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U.S. SENATE RACE: GOP Senate hopeful Christensen curries favor in Mormon church

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Editor's note: This is the last in a series of profiles on candidates in the Republican U.S. Senate primary.

LOGANDALE - In Mormon households, Monday night is "family home evening," a time for studying the Gospel, singing hymns and engaging in wholesome activities such as playing board games.

But on one recent Monday evening at the Marshall house, which Gary Marshall built with his own hands in the territorial-Victorian style of straight lines, wide porches and sturdy wooden posts, the topic is politics.

Yes, there are children dipping sticky fingers into a jar of Oreos, scooting around on the carpet and shifting from lap to lap as the evening wears on. But these Mormons are gathered not to study the Gospel but to talk about why they will never again vote for U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., one of their own.

"I think he sold his soul when they put him in as Senate leader," Marshall says, hearkening back to 2005 when Reid replaced Sen. Tom Daschle, the former Democratic leader. Daschle lost re-election when South Dakota conservatives rejected him and his party's more liberal agenda, a problem Reid now faces in Nevada.

"Reid forgot who he worked for and he forgot his values," Marshall says. "He forgot us."

That's music to the ears of Chad Christensen, a Republican U.S. Senate candidate, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the center of the evening in Logandale, a Moapa Valley enclave that's about half Mormon in a state where the conservative church vote counts.

Although Mormons make up 7.5 percent of the state population, they account for 20 percent to 30 percent of the Republican vote, according to rough estimates of the active conservative bloc. Mormon Mitt Romney won the GOP presidential caucus in Nevada two years ago thanks to support from nine out of 10 members of the LDS church, according to network TV surveys of participants.

Christensen, his eye on the distant primary prize, is wooing the conservative crowd he knows.

"Tell me what's at stake in this election," Christensen asks at the Monday gathering.

"The future of our country," Marshall answers.

"Everything we believe in," says his wife, Vikki.

"We're running scared. We're frightened of everything going on in the United States now," Gary Marshall adds, referring to government industry bailouts and what he sees as a takeover of health care.

This is what Christensen wants to hear during his call and response routine, repeated in living room after living room, from Logandale to Las Vegas down South, from Sparks to Spring Creek up North. He's got 'em where he wants 'em, a campaign carnival barker in a handsome Sunday suit, selling himself to his religious brothers and sisters as the best Republican alternative to Reid.

"Those are the answers I get every time: 'Everything I stand for is at stake,'" he tells the group of less than a dozen men and women and their families. "I feel the same way. I'm petrified."

And he has the solution. It's the same one all the GOP contenders are suggesting.

"It's time to retire Harry Reid," Christensen says, voice rising. "He's been there about 90 years. As the architect of everything we don't like, it's time for him to go."

"How many shots do we have?" Christensen asks, moving in to make his main point.

"One," Gary Marshall says.

"What happens if we lose?" Christensen asks.

"Six more years of Harry Reid," Marshall answers, shaking his head.

Christensen, who jumped into the race at the last minute in a long-shot leap of faith, isn't expected to pick up many votes in the June 8 primary. A dozen candidates are seeking the GOP nomination, including the leading conservative Sharron Angle, competing for the same electoral slice of pie.

But, if nothing else, Christensen's campaign has revealed the depth of distrust some members of Reid's church have of the Searchlight native, who was baptized while in college after he grew up with no religion and after his wife converted from the Jewish faith. This apparently diminishing support could be part of Reid's Nov. 2 undoing, since he'll need every vote in his uphill battle for a fifth U.S. Senate term.

"Mormons view him as a 'Jack' Mormon, someone who's not living his faith," says Fred Lokken, political science professor at Truckee Meadows Community College. "Mormons tend to be a solid voting bloc and have been since Nevada became a state" in 1864.

"In a close election, this could make the difference," he adds, referring to Reid in the fall.

As for Christensen, Mormons might vote for him out of loyalty in the GOP primary or pick the conservative they think could win, most likely former Reno Assemblywoman Angle or perhaps Danny Tarkanian, who has no record but has cast himself as a no-tax, small-government choice. Sue Lowden, who touts her mostly conservative voting record as a state senator, also could pick up votes in the church community if people think she has the best shot at beating Reid, the Democratic standard-bearer.

