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What you are about to read **is not to be construed as an endorsement** of any candidate by Lanier Tea Party Patriots. It is simply a gathering of information to bring light to false information that has been distributed by one of the campaigns. Should we discover other false information by any campaign it is the job of the tea party to disseminate the truth.....voters cannot make sound decisions when untruths are being spread.

On Saturday, August 11, 2012, I attended the GOP forum and the speaker, Kevin Harris, Former Executive Director of the State of GA Republican Party, made this statement, "Principles matter in politics." If principles matter and we as voters should hold our elected officials accountable, then how much more should we hold them accountable to the principles of good conduct and truthfulness while they are running for office? Voters are trying to make informed decisions and when our politicians deliberate and obviously make an effort to distort and twist the truth then we must call them out on it.

I recently received an email from the Doug Collins campaign and like many of you; I really did not pay it much attention. I am so accustomed to receiving and hearing negatives about the other candidates that I have chosen in my heart and mind to ignore anything that I cannot substantiate because so much that we hear about the candidates from the other candidates is just not true.

Now I have learned that what was being intimated in this email was simply not true, but was **blatantly false and intentionally misleading the voters**. The tea party is trying hard to do things to help educate potential voters by giving them sound information on which to base their vote.

The Collins email gave examples of statements that Martha has said or written with the obvious intent to make the voter believe she is not a true conservative candidate. Here is the first:

Example 1 - According to her book, Martha wrote "Ronald Reagan was the problem with America." (Indivisible: Uniting Values for a Divided America, p. 17)

And here in its entirety is the paragraph from her book from which that snippet was taken. Read it and see if you think the Collins campaign is being honest and truthful.

"Throughout high school, college, and into my early twenties, I bought into the liberal line. I thought Republicans were against minorities and that they didn't want equality for women. I thought abortion was wrong, but that a woman had the right to choose. I thought **Ronald Reagan was the problem with America**. It is my shame now that I didn't appreciate until he left office what President Reagan did for this country. At the time, I knew he had made me feel better about being an American, but I didn't appreciate the scope of what he had accomplished." (Indivisible: Uniting Values for a Divided America, p. 17)

This smacks of something right out of the Democratic play book. We are seeing this offensive tactic every day from the Obama election team.

Example 3 below comes from Martha's book where she begins to explain her transition from liberal to conservative. Something that is not very unusual in young people. Here is the excerpt from the Collins email:

Example 3 - Martha chose to actively campaign for Democratic presidential candidate, Michael Dukakis, noting his "conservative fiscal policy" and "liberal social policy." (Indivisible: United Values for a Divided America, 2005, p. 18)

Now read for yourself what Martha wrote about this transition period.

"Sometime in 1986, I was flipping through the television channels and saw Newt Gingrich deliver a speech on C-Span. I had just moved into his district in Georgia, but I believed all the negative sound bites about him, so I wasn't going to watch. *What can this male chauvinist pig teach me?* I thought. But for some reason, I paused to watch. At the end of the speech, I thought, *Am I wrong about Newt Gingrich? This guy makes a lot of sense*. Once I started reading about him, I found that, like me, he is a history buff. Once I moved to reading some of his articles and speeches, I realized I had been wrong about his ideology. Soon it occurred to me that if I had been wrong about him, what else had I been wrong about?

I didn't want to do anything rash; it would have been pretty radical for me to come out of the liberal closet as a Newt Gingrich Republican. So I began doing my home work. I knew the Democratic National convention was going to be in Atlanta, so I began reading

up on the candidates. Michael Dukakis was getting some good press, and he seemed to be a blend of conservative fiscal policy with liberal social policy, which is where I thought I was. Dukakis also had an office in Atlanta, so I began to volunteer there in late 1986. Throughout the campaign and the election, I had wonderful experiences. I had an American-made car, so I was able to be a driver for Kitty Dukakis, Olympia Dukakis, Sam Donaldson and many high-level campaign staffers. I even got to share a meal or two with Governor Dukakis in Atlanta.

Once when I was driving Mrs. Dukakis, she asked me why I was supporting her husband. I said I had some concerns that the Democratic Party was leaving me. I was concerned they didn't have a place for a working person who was upwardly mobile, fiscally conservative, and socially moderate. I thought Governor Dukakis met those goals. Then she said, "You ought to be in one of our commercials. You have to meet Michael." When we arrived at the airport, the governor was having lunch. Mrs. Dukakis said, "Michael, you need to talk to this girl." He asked me why his message wasn't getting out in the South. I thought, *This man I think should be president is asking me what I think?!* I told him Southerners like people who are warm and approachable and that he seemed cold. Needless to say, I was never in a commercial.

Soon after that lost election, I decided the Democratic Party was not for me, and I started looking for a place to fit in. It was then I decided that the Democratic Party leaders didn't have a clue what average people thought. Of course, I believe this is still true today." (Indivisible: United Values for a Divided America, 2005, p. 18)

This last example like some of the others really is a far reach in attempting to denigrate a fellow Republican. There is a link to the transcript on March 1, 2009 to which Example 2 refers.

Example 2 - On March 1, 2009, Martha told CNN, "President Obama is a great guy." (CNN Newsroom, March 1, 2009

<http://edition.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0903/01/cnr.04.html>

Example 4 - Martha told CNN's Anderson Cooper in 2003 she believed Hillary Clinton was a good Senator saying, "And I will say she's [Hillary Clinton] been a good Senator." (CNN, Live from the Headlines). I did not search for this one simply because of how deceitful all the others where. I will leave it to someone else to verify as true or false.

Example 5 - Martha wrote that Franklin D. Roosevelt, the man who created the earliest beginnings of our federal social programs and added billions to our national debt, was "fiscally conservative." (Indivisible: United Values for a Divided America, 2005, p. 175).

Here I would suggest you read what she wrote in her book for yourself. Those of you that have knowledge of Roosevelt also know that the Democratic platform on which he ran very conservative and even his concept for social security, while unconstitutional, just might have actually worked had it not been continually changed.

If anyone has anything that Martha's campaign has put out that is as blatantly obviously untrue or out of context I want to know it and I want to see the documented proof. This kind of stuff has got to be called out....if not you, then who is going to stop it. We all have a part in putting a stop to this. Now is the time to start. **Help me hold these people accountable.**

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***These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.*** ~ Thomas Paine, The American Crises, No.1, 1776