

These days Presidential candidates have to show up on SNL and Ellen. So why not bold Congressional candidates also doing schtick! That said, friends, how about THIS...

1) I go by "YALE4Congress.com" to make sure folks know I am running 4 Congress.

Plus, you can use YALE4Congress to send your NSA-monitored emails to my NSA-monitored server, [gmail.com](mailto:YALE4Congress@gmail.com). Yup, my voters email me at YALE4Congress@gmail.com.

My first slogan is "Stop Complaining and Start Running". Because if a lot more of us start running, then we voters would more CHOICES. And maybe we would then have better ones! Plus, surely that would freak out the establishments of both parties. And *that* might well cause them to start working together on... SOMETHING!

Speaking of choices, how about this for all of you who laugh at too many candidates? Why is it that with each two party having *millions* of members, all of us Democrats, Republicans and Independents never seem to have a lot of good candidates to choose from? And, in my opinion, ever worse, all too often we are forced to choose from the same few media puffed up folks from the same families with the same old "divide us to conquer us" and "distract us to conquer us" options? Hey, am I right about that?

My second slogan is "Trust me I'm a politician." You laugh, but when we decide to vote for President, and other offices too, do we not find ourselves all too often voting for the "lesser of two evils"? My parents once told me that whenever we decide to vote for the lesser of two evils, by definition we get... EVIL! So why are all of us always surprised? God All Mighty, I miss them the way I miss not being able to pick the best of the good!

2) OK. My qualifications.

First, I am poor enough to feel your pain! Yup. I know you do not believe me yet. But that said, friends, why is it that we so often want to vote for the richest candidates, not the poorest? When did rich real estate developers start trumping poor carpenters?

Second, I am crazy enough to want to serve YOUR interests. Which, BTW, is not very easy. We think our Representatives prefer to play favorites with their biggest donors. But considering that each one represents many millions of voters, how do you expect any of them to be able to keep track of so many people and so many of their problems? That is where doing the lesser of two evils *is* common sense! Instead of trying to unsuccessfully keep everybody happy, our Congresspersons wisely and rightfully only keep track of a just few folks' interests. It is just *a coincidence* that the folks who our Representatives work so very hard to keep happy are their biggest donors. Yeah, right! How am I doin'?

My third qualification is that I am not a lawyer. Does anyone here have a favorite lawyer joke? pause. pause. pause. Here is mine. A lawyer runs for Congress and gets elected. silence, silence, silence. Ok, YALE4Congress, where is the joke you ask? My answer is, No joke. Let's see if Stephen Colbert or Jimmy Fallon can top that one!!!

3)Ok. Folks, please permit me to now get serious.

I am an old guy and my memory ain't what it once was. So did I tell you that I like going

by the funny campaign name YALE number 4 Congress.com? YALE4Congress.com?

Hey, if you think that name is funny, how about *this* one: My opponent, who is the sitting Congressman here in the Fifth Congressional District, is Robert Hurt. And the Congressman next door is named Brat. If you came across a law firm named Hurt and Brat, might you ask if that firm had a lawyer named Paine? That's just Common Sense.

3) Speaking of names, do you remember when many sports venues were named after politicians? I remember when New Jersey had a football Stadium in the Meadowlands named after former Gov. Brendan Byrne. Then it was renamed the Continental Airlines Stadium. And now it is advertizes Izod sportswear. Everything these day is for sale!

Well that gave me a scary idea. A hundred or so years ago, our Supreme Court ruled that a corporation is a person. Which means that, legally, corporations are people. Hmm... So why not, sooner or later, corporations with big bucks running for public office -- the way that I am AND the way all of you can too! When IBM and ComCast and other huge national and international corporations -- and large banks -- are doing that, their need to donate to *other* campaigns goes away. PLUS, when they get into office, they will not need to spend bags full of money *on lobbying*! Their big shareholders will LOVE their CEO's as never before. Because by CEO's doing right up the middle end runs, avoiding all kinds of hack and shill middle men and women, banks and other huge corporations will be maximizing their profits for their biggest shareholders. And what is good for their biggest shareholders is surely good for all of us, yes? Folks, only a matter of time.

Plus, of course, why stop there? Once the world's biggest corporations and banks are doing *that*, they will eventually be competing among themselves for *the Presidency*. And after they begin getting into the Oval Office, they will be able to start nominating, and, of course, also voting themselves into *the Supreme Court*! After that, they could as well begin passing laws and making rulings that *we* cannot run for Congress, or anything else for that matter. Well, maybe possibly we could still run for dog catcher. So, my fellow Americans, I come here today with a heavy heart to ask you too to please stop complaining. And, instead, to also start running *while you still can*. Plus, to also ask you to please sign my YALE4Congress.com petition on your way out. In return, friends, I promise to sign yours too. Because what is fair is fair. And what is not is not. At least, folks, until war becomes peace, freedom is slavery, ignorance is strength.

So, friends, how about if we all stop beating ourselves up and each other with old Mort Sahl jokes like, "Liberals feel unworthy of their possessions. Conservatives feel they deserve everything they've stolen." Sounds funny at first. But it is divide to conquer!

Instead, don't give up the ship! As long as we still have free elections, we are one or two Congressional elections away from 20/20 clarity and winning -- instead of 1984 crowd control and losing. When both sides of the aisle, and those of us IN the aisle, start with "enough is enough" and use it as a call to action for enough of us to finally take back our great country, we can return to our homes like conquering heroes. YALE4Congress.com