

DeWine endorsement prompts contrary views

Amazing! The Beacon Journal endorsed the re-election of U.S. Sen. Mike DeWine (Our Opinion, Sunday).

What hypocrites. I have lost track of the number of editorials appearing on these pages that have decried the corruption and incompetence in Washington, D.C., and in Ohio. How many more editorials have appeared calling for a change in direction on many critical issues, such as the war in Iraq?

Six more years of Mike DeWine will only help ensure that change never comes. Make no mistake, I'm not implying that DeWine himself has been involved in corruption, but I am saying he has allowed it.

He has done nothing to help clean up the mess that Washington has become. He's been a member of the rubber-stamp Senate, which has allowed the Bush administration's lies, coverups and incompetence.

This dereliction of duty on oversight has been allowed to go on because the Republicans have put partisan party politics and staying in power ahead of the welfare of this nation.

It was not only about the Bush administration, but also about both houses of Congress that the 9/11 commission said: "Many obvious steps that the American people assume have been completed, have not been. Our leadership has been distracted."

Mike DeWine has been a party to all of that.

And for a member of a party whose battle cry has been "personal responsibility," he's demanded very little of it.

So if you want continued corruption and incompetence, DeWine is your man. If you want another do-nothing Congress, which works even fewer days than the current one (which worked the least number of days of any Congress in history), cast your vote for DeWine.

But if you are tired, as I am, of a party that controls both houses of Congress and campaigned on "cleaning up Washington" yet has allowed a cesspool of corruption and incompetence to fester there, then give Sherrod Brown a chance.

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