



## WHAT IS THE ROLE OF AN AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL PARTY

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I wonder just how many out in the public arena truly understands what the role of a political party is. I also question the motives of those involved and whether their true objectives is more about power.

While power is seductive, influence and being a part of an elite group come a close photo finish and that unfortunately is the driver that steers them rather than being a humble servant of the people representing their point of view. Michael Sukkar, the member for Deakin is one of the few to have achieved that status as far as I am concerned. But then again, I would not be surprised that there may be others working silently and without the fanfare of publicity that others who seek the limelight and constantly being in the spotlight.

My question to the public is how many know what the true role of a political party is. Is it to serve the people, to obtain concessions, favours perhaps, to do well, retention of the status quo, retain cultural identity, to win influence, be part of an elite group or something that we have overlooked? Let me advise the reader my understanding of what a political party in this country is in layman's terms. A political party in Australia is:

*"To win government. To avoid collaboration and/or contact with the opposition, to outwit, or reduce their capacity to campaign, to take and hold the electorate, repel any ideological attacks, by day or by night, regardless of season technology, weather, resources or terrain; using skills, knowledge, cunning and every known device known to win government".*

The reader can be forgiven in thinking that it's a battle of opposing armies all vying to win the hearts and minds of the public using every device known to man. To be honest they would not be far off the mark, for much goes on behind the scenes and never acknowledged by those who should know better or expect blind loyalty as being the entrance fee to this alleged elite group of people.

But politics being both seductive and repulsive cannot be avoided whether one likes it or not. On the addictive side, it is like being stung by the political bug whose seductive nectar is difficult to avoid. Once a person becomes intrigued, one is hooked for life and no matter how hard one tries to break the habit, they will always come back for me. On the other hand, avoiding politics can sometimes be hazardous to your health if you don't keep up with the latest information to provide you with the knowledge to vote in a sensible manner. Therefore it is fair to say that it like being between a rock and a hard place or it's damned if you don't and damned if you do type of scenarios. Those of us hooked on the political nectar lose sight of what is important and start to believe our own self-importance and role within a political party.

There are many casualties that defy description and only a few get to be known by a public fed up with the incompetence and stupidity that appears permeating throughout the major parties. This current Federal election is but a classic example of an elite group being brought to their knees by a well informed and educated public who just want good leadership and not pork barrelling. It is no wonder the Australian people have lost faith in their political leaders. The main reason is the lack of leadership, vision and the ability to govern the nation.

Both major Australian political parties have never been so close in their ideologies, governance and political practices than ever before and yet the public remains unimpressed, absolving themselves of becoming members which is one of the many reasons why membership dwindling in most political parties and the independents becoming stronger. Change there must be and a generational change must occur sooner rather than later.

The new generation now entering the workforce and are voting for the first time are a new breed. A generation of rights, selfishness and "it's all about me" without a thought for those who fought to give them the freedoms they enjoy this day. Most if not all are very well educated and those that are not are being educated on a daily dose of the internet using search engines such as Bing, Yahoo, Baidu, Ask, Yandex, Google and a host of other well-known engines.

Yet we find a certain amount of ignorance infiltrating this new generation who attention span is unlike any of their predecessors. An ignorance of their immediate surroundings, a lack of respect, arrogance, elitism and a world where political correctness has gone haywire. There is no known mechanisms in place for political parties to air their member's grievances, nor is there a forum or rights of members and in the absence of such mechanism, the rule of law applies. When the rule of law fails, the individual takes the matter into their own hands and one hopes acts within the realms of law and society. Pity those leaders who fail to grasp what is at stake, when all they have to do is look through the mist of lies and deception to see what is on the other side

In Victoria we shall a number of changes within the political structures of both major parties, gearing up for battle in two years' time. I ask the obvious question, as to why this is being done when we have just finished a Federal election, an election which has surprised everyone but the reader and Newspoll who both predicted correctly the outcome. Is Victoria to become the new battleground for ideological supremacy or will it be a battle ground of wits, cunning and one of attrition that would rival even that of Lord Kitchener with his policy and throwing more troops to the slaughter?

I see new alliances being created, deceptive plans put into place, old agreements torn up, a moratorium on past grievances, battles behind the scenes, a grab for power, a flurry of meetings to determine delegates and positions which will later become crucial in 2017. Old enmities put aside, a sharing of knowledge, skills, manpower and resources being marshalled for the big day that will come whether we like it or not in 2018. Therefore when that time comes, don't be surprised or pretend you did not know, that Big Brother is here to stay. If I am being cryptic, so be it, but changes will occur whether we like it or not.

As always, my apologies for the poor grammar, punctuation and savagery of the English language. All that I can say is that it is great to be alive and one does not give up in the face of adversity no matter what challenges we face.



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