"Chad's campaign is the longest of long shots," Lokken says. "Sometimes the support you think is there doesn't show up. The ballot box is a pretty private place."

So are Mormon places of worship, where those who support Reid often keep their opinions to themselves, standing by the belief that politics is private and doesn't belong in church.

"When people try to attack him, there isn't anybody who is willing to speak up," says Richard Bunker, a prominent Mormon and strong Reid supporter who happens to be Republican. "The problem is, the people that are vocal are the ones who are opposed to him, the ones that are beating the tom-toms with the Tea Party and all of that garbage. Sometimes I have to straighten them out."

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On the campaign trail, LDS members flock to Christensen's family-friendly events, including "Float the Vote" park parties. Volunteers and relatives serve root beer and ice cream floats, people in shorts and T-shirts toss Frisbees and baseballs, and local bands with names such as "Big Trouble" play.

Despite the close-knit Mormon community, many are meeting Christensen for the first time.

Fred and Gwen Ferrell attended an April "Float the Vote" event at a Las Vegas park after they were invited by Christensen's mother-in-law, Anita Brooks, an internationally known interior designer in Las Vegas who has worked on resort projects from the Red Rock Resort to Mandalay Bay.

The Ferrells used to be loyal Reid supporters and consider themselves family friends.

Gwen Ferrell says she has known Reid's wife, Landra, since they were both in seventh grade. The Ferrells held a get together for Reid in their backyard during his 1998 bid for re-election, which he nearly lost to John Ensign, the Republican who later won Nevada's other U.S. Senate seat.

The couple were registered Democrats until two years ago when President Barack Obama won the White House and then began expanding government's reach too far, in their view, especially with the health care law Reid helped craft that requires people to buy insurance.

"I still consider Harry Reid a friend, but not somebody I want to vote for," Gwen Ferrell says. "He's gone against our core beliefs. I knocked on doors for him, but he's just changed."

Fred Ferrell says the church believes in a frugal lifestyle and not spending more than you make, something the nation has done, resulting in record budgets and deficits as the economy has tanked.

"I'm for pay as you go," Fred Ferrell says, adding that this is a way of life for the Mormon community. "This is not a hard-core doctrine in our church, but you try to stay out of debt."

But Ferrell's disappointment goes beyond fiscal matters. He points to Reid calling former President George W. Bush a liar and saying the United States lost the war in Iraq.

"That kind of stuff adds up," he says. "We don't forget. And 90 percent of the people I know who used to support Reid don't want him any more."

The Ferrells say they plan to vote for Christensen, although if he weren't running their second choice would be Angle, who has been rising in the polls during the past couple of months with each new endorsement from conservative groups, including the national Tea Party Express.

Those rallying around Christensen seem focused on Reid, not the GOP contest.

"Getting Chad to win the primary is a pretty tall order," says Chris Ostler, a Mormon and a new supporter who met Christensen after he formally announced his candidacy in March. "We're running a stealth campaign. The vast majority of people think like we do. Eighty percent or more of the church are extreme right or center right. We believe in marriage between a man and a woman. We're against abortion. We're exasperated by Reid because his party has pulled him away from our values. He has to support the Democratic platform. I don't even know if Reid knows who he is anymore."

Despite his troubles at home, Reid is a devout Mormon and has maintained strong ties with church leaders in Salt Lake City who appreciate his power. In March, Reid and LDS officials presented first lady Michelle Obama with a copy of her family's genealogy during a visit to the White House.

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Reid spokesman Jon Summers dismisses criticism from some Mormons that the senator was trying to get closer to Nevada church members for political reasons in an election year. Reid has participated in fireside chats "periodically over the years," not just during campaigns, Summers says.

"The bottom line is that Senator Reid has an inspiring story about his conversion that people enjoy hearing, which is why he was asked to participate in additional chats this year," Summers says.

Chad Christensen doesn't buy that argument.

"I just thought it was weird. And I do think it's ironic that the firesides were in my district," Christensen says. "I think people by and large do not trust Harry Reid anymore."

