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NEWS RELEASE – Duluth News Tribune publishes MN GOP US Senate candidate bobagain’s commentary: S.O.S. -- Minnesota must try to prevent a Civil War; bobagain warns Jason Lewis is “actively advocating disunion, and the destruction of the United States”

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Minneapolis, July 16, 2020 – On Sunday, July 12th, the Duluth News Tribune published a commentary article, [S.O.S. -- Minnesota must try to prevent a Civil War](#), by Bob “Again” Carney Jr., (“bobagain”) a Minnesota GOP US Senate candidate and self-described “candidate-journalist”. The article text follows this News Release.

“Unless we act now, our country is heading for a Civil War. Our level of division – seeing the other side as dangerous and evil, rather than seeing our common, flawed humanity – must be resisted and stopped,” the article commences.

Per Wikipedia, Lewis has advocated for a Constitutional amendment allowing "any state to peaceably leave the union."

As a follow up to the commentary article, bobagain said: “I will soon offer a review of a 2011 book by Jason Lewis. Based on Wikipedia’s report, by promoting such an amendment the writing of Jason Lewis amounts to actively advocating disunion, and the destruction of the United States.”

“Jason Lewis is dishonoring both Abraham Lincoln, who served as President and died to preserve the Union, and the men of Minnesota’s First Volunteer Infantry who fought and died at Gettysburg to preserve the Union,” bobagain concluded.

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Article Text:

S.O.S. -- Minnesota must try to prevent a Civil War

by: Bob "Again" Carney Jr.

S.O.S.

Unless we act now, our country is heading for a Civil War. Our level of division – seeing the other side as dangerous and evil, rather than seeing our common, flawed humanity – must be resisted and stopped.

At age 18, my first job was managing a Republican Congressional campaign against Congressman Don Fraser. The next spring, I was an intern in Republican Congressman Bill Frenzel's Washington D.C. office, doing a three-month research project: "how Congress makes decisions." Nice narrow topic.

This was an incredible education. As Watergate dawned, I tape recorded interviews with about thirty people, including about half a dozen members of Congress. They were unanimous about what's most important: honesty. DC was a religious town back then – many members of Congress on opposite political sides would meet in evening prayer groups and Bible study groups.

I turned in my report, here's the nub: "This is all a giant fight among special interests for marginally re-slicing the pie. There is no relationship between goals and programs. The whole thing should be redone." Congressman Frenzel's frown deepened steadily for about ten minutes as he read it.

Next job: janitor. Union, better hourly pay, probably doing something useful for the first time in my life. I've stayed in the private sector, mostly doing accounting, business and computer projects. Along the way, I came within a course of a Political Science degree at the U. of M. before graduating from Macalester College with a Core in Physics – a Carlson MBA was added later. I also got a PhD from the "College of Hard Knocks." We know this is the best College in the world – it has the highest tuition.

Unfortunately, there's not much to update on my 1973 report. But since then, I've learned a thing or two – and come to realize that most of what America does, and most of what makes America good, is done outside the public realm.

In 2016 I was the top GOP Legislative vote-getter in Minneapolis, outpolling Trump by 3,100 votes in my State Senate District. HOWEVER, to paraphrase former Gov. Pawlenty, I've also been saying all along – from just after the 2016 Republican convention forward -- that Trump is unhinged, unqualified and unfit to be president. I support both Joe Biden for president and continued divided government. We need a Republican Senate for balance in Judicial nominations. We need a Democratic House because if President Trump is re-elected it's the best available Constitutional mechanism to hold him accountable.

From the Progressive Era forward America has seen many incredible changes. But the biggest one is this reality: we're all constantly swimming in an environment dominated by corporations, media, and social conditioning. Millions of people work full time "pushing our buttons." The foundation of our society is the control, management, and manipulation of human behavior. Is it any wonder we're so divided?

We need to all start tuning out this bombardment and talking with each other, to rebuild a foundational belief in our shared humanity.

As an “openly sane Republican” in an election year where a kind of cult psychology has become widespread, I humbly submit that I’m YOUR best choice on the primary ballot, because I can and will work with everyone, and I will lead Minnesota to guide our nation away from a Civil War. The primary is open to everyone. At this desperate time I’m asking for everyone’s vote.

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