Quote: In the close Florida race, there were similar results: statistically insignificant correlation when the Gore tally changed by only one or two points, but dramatic non-correlation when the change was bigger. For example, in nine successive surveys in which Nader pulled only 2 or 3 points, Gore's total varied by 7 points.

We know a candidate is not only made of his views, but his personality as well. Nader communicates his ideas more clearly, like Bush, than does Kerry (while the Senator explains why he supports both sides of whatever issue is at hand). Let's think about hypothetical Nader voters, if they had to vote for someone else -- would they all really want to listen to John Kerry play defensive all the time? While they would probably have more Democratic views, they still want a man of action, not dodgeball. Perhaps Kerry should back Nader, not the other way around.

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