His wife, Ashley, who often brings their four tow-headed sons and one daughter to campaign events, says if it weren't an election year, she would like to hear Reid's conversion talk.

"It's not that we have this hatred toward Harry Reid," Ashley Christensen says.

"He's still a brother," Chad Christensen agrees.

"It's just upsetting that there's a huge separation between our morals and his politics," she says.

"Mormons want a Christian they can count on," Chad Christensen says.

In Christensen's view, that means him, as the only contender currently holding office.

In his campaign spiel, he preaches the three Rs:

- Reid, because the election is a referendum on his leadership of Nevada and the nation.
- RÃ©sumÃ©, because Christensen has never lost an election compared with Lowden, who was voted out nearly two decades ago, and Angle and Tarkanian, who both lost their last two election bids.
- Republican, because Christensen says he would focus on rebuilding the party, which no other candidate is talking about, including former state GOP chairwoman Lowden. The party in Nevada is in disarray with conservative Tea Party-aligned factions fighting for influence here and nationally.

"Candidates like me don't get elected without others sharing the same passions," Christensen tells the Logandale crowd, calling them "real people" who see the world like him.

Yet sometimes actions speak louder than words.

The LDS church and Christensen promote personal responsibility, but the 40-year-old Las Vegas assemblyman has had his share of personal and political financial troubles.

In 2001, he filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy after his Internet company went bust, but ran for election for the first time anyway after members of the business community approached him, he says. The backing paid off with Christensen a reliable "no" vote on business taxes.

In 2004, Christensen paid a \$4,500 fine for not reporting some donations and expenses on campaign finance reports, including bills for fast-food lunches, which drew a lot of criticism at the time.

Christensen, whose company advises small businesses that want to expand into medium-sized companies, admits he has made mistakes in the past. As for his Internet startup company, he's up front with people on the campaign trail, saying, "It took off like a rocket and exploded like a rocket."

"Everyone is allowed to make mistakes in their life," says Christensen, the youngest of seven children whose military father and family required religious and personal discipline.

So far, his foibles haven't hurt him at the polls, though his political days appear numbered now.

An outdoorsman who likes to race motocross on weekends, Christensen exudes youthful energy, which no doubt has helped him win four elections in Assembly District 13, even in 2008 when Obama won the vote by 10 percentage points on his turf.

"I felt like the only palm tree left on the beach," Christensen says of the Democratic rout up and down the ticket two years ago, although now the pendulum seems to be swinging back to the GOP.

Long odds or not, Christensen seems to relish campaigning.

His most popular, attention-getting gimmick is driving around in a big "Dump Reid, Vote Chad" dump truck decked out in red, white and blue that prompts waves and joyful hoots from passers-by. It doesn't get much mileage, though, so Christensen is always looking for diesel to fill it up.

"They left me empty," he complains of his campaign helpers as he stops to refuel on his way to a park from a GOP hootenanny at Stoney's Rockin' Country bar and dance hall where the conservative political crowd meets the first Friday of each month.

"They're always leaving me empty," he grumbles, filling the tank halfway at a cost of \$40.47.

Christensen had the same trouble with his campaign, which was running on fumes until Arizona passed a tough law that allows police to ask suspected illegal immigrants about their legal status if they are stopped or arrested for another reason. Christensen jumped on the issue, proposing the same law for Nevada and calling for a special session to pass it. When Republican Gov. Jim Gibbons refused, Christensen announced an initiative petition to let voters decide, although there won't be time to gather the more than 92,000 signatures needed to get it on the November ballot.

Christensen denies it was an election year stunt, noting he has tried to pass laws to control illegal immigration in the past couple of regular legislative sessions, although the bills went nowhere.

"The people who say that I'm just talking about illegal immigration because it's an election year don't know anything about me," Christensen says, adding that it's a fairness and economic issue more than a stance against the tens of thousands of immigrants who come to America legally.

Educating, incarcerating and caring for noncitizens costs Nevada state government \$630 million a year, according to estimates by the Federation for American Immigration Reform, an anti-illegal immigration organization.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security estimates there are 260,000 illegal immigrants in Nevada, a number 53 percent higher than the 170,000 in 2000.

