

Record Turnout-Trending for 2018 Elections in Cleveland County!! Report by Robert A. Williams

Breaking News:

The Cleveland County Board of Elections has reported what it is trending to be a record turnout for the 2018 General Elections. After 4 days of early voting, more than 5,000 citizens have voted. The voting distribution appears to generally follow the percentages of registered voters. Democrats are barely the number one voting block so far, followed by Republican and then unaffiliated.

However, Democrats typically have higher percentages of voting during early voting while Republicans and Unaffiliated tend to vote with higher percentages on the actual Election Day, November 6th this year. If that trend continues and we do have a record turnout, Republican candidates will win by a large margin.

From all the information available at present, the so called Democrat "Blue Wave," born of "enthusiasm will be swallowed by a Red Wave. Especially in Cleveland County. That is despite record spending by incumbent Democrats Eddie Holbrook for Commissioner and Alan Norman for Sheriff. If elections in Cleveland County can be bought, Holbrook and Norman will win re-election. But what is that saying about voters. Holbrook has a record for his 12 years in office. So does Sheriff Norman for his 8 years. The fact that they are spending so

much and campaigning so hard indicates something. The fact that neither one will answer questions regarding their time in office also says something. Both have campaign law violations but Holbrook has much more of that. Maybe more than everybody else put together.

Speaker of the NC House, Republican Tim Moore probably has had the most liberal news attacks against him. But Tim seems to have his office pretty well sewn up, although I would prefer he answer questions from his constituents. Myself being one of them.

Folks, although this year might be a record year for voter turnout in a non-presidential year, that is not saying much for Cleveland County. Out of 63,000 registered voters, 52,000 stayed home in 2017 and 53,000 stayed home in the 2018 primary races. Also, out of the very few that turn out to vote, even in a record turnout, I suspect well over half make their decisions on who to vote for based on who has the biggest and most signs and best bumper sticker slogans. Even when they have the information available and in front of them. They are "conditioned" to accept a low information status and vote like Massa wants them to vote. It's been that way for many years,

The only thing that changes is who the Massa is.

However, that doesn't have to be. If you are reading this, keep reading and you will no longer be a low information voter. Then your choice on who to vote for will be based on a smidgen of critical and logical thinking. Which never hurt anybody, except Massa.

Stay tuned.