THIRD GRADE MATH PARTY

I am sometimes asked what my political party affiliation is. I once considered myself to be a John F. Kennedy kind of Democrat and many years later a Ronald Reagan kind of Republican. These days neither one of these seems to fit anymore. I have come to think of myself as a sort of Independent but that sounds too middle of the road and we all know what happens if we stand in the middle of the road here in Califonia.

In fact I am thinking of starting a new Political Party which I would simply call the Math Party. To become a member of the Math Party you would only have to believe in the simple laws of mathematics. If you wanted to run for elective office representing the Math Party you would have to demonstrate that you can get at least a 'B' on a Third Grade Math quiz.   And, if you wanted to run for President under the Math Party Banner you would have to show us your Third Grade Diploma. The real one.

You see, I have become absolutely convinced that no political party now representing us in Washington D.C. (or for that matter Sacramento, California) can do Third Grade Math. They sure can't add or subtract. In fact, they act more like a teenage boy with the keys to dad and moms new car, a bottle of Jack Daniels Old No. 7 Brand and a credit card. When asked to solve a relatively straight forward math problem like, say, doing a budget for the country that does not involve spending money we don't have, they instead come up with a plan to "reduce the deficit 12 to 16 years "down the road" (when they are no longer in office).

So what do you think? Would a political party that believes in the simple laws of mathematics have a chance? Or, have we all become addicted to believing in the Tooth Fairy and just want to hope that Uncle Sugar in Washington has a bottomless checkbook?

I don't know.............

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