"I'm the last person to be anti-immigrant," says Christensen, a fluent Spanish speaker who was a missionary in Argentina and whose wife and in-laws have Hispanic blood. Christensen takes pride in teaching his children, ages 13 to 3, Spanish and doesn't usually speak to them in English.

Still, the conservative rhetoric against illegal immigrants can sound harsh.

At Stoney's, more than 500 rowdy Republicans including Christensen cheered on Maricopa County (Ariz.) Sheriff Joe Arpaio as he spoke about working to stop illegal immigration, even as his department faces a lawsuit that accuses him of racial profiling.

"They call me Hitler," Arpaio bragged, dismissing his critics, including about 200 demonstrators protesting outside Stoney's against his appearance. "I'm going to keep fighting the fight."

"I think you're doing yeoman's work," Christensen told Arpaio on stage after posing for a photograph with the man known as "America's toughest sheriff," who has earned headlines by housing prisoners in tents and making them wear pink underwear as part of his effort to control them.

"He's just taking away the incentives of being in prison," Christensen said in Arpaio's defense.

Tarkanian also has taken on the hot-button issue, including by running campaign TV ads, which is stealing Christensen's thunder and ability to capitalize on polls that show more than eight out of 10 Republicans in Nevada favor a crackdown on illegal immigration.

So that leaves math and Mormons as Christensen's best bet for any sort of showing on June 8.

Christensen's campaign, like other Republicans in the contest, figures the winner might gain the GOP nomination with as few as 35,000 votes because primary turnout is often low, around 30 percent. And he won nearly 39,000 total votes in his last victory in 2008, most of them Republicans.

"If I don't win, politically I'm done," he says. "I'll just go back to being Chad the businessman."

One vote he won't get is from Bunker, one of Reid's biggest defenders who worked side by side with him to get the mob out of the casino business when Bunker chaired the Gaming Control Board and Reid headed the Nevada Gaming Commission in the late 1970s.

"Chad Christensen doesn't have any chance of winning the Mormon vote," Bunker says dismissively. "He's just a kid that's just trying hard to be a politician."

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Note: Per On the Issues.org, Reid voted

- * Voted NO on restricting UN funding for population control policies. (Mar 2009)
- * Voted NO on barring HHS grants to organizations that perform abortions. (Oct 2007)
- * Voted YES on expanding research to more embryonic stem cell lines. (Apr 2007)
- * Voted to expand embryonic stem cell research. (Jun 2004)
- * And has four times increased the false security of sex outside marriage by encouraging contraception usage via funding for it, including ensuring access to and funding for contraception (Feb 2007) and sponsored bill allowing emergency contraception. (Jan 2009)

(So much for this Mormon Nevada Republican defending Reid by saying he wasn't "for abortion".)

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2 posted on Saturday, June 05, 2010 8:21:33 AM by svcw (Habakkuk 2:3)
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To: svcw

You're right. Mormons are no different than blacks or Hispanics in that regard. Every member of Congress from Utah is Mormon.

3 posted on Saturday, June 05, 2010 8:26:03 AM by bwc2221
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To: svcw; Jim Robinson; All

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Unfortunately, exactly.

Note this further confirmation from the article: Mormon Mitt Romney won the GOP presidential caucus in Nevada two years ago thanks to support from **nine out of 10 members of the LDS church**, according to network TV surveys of participants.

This is why lack of *spiritual* discernment often carries over into lack of *political* discernment...and how the two are often inter-connected.

Either identity politics kicks in...and voters vote primarily or only because of a religious connection...
...or, behind the scenes, Mormon leaders subtly weigh in to encourage grassroots Mormons to support Mormon candidates. Note that this article says: ...Reid is a devout Mormon and **has maintained strong ties with church leaders in Salt Lake City who appreciate his power**...

Now, if Nevada was an isolated instance of 90% of Lds in Nevada voting for Romney, that'd be *one* thing...but 94-95% of Lds also voted for Romney in Utah, Arizona, and Wyoming...And Arizona and Wyoming are like Nevada, where 8%+ of the state's population translates into 20-30% of the Republican voting bloc in those states.

