

# Somali Warlord as Republican Presidential Candidate

Republicans would do well in choosing a Somali warlord for their presidential candidate. After all, Somalia represents all that free market fundamentalists could ask for. There is no income tax, trial by jury, Security and Exchange Commission, Environmental Protection Agency, probable cause, labor unions, minimum wage, civil rights enforcement or constitutional protections whatsoever. The police can wiretap and hunt down the guilty without due process or even a defending attorney.

Non-Republicans may think that the US Constitution prohibits this. Not to worry. The Constitution exists only to hinder non-Republicans. For example, look at the Twelfth Amendment:

The Electors shall meet in their respective states, and vote by ballot for President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice-President, and they shall make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice-President and of the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate;

You may think that this would have been a hindrance to the Bush – Cheney ticket in 2000. Since George W. Bush was the Texas governor and Richard Cheney was Halliburton's chief executive office at the Dallas headquarters, you would think that electors from Texas could vote just once and not be able to vote for Richard Cheney for vice-president. Since Mr. Cheney had his property tax homeowner's exemption in Grand Prairie, a Dallas suburb, it looked like the electors in Texas would not be able to vote for him. Not to worry. He sold his home and registered to vote in Wyoming and changed his driver's license to the same state.

When it was time to recount the Florida the Florida votes, Mr. Bush asked the US Supreme Court to stop the recount. Since states rights are important to conservatives, you would think that they would shout long and loud on

this one. They always complain about judge made law. Since judge made (common) law has been around for about a thousand years in Great Britain and about four centuries in the colonies or states, I always wondered what the difficulty was. On December 12, 2000, the US Supreme Court stopped the Florida recount and appointed George W. Bush as president-elect. There were no conservative complaints here even though this was a double insult to their sacred beliefs about judge made law and state rights. Selective amnesia had set in.

You think that there would be some difficulty in getting a Somali warlord such as Yusuf Mohammed Siad elected on the Republican ticket, especially since they complained long and loudly that President Obama was not born in the US. Since there are still five Republicans on the Supreme Court, there is no worry. All he has to do is sell his house in Somalia, register to vote in Wyoming and get a driver's license there. The five Republican judges can surely dream up something like a 54 page opinion and declare that the case is not a precedent for any future case.

Hail to the Chief.