

# Democrats should learn their lesson

(To the tune of "Don't worry. Be happy!")  
*George Bush ran the CIA  
They throw elections every day.  
So, don't worry. Be happy!  
Mr. Bush has won so people gonna roam.  
They'll head up North, make Canada their home.  
So, don't worry. Be happy!  
Dan Quayle is just a heartbeat away.  
I hope George is feeling good today.  
Don't worry. Be happy!*

I am no longer a conservative. I just realized I have been living a *lie*, and I cannot live with my hypocritical, fascist self anymore. The real Michael Giltz is screaming to be free, and in this column I am finally confessing that I mumble "socialized medicine" in my sleep.

Why this sudden transformation? Well, for one, I started reading that brilliantly leftist piece of journalistic excellence called *The Village Voice*. It taught me a lot of neat things about how liberalism can make this a better, happier world.

Just kidding. A leopard cannot change his stripes and I am still the only homosexual conservative on the eastern seaboard. I voted *for* Bush — rather than against Dukakis — and feel confident he will be a humane, decent leader during the coming recession and countless other problems America will be facing soon.

Over the next few days we will be deluded with political pundits explaining why Dukakis lost. He

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didn't respond quickly enough to the negative charges. He ran away from the word "liberal" when he should have embraced it. He should have picked Glenn as a running mate and tried to gain Ohio rather than making a futile jab at Texas.

All of this is true, but it misses the fundamental point: People voted for George Bush because they liked what he stood for. No, this election won't win any awards for illuminating the issues. But the electorate knew where the candidates stood on all the major issues and sided with the Republicans more often than the Democrats.

Some liberal leaders, such as Senator Dobbs and retired Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill, hinted that they felt the Democratic Party had leaned a little too far to the left during the last few decades and that this has caused them elections.

But if other Democrats (and the media, which are like Democrats, but different) start to make excuses about how Dukakis should have listened to them sooner, if they grumble that the Duke should have campaigned six months ago the way he has been for the past three weeks, we'll know they haven't learned their lesson.

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