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Xxxx Xxxxx, we've lost home base in part because key people who ought to pull on our end of the tug-o-war rope are fighting against fellow conservatives. Lew Waters continues to do his share of damage. I share this with you because you seem to be friends and maybe can help. Lew is a gifted writer and could have used his significant influence to help win important battles.

I've reach out to him in friendship for years, aside from politics, just trying to demonstrate friendship. My last call to him many months ago invited him to see a movie as a movie buddy. He didn't answer the phone, so I left a message. His response was a public post claiming that a local politician that he would keep anonymous, had propositioned him for a homosexual date. Sickening.

He continues his war with his oft repeated story that I stole from him. Here's what happened:

Back when we were all fighting the CRC, our team was posting whatever video clips we could that showed what was going on. We found a clip showing Leavitt campaigning for mayor by campaigning against tolls. The online clip, through Google, had a long silent section that we didn't pay attention to. The clip was great and exposed Leavitt for the fraud that he is. I asked one of our team to just grab the relevant part of the clip and post it. And I posted it.

Shortly after, Lew Waters posted how we stole from him. I did not realize it was his clip and don't remember if it said in the video that it was his or not. I assumed it was a CVTV or other public clip. I promptly took it down and called and apologized. Right after that, my wife and I happened to be at a Magenta Theater play where we saw Lew and his wife. I immediately greeted them both and again apologized. I thought that they forgave me as they were very nice. But it is clear that they did not.

We all observed the war that went on a couple years ago between Lew and the conservative Republicans including Christian Berrigan when Lew was attacking conservatives. Lew assumed that I was behind it by working and contributing money to those that were rebuking him. I was not. Such a battle should not have been fought in public. Such differences should be settled in private as family squabbles often are.

Several people asked me to help. So I reached out to Lew with private Facebook messaging just to be a friend. He may have saved those chat messages that confirm the attempted help. But he continued to believe that I was a fake and really warring against him. He posted "never push a person to the point where they don't give a d#mb. It appears that he went past the point and never returned. I am so sorry to see that damage done to a good man. <http://couv.com/community/lew-waters-award>

We've lost home base and it appears that we will likely not recover for years, if ever. All this will be sad history as each conservative wraps up their role and goes home knowing that we fought each other and fulfilled the obvious lesson that a house divided against itself will fall.

I've been grieving over the disastrous loss. Before I wrap up my role, I share this with you because you recognize that if we are not honest, we are nothing. In the end, these battles boil down to self-centered / self-interest / self-promotion versus simply sacrificing because someone's got to help. Genuine love and sacrifice is so rare, it seems, that few people believe that it really exists. So sorry that our efforts were not enough. No amount of effort can overcome such self-sabotage.

The lesson, if learned at all, appears to be too late to matter. So sorry that we failed.

Full disclosure: I will share this with Lew too.



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