One problem is Lds won't hold their leaders' feet to the fire for pulling this kind of shenanigans...just like there was absolutely no hue & cry when Harry Reid was invited to speak at BYU October, 2007.

Where are the Mormons who will battle for this country, taking on, if necessary, their own political leaders (Romney & Reid) and the support they receive from SLC HQ?

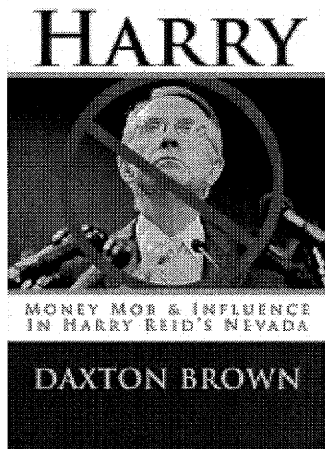
4 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 8:29:46 AM** by **Colofornian**
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To: **svcw**

Frst of all, Richard Bunker is a big crook who helped whitewash Harry Reid's conflicts of interest on the Gaming Commission in the Tropicana skim with Reid best friend Jay Brown.

For any Nevada Mormons, please let your Bishops know that there is a devastating book on Harry (written by me) that will make them look like fools for supporting Reid. Ree my tagline and click on my name to see more.

My key source, Harry Reid's original campaign manager, just passed a polygraph on his claims that he picked up bags of cash for Reid from brothel pimp Joe Conforte.



<https://www.createspace.com/3432232>

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's connections to a substrata of money, mob and influence in Nevada going back fifty years. Revelations from Reid's former campaign manager paints an unkind picture of a politician looking for money on the side. Most shocking is that Harry Reid took campaign donations from pimp Joe Conforte of the Mustang Ranch brothel. Also disturbing are accounts of Reid's long friendship with a lawyer to many of the most notorious strip clubs in Las Vegas and part of the Tropicana skim. Oscar Goodman, Las Vegas Mayor and lawyer to the mob also enters the picture. Sweetheart treatment of land developers, the G-Sting scandal, fat cat campaign contributors and more taint the record of one of the most powerful politicians in the U.S. and therefore the world.

Freeper help in pushing my book to the media would be hugely appreciated. It is gaining some traction here in Nevada, but it needs a major news outlet to pop it to the top. It truly is a game changer.

5 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 8:34:04 AM** by **DaxtonBrown** (HARRY: Money Mob & Influence (Expose on Reid on amazon.com written by me!))

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To: **DaxtonBrown**

It will not matter what you say about Reid to lds. It is lds first everything else second. Romney won 92% of the primary vote in Utah. It did not make any difference that he is a flaming liberal. lds support lds - period.
The truth be damned.

6 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 8:46:32 AM** by **svcw** (Habakkuk 2:3)

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To: **Colofornian**

I found this segment interesting...

"Yet in late March, protesters threatened a demonstration and forced Reid to cancel a speech titled "Why I Believe" that he had been invited to deliver at a Mormon church in Las Vegas. The senator had already given one such "fireside" testimony in Southern Nevada and was asked to do five more, according to his office. But when word spread, Mormons who no longer support Reid objected.

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Are mormons turning into anarchists and threatening violence against members of their own faith or is this just a bunch of made up crap about "security concerns" and "feeling unsafe" because HR and his supporters got an earful from those who are sick of his crap?

I'm more inclined to believe it's made up, HR has been shown to doing this previously.

7 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 9:06:29 AM** by **SZonian** (We began as a REPUBLIC, a nation of laws. We became a DEMOCRACY, majority rules. Next step is?)

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To: **svcw; DaxtonBrown**

Just went to Amazon to buy the book. The one review was very enlightening.

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I'll pass for now.

8 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 9:34:06 AM** by **Utah Binger** (Mount Carmel Utah, 12 Miles East of Mukuntuweap National Monument)

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To: **Jim Robinson**

Hope you've got that lightening bolt generator plugged into the recharger :-)

9 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 9:50:09 AM** by **T Minus Four** (Abortion: one dead, one wounded.)

