



and posed as the flash bulbs popped tonight.

Then Lonegan, the former mayor of Bergen County's Bogota, walked inside a Newark restaurant, into a banquet room where an American flag was projected on a screen and joined a few dozen supporters — some dressed in suits, others in dungarees — for a fried chicken dinner.

“Cory Booker’s name recognition and positive ratings are high, while Steve Lonegan is still an unknown to a sizable portion of the electorate,” said Daniel J. Douglas, director of the Hughes Center, which oversees the polling institute. “That puts Lonegan at a disadvantage as the election nears.”

But that didn’t stop him from continuing his fight tonight.

“I think it is arrogant. I think it shows a disdain for the voters,” he said of Booker’s fundraising trip. “I think the guy reads too much of his own press releases and he’s into his celebrity status. But this isn’t about being a celebrity, it’s about being a leader who’s going to fight for the people of this state, who’s going to stand up for their liberty, rather than running around Hollywood with a bunch of movie stars and enjoying their press. This election is not about a cult of personalities; it’s about what’s right for this country.”

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-The Wall Street Journal recently reported that 43 percent of state corporate welfare incentives under the so-called Urban Transit Hub program went to Newark, to the tune of \$446 million of TAX PAYER MONEY.

-Double or Triple tax appraisals on small business in Newark.

In 2010, Booker laid off 167 police officers (despite a 20 percent increase in property taxes) and triggered a spike in violent crime, which is up 24 percent from 2009 to 2012.

-Meanwhile, Booker, owner of that shameful 14.4 percent Newark unemployment rate has - to be fair - created about 20 real private sector jobs. The jobs are at Waywire, a company he founded with investment cash from Oprah Winfrey and Lady Gaga's manager that has become best known for hosting anti-Semitic videos that YouTube won't allow. But the company Booker founded doesn't even have an office in New Jersey, let alone Newark. Waywire's offices are safely located in Manhattan.

-Violent crime UP every year since booker took office. <http://www.city-data.com/crime/crime-Newark-New-Je...>

Crime rate in Newark, New Jersey (NJ): murders, rapes, robberies, assaults, burglaries, thefts, auto thefts, arson, law enforcement employees, police officers statistics
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Di Marco 3 weeks ago

Are you kidding??? Compare Lonegan's record as Mayor with that of Booker. In any way that it can be measured, Lonegan has done a far better job as Mayor than Booker. Other than doling out lucrative contracts to his buddies, what has Booker done for Newark?

Booker couldn't even win reelection in Newark if he wanted.

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FinallyRetired 3 weeks ago

Maybe Lonegan should have run for the Mayor of Newark, after-all he did clean up the mean streets of Bogota, all by himself.

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lindros7 3 weeks ago

The joke is actually on us, the NJ voters and residents of this state.

This is what politics have come to. We are choosing between 1 clown that is all about himself and his celeb friends and could probably care less about the city he is supposed to represent. And then we have this other clown that is all about staged gimmicks and pointless attacks on his opponent and is going to suffer a defeat of historic proportions.

Where are all of the people that were so critical of Lautenburg, now? Be very careful what you wish for.

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1publicservant 3 weeks ago

Hey Lonegan...You might be a serious senatorial contender when you selflessly rescue a neighbor from a burning building in the middle of the night. That's the stuff that leaders are made of.

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FinallyRetired 3 weeks ago

Lonegan talks the talk of the Tea Party....privatizing Social Security, but did you also know he utilized Social Security for his disability, which is fine, but now of course when he doesn't need it, he wants help change the system. That's part of their platform.....LONEGAN=HYPOCRITE!!!

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hopefulindependent 3 weeks ago

Hahah. You made a funny. Both of you. CB is the epitome of hypocrite compared to Lonegan. Please, fund raising in Cali? Newark gun violence and deaths on the rise EVERY DAY! newark joblessness through the roof? At least as the mayor of Bogota, crime is down, waste is down, spending is down, jobs are up, and he's not schmoozing with Obammy and his cronies for votes. Hypocrite = Booker.

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Loss of jobs....well you must know as Mayor of Bogota, Lonegan laid off muni workers. Bet those workers felt unemployed, HYPOCRITE Lonegan....Social Security was called a PONZI SCHEME by him, except of course when he received disability payments from Social Security.....wonder if he considered it a PONZI SCHEME all the while getting those checks cashed? HYPOCRITE for hiring undocumented workers, and now railing against immigration reform, and no sign in Spanish in his town.

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mia1013 3 weeks ago

If this upsets Lonegan so much, he should have declined our dear governor's endorsement since he is out of state fundraising more than Booker. And if chastising Cory Booker for being out of state is Lonegan's only platform, it's no wonder he's down 26 points in the polls.

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RickShaftan 3 weeks ago

Down to 12 now.

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T-Boned 3 weeks ago

Just Great!

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an761 3 weeks ago

Steve Lonegan makes a very legitimate point that booker is seldom on the job as mayor and some brave folks in Newark are standing up and agreeing with Steve. Why should Hollywood elites living in CA dictate who will be our next senator, they should stay out and mind their own business! Booker is similar to obama where funding raising is More more important than the people case in point the day after Benghazi murders obama on the airplane to Las Vegas to raise \$\$\$

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I_M_Forman

3 weeks ago

So how many people were there when Booker picked up his Sierra Club endorsement? Three outside of the press and the Sierra Club guy? Who's laughing after Obama got elected? The people who lost their jobs or had their hours cut due to Obamacare? Real funny, isn't it? Its all a game right? The only ones who suffer are the poor and Middle Class with this Liberalism. That's right, let's make sure we get a Senator that is beholdng to Hollywierd instead of N.J.

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hanoverfiste 3 weeks ago

If you wanted a GOP senator you should have nominated someone who can win instead of Lonegan.

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Baby Doc 3 weeks ago

hanoverfiste - Yes, unfortunately there are too many people like you that vote party line regardless of whether the candidate actually has accomplished anything. Bookers city (Newark) is in shambles, from increased crime to unemployment to failing educational institutions. His term has mayor has been an unmitigated disaster yet I'm sure you will be in the polling booth towing the line and voting for the candidate the Hollywood elite want you to have. Funny how CA now determines who will be Senator in NJ. At least the CO residents had the stones to show those politicians the door who were more concerned with what DC wanted than what they wanted.

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hanoverfiste 3 weeks ago

Baby Doc (give my regards to your dad, Papa Doc), I don't vote a party line and I won't vote "for" Booker. I will be voting against Lonegan and the Tea Party. I wish we had better choices on both sides, but nothing could make me cast a vote for a candidate who supports the Tea Party.

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