Voter's Guide and Election Comments:

Dick Pence – Big Sky Worldview Forum

People are asking me my thoughts on the election. In this hour when even the diligent have not had much of a chance to examine the candidates, it is harder. I have the advantage of being a political/government nerd so I have seen many of these candidates early on. However, because SOME of these races are complicated or have multiple candidates that I would support, I want to be careful with my comments in general. Those comments **will be below**, after the information from the Montana Family Foundation.

Help from the Montana Family Foundation:

- First, listen to CEO Jeff Laszloffy's <u>3 minute audio</u>, it has good suggestions.
- Second, the Montana Family Foundation had just completed a helpful <u>Voters guide</u> for the Montana House and Senate candidates. It can be found here <u>https://montanavoterguide.com/</u> They ask 20 questions relating to cultural financial issues. You can choose Senate or House, select the candidate and then beside Survey Response you can click on Click to Expand and it will show you the questions. Many of the Democrats and some republicans did not respond. So, call them and ask them their opinions.
- Third: On the Montana Family Foundation web site you can also see <u>how</u> <u>current legislators</u> voted on key issues of interest. I even use this a little bit as a guide if they are running for another office.
- Fourth: Many of you are asking about Judges. On the MFF web site you will find <u>Do Montana's Judicial Candidates Support Republicans or Democrats?</u> A wise man once said, "Show me your check register and I'll tell you what you value". Note that the vast majority of Judges support the Progressives.

My comments about a few races:

Senate: Steve Daines

Congress: I only know three of these candidates. Those I trust agree with me that Matt Rosendale is clearly the most consistent conservative. I will admit that when I hear people play the *"this candidate was not born in Montana"* card, they

lose my vote. Some of our best legislators were not born in Montana. I consider that sin!

Governor: I think it is safe to say that most conservatives that I know consider Dr. Albert Olszewski the most consistently conservative man in the race. Many would say it is not even close. If you hear Al in person, which is almost impossible because of the unconstitutional and anti-Christian COVID shut down, you would observe an articulate man with a grasp of the issues. Congressman Greg Gianforte I count as a friend. He has some obvious advantages. Solid individual, principled although not as consistently conservative in his voting record. Rarely would I say that I will not vote for a Republican and just not vote. This is my stance with Tim Fox for a multitude of reasons. The one I will talk about is that he has chosen an evangelical Christian as running mate that, in a survey revealed that he is OK with same-sex marriage and week on abortion. I will add that conservative legislators that I respect would tend to agree that Fox is easily the least conservative in the race – and – it isn't even close.

Secretary of State: I will only say one thing and it is about Scott Sales. *The only* man in Montana history to be elected as both the Speaker of the House and *Senate President.* That's what his fellow legislators thought of him.

Office of Public Instruction - Elsie for sure

Supreme Court: Consensus seems to be Laurie McKinnon. Hint, when a candidate for the court begins to talk on his TV ads about your hunting and fishing access, that's CODE for I am a Democrat (Mike Black)

The other races I am not inclined to that I should be the one commenting on them Hope this helps. DO YOUR HO