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To: **Utah Binger; svcw; greyfoxx39; colorcountry; Colofornian; Elsie; FastCoyote; Zakeet; SkyPilot; ...**

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It's pretty interesting what the reviewer just said.

“It seems to be just a compilation of gossipy stories with little basis in fact”.

Well, it certainly is a compilation of news stories, because I had to back up every word to avoid withering retribution. So what the critic is really saying is that all the journalists in Nevada are writing gossipy news stories - about boring things like bribery and the mafia and casino skims - because I quote journalists extensively. Doesn't that criticism sound canned to you?

Secondly, one of my many sources is currently under indictment for killing four people and burying them in a steel drum in the desert. Others are like him. I've been warned by numerous friends that I could be killed for writing this. Consequently, since I have family, there was a hesitation to be more direct and name the names of all the sources. Perhaps you would like to undertake a similar expose all on your lonesome quoting bribesters, powerful politicians, Mafioso, union thugs, etc? Also, the last journalist to attempt a book like this about another controversial Nevadan was sued into oblivion, so the book had to be written in a “maybe this is what happened, or maybe not” tone. If that sounds gossipy, there is a reason for it.

Regarding the typos, the first edition was put out in haste for the Tea Party at Searchlight in a scorching amount of time all by my lonesome - I stand convicted of typos and gramatical errors in the original, however we are now in the second edition. I am self funded and self edited while all the brave journalists and publishers and reviewers like yourself were scared out of their pants to publish or even edit this, so thanks for your useful insights as the typo police.

Next, if it is so poorly written, being just a compilation of gossip (though some of the 'gossip' comes straight from Harry Reid), doesn't it strike you strange that this review would seem like the Harry Reid party line response? How come there is no other independent book on Harry Reid on the market, though he is one of the most powerful politicians in the world? Does this suggest anything to you? About intimidation perhaps?

Apparently, the fact that Don Williams, Harry Reid's original campaign manager, has exposed Mormon Harry as taking bribes from pimp Joe Conforte, means little to you. Williams just passed a lie detector test, by the way. Apparently, as exposed in my book, the fact that Reid's best friend is a crooked lawyer involved with the titty bar establishment of bribers and ex-Mafia means nothing?

Well, thanks for posting the review, I suspect it was someone like Jane Anne Morrison, a reporter for the Review Journal who wrote it (Don Williams pissed her off for being a hack, and she made similar comments to him, it appears to be the party line to quash the truth). I pretty much know most of the people who currently have copies, and I haven't been getting negative comments like the above except from those with an agenda (within the small journalistic community, not normal citizens). Most people understand this was written under stress and are willing to overlook the cosmetic problems to find out how the Reid machine works, apparently you are not.

And I tell you what, all those brave souls who want to nitpick style rather than substance can always write a better book about Harry - if they are brave enough. I'll give you my list of cons, killers, and embezzlers to interview. If you read the book and find errors, I can literally correct them overnight if it is that horribly written, I can always use an editor if you are volunteering your time. You notice, the reviewer didn't say anything was untrue, now did they? Or that it was boring, just that it was 'gossipy' and poorly edited? So sue me, or take the time to correct it.

Sadly, you have fallen for the Harry Reid apologist party line. Now, you will never get to find out for yourself whether the reviewer had an agenda of their own, or not. Remember too, they did not suggest a better book to read! (there isn't one!)

Ask greyfoxx39 what she thinks of the book, she's read it. And hell, if you get a copy and don't like it, I'll personally refund your money.

10 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 11:01:26 AM** by **DaxtonBrown** (HARRY: Money Mob & Influence (Expose on Reid on amazon.com written by me!))
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To: **DaxtonBrown; greyfoxx39**

Forgive me.

I understand your passion but I don't need to read any book to know what a POS old Harry is. And badly written books are tiresome.

And falling for the Apologist party line BS? Please, I'm sure you're not new to FR, however it's not too cool to attack the messenger.

11 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 11:19:22 AM** by **Utah Binger** (Mount Carmel Utah, 12 Miles East of Mukuntuweap National Monument)
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To: **Utah Binger**

[I understand your passion but I don't need to read any book to know what a POS old Harry is. And badly written books are tiresome.]

