

## Mitt Romney: the Republican's yellow dog candidate for President

**FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE: ROMNEY, THE GOP AND THE 2012 CAMPAIGN**

Mitt Romney is a yellow dog. I'm not saying he's a terrible human being with no backbone, but he certainly fits the classic definition of a



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yellow dog candidate. Back in the 1920s, when the South strongly supported the Democratic Party, Democrats would say they would rather vote for a yellow dog than a Republican. Now the shoe is on the other foot and the Republicans have their own yellow dog.

We are witnessing the Republican Party in free fall. Party leaders are making outlandish statements about immigration and women's rights, their presidential campaign has been defined by lies and deceit, and their nominee is an uncharismatic shyster who thinks of the country as a business.

So, how are they making this a close race?

Well, despite the party's gaffes, the Republican National Committee and anti-Obama super PACs have raised nearly as much money as the incumbent Democrats, and they aren't close to spending it all. In these crucial months leading up to the election, the RNC has over \$200 million in their war chest, significantly more than the Democrats have on hand.

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However, while many Republicans are looking to vote against President Obama in November, very few are actually looking forward to voting for Mitt Romney. Instead, the Republican nominee is simply the candidate judged by the establishment to have the best shot at beating a president they hate.

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coined flip-flopping, but Romney has made his name as the greatest flip-flopper in American polity. The strongest example, of course, is that he's running on repealing what is basically a nationwide version of his own health care plan.

As former President Bill Clinton said in his speech at the Democratic convention, "It takes some brass to attack a guy for doing what you did."

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At this point, a candidate should be explaining their plans, not saving them for later, and when a candidate hides their planks, they shouldn't gain the electorate's trust.

To me, that's the most unbelievable thing about Romney's viability — he's a terrible politician. The Republicans

born president in our history.

Of course, only one of those traits is actually true, but the Republicans can't openly campaign against it.

In this era of political polarization, I see dualism between the parties. I see cooperation against condemnation, inclusiveness versus exclusiveness, truth opposed to lies, and as Mr. Clinton put it in his speech, "we're in this together" rather than "you're on your own."

Frankly, I'd rather vote for a yellow dog running on the former platform than anyone running on the latter.



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### We've got it all: The Guilfordian enters the 21st century

The end of summer is upon us! Our lazy afternoons of sunning in the quad are being cruelly replaced by entire days spent under the fluorescent lights of the library.

Like moths to the proverbial flame, we turn to our computer screens for comfort and entertainment. Let the Guilfordian be your bright light in a world of encroaching darkness.

The Guilfordian has completed its transformation into a fully fledged creature of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. You can now view the entire print edition online, as well as access material that is not found in the weekly paper. Social media have also increased the paper's visibility and broadened the scope of its audience.

Killing time on Facebook but looking for something more interesting than your friends' mundane statuses and pictures? "Like" the Guilfordian and let your mini-feed blossom into a garden of news and photos. We've recently uploaded photos of the Democratic National Convention to the Facebook page and hope to post regularly updated election coverage online.

When you grow weary of browsing YouTube videos of adorable baby animals or weird European bands, check out the work of the video department, which boasts a bustling staff of nine. They hope to tackle a wide range of topics, from student activities and events to diversity on campus, and plan to have their first video up within the next two weeks.

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As the leaves begin to turn and our backpacks grow heavier, don't despair! The Guilfordian is here to fill your days and nights with digitally delivered reporting and merriment.

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