

Election Point and Counterpoint Number Three

Dornan Gets Religion via Voter Fraud

by Robert Dornan

[In a letter to the editors of The Wall Street Journal printed in their December 13, 1996 issue, Representative Robert Dornan (R-CA) said in part:]

I find phony the chorus of voices claiming that I am not a cheerful loser. Every fair person understands my justifiable concern about voter fraud. I ran 5,000 votes ahead of Bob Dole and may have had

as many as 5,000 illegal registrants voting by "absentee walk-in" ballot on Election Day. I already have sworn affidavits covering six different types of voter cheating. And I've learned in only the past week of three more ways to destroy the integrity of the electoral process. The Office of Voter Fraud in the California secretary of state's office, in addition to the district attorney's office in Orange

County, is investigating and taking depositions.

[Editor's note: On January 14, Judge James Brooks of Central Orange County Municipal Court executed a search warrant for the offices of Hermandad Mexicana Nacional in Santa Ana.]

It's very sad that you would join the gaggle of media geese so giddy at reporting on the defeat-of-Dornan-at-any-cost. The cost, of course, is damage
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Immigration Wake-up Call

by Samuel Francis

If it's the future of the Republican party you're thinking about, consider the sad case of Rep. Bob Dornan, also known as "B-1 Bob," "Mad Dog Dornan," and even less complimentary epithets. After you've considered his case, you can start worrying, which is what Mr. Dornan has been doing ever

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since election day and for some months prior to it.

Mr. Dornan is famous for his my-fist-meets-your-lip brand of conservatism. An outspoken foe of abortion and a friend of just about anything that flies and drops bombs, Mr. Dornan, like so many Republicans these days, is also a big booster of immigration. Nevertheless, immigration is exactly the reason he and other Republicans need to worry.

When the votes came in on election day, lo, Mr. Dornan's name barely led that of his opponent in the race for California's 46th District, which B-1 Bob has piloted ever since 1977,

with the exception of a one-term gap from 1982-1984. A very large part of his problem derives from the fact that about 50 percent of the voters in the 46th District, in the state's legendarily conservative Orange County, are Hispanic. This week his opponent was claiming the final victory, though Mr. Dornan, still in orbit, refused to concede.

His opponent was the 36-year-old Loretta Sanchez, who had previously run under her married name of Brixey. This year she discovered that dwelling on her Mexican background (she's the daughter of immigrants) by using
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to our democratic process. If I'm fraudulently replaced in Congress, a continuing investigation will bring out that for the first time in U.S. history a member of the House or Senate was voted out of office by feloniously registered people, some of whom were felons recently naturalized in violation of INS laws during Clinton's "Citizenship U.S.A." extravaganza. If we don't investigate, who's next? And

how many freshmen or challengers have the resources to overcome a horribly fraudulent registration system? We must restore the integrity of registration laws as well as common sense voting laws — and enforce them.

But why should we be surprised by the indifference and, in many cases, the downright glee over Mr. Clinton's second term and over the Dornan recount. Only 46% of our citizens even bothered to register and vote, and 23% of

them, knowing all about the illegalities and immoralities surrounding the triple draft-dodger in the White House, still re-elected Mr. Clinton. I assume Clinton voters feel that non-citizen voting is no big deal.

Well, most Americans are outraged by the crime of being paid to vote, and the use of dead voters, felon voters, non-existent (phantom) voters and numerous other examples of election fraud.

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her Hispanic maiden name helped her out. Alas, Mr. Dornan's own enthusiasm for immigration didn't help him one little bit.

Indeed, so enthusiastic has he been for immigration that earlier this year he expatiated on one of his favorite themes. "I want to see America stay a nation of immigrants," he intoned (it's rare that Mr. Dornan does not intone). "And if we lose our Northern European stock — your coloring and mine, blue eyes and fair hair — tough!" Apparently a good many of his constituents took him literally and decided that losing B-1 Bob's coloring wouldn't be so bad if Bob himself vanished along with it.

But Mr. Dornan is not the only Republican who has a Hispanic problem, whatever its coloring. Exit polls show that nationally, President Clinton walked off with no less than 72 percent of the Hispanic vote, a rather larger portion of it than the Democrats

have ever won, and 75 percent or more in California itself. This week *The New York Times* in a front page article analyzed the results of the ethnic avalanche for the future of the GOP, and it's a future that doesn't work.

Bob Dole and Jack Kemp, for all their catering to legal immigration and non-white voters, managed to lose Florida and Arizona. The latter state went to the Democrats for the first time since 1948, while the Republicans lost the Sunshine State for the first time in two decades. Large battalions of Hispanic voters were mainly responsible. In California's Orange County, which the Republican presidential candidate usually has to win heavily if he is going to carry the rest of the state which now supports a 40 percent Hispanic population, Mr. Dole

won only a fraction of what GOP nominees usually win. As a result, the state went to Mr. Clinton.

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increase as immigration continues, and border states won't be the only ones affected.

As *The Times* reports, "In many states — Connecticut, Nevada, Wyoming, Indiana and New York, to name a few — as well as in any number of cities, towns and counties, heavy Hispanic voting