And how would you know it is badly written? From one review? During a heated political season where people might have an agenda? And is it badly written for just that reviewer, or for every person with every informational need? How about for those who don't know Harry is a crook? Or for a senate staffer looking for research material? The critic is a transient living in Northern Nevada, many of the names and flow that elude her would be common knowledge among those tuned into politics in the South, so perhaps her review is a distinct minority?

And by the way, you haven't proposed an alternative book on Harry Reid that would be better.

So, in short, all I see you doing is acting as a spoiler without any purpose. If you said "hey Daxton, let me help you rewrite that 100,000 words and make it less tiresome," I'd say thanks for the help, it is a noble cause. If you said "here is a negative review, can you improve the book?", I'd say, I'll give it my best. But instead you just threw some mud up on the wall.

I appreciate having the negative reviews pointed out, they are a way for me to improve the message. But you might give people on the forum a break when they are trying to honestly push a cause, unless you have your own life and livelihood on the line.

12 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 12:37:21 PM** by **DaxtonBrown** (HARRY: Money Mob & Influence (Expose on Reid on amazon.com written by me!))
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To: **Utah Binger**; **svcw**; **greyfoxx39**; **colorcountry**; **Colofornian**; **Elsie**; **FastCoyote**; **Zakeet**; **SkyPilot**

I figured out who the negative book reviewer is. Teresa Malone is the daughter of Pete Echeverria, who preceded Harry Reid on the gaming commission. Pete was apparently unable to tell Harry Reid of a single mafioso in Las Vegas who might be dangerous (as per Harry Reid's own book account) during the transition of power. This even though Tony Spilotro (Pesci in the movie Casino) was showing up in Time Magazine articles at the same time and both Frank 'the bomp' Bompensiero and Jimmy 'the weasel' Fratianno were singing like canaries. In other words, Teresa Malone is not an unbiased reviewer, her father does not come off well in the book (though he just has a cameo). Either Pete was covering up the mob, or he was acting dumb, or whatever.

In other words, you made a point of dissing my book, based on one review, without considering the potential bias of the reviewer. Not a great moment for you Utah Binger,

13 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 1:11:09 PM** by **DaxtonBrown** (HARRY: Money Mob & Influence (Expose on Reid on amazon.com written by me!))
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To: **Colofornian**

"I think he sold his soul when they put him in as Senate leader,"

Me, too. The late Senator Ted Kennedy once remarked, "Harry Reid is pro life!" Like he was a token. Anyway, I looked it up and discovered that Reid is only 1/2 pro life. The other half . . . you guessed it.

14 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 1:58:13 PM** by **Sandra Duffy** (For victory & freedom!!!)

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To: [DaxtonBrown](#); [FastCoyote](#); [Coloformian](#); [greyfoxx39](#); [colorcountry](#)

Lo and behold a new book review on Amazon.

Finally a book that brings to light all of the underhanded dealings orchestrated by Harry Reid and his Las Vegas pals. Whether you agree with the Mormon approach in Las Vegas or not, Harry certainly goes over the line. The amazing part is that he still get such warm welcomes from the Mormon church when in reality he does not in truth live his religion.

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15 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 3:06:51 PM** by [Utah Binger](#) (Mount Carmel Utah, 12 Miles East of Mukuntuweap National Monument)

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To: [SZonian](#)

is this just a bunch of made up crap about "security concerns" and "feeling unsafe" because HR and his supporters got an earful from those who are sick of his crap?

I vote for made up "democraps are always the victims and these teabaggers are dangerous" crap!

16 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 3:15:46 PM** by [greyfoxx39](#) (Big ears ran as the messiah, but is turning out to be just a plain old mess.)

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To: [Utah Binger](#)

Thanks for the new review Utah Binger. And sorry if I go a bit ballistic, but I know how Nevada politics are played. And I also know I can always do better.

17 posted on **Saturday, June 05, 2010 3:40:29 PM** by [DaxtonBrown](#) (HARRY: Money Mob & Influence (Expose on Reid on amazon.com written by me!))

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