

The Three Donkeys

How Not to Succeed in the Game of Donkeys and Elephants

Three donkeys were standing before the well of political democracy, but only one donkey could drink at a time. The Progressive donkey from the Democratic Party wanted to expand the size of the well, so that all the donkeys could drink at once. The Libertarian donkey from the Republican Party would have nothing of it, and insisted on staging a competition to see who would drink first.

The Green donkey objected, as he felt expanding the well and staging a competition would destroy the area around the well and render the area useless for any other activity. Instead, he proposed that the three donkeys draw lots, that the donkey with the longest lot would drink first, and that the donkey with the shortest lot would drink last. Both the Progressive and Libertarian donkeys agreed.

By evening all three donkeys were still very thirsty, because they could not decide who would hold the lots that the other two would draw.

Three elephants arrived, and chased the donkeys away. The donkeys "brayed" for rain while the elephants drank together each with his long trunk stuck into the well.

That night it rained, but the ground surrounding the well had been trampled so badly by the elephants, that only mud could be found. The pigs reveled in the mud, while the donkeys watched from a distance afraid that the pigs would hurt them, if they tried to approach the well.

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