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Those darned Republicans

Jill Stewart never fails to amaze me ("Republican Reece-tards," *Stewart*, Nov. 25-Dec. 1). In November, she endorsed Green Party gubernatorial candidate Dan Hamburg, who stands for big government, affirmative action, and bilingual education. (I heard him speak at the Southwest Voters Conference.) Yet she continues to slobber over Rockefeller Republicans like Mayor Richard Riordan and Representative David Dreier. What's it going to be, Jill? She sucks up so much to Riordan, I feel like I'm reading the *L.A. Times*. With Democrats like Jill, who needs the GOP?

Before you write any more elegies for the GOP (I can't believe a so-called progressive newspaper would do this), please make a list of what the GOP has done for Latinos. Latino kids are less likely to have health insurance. Undocumented immigrants, many of whom will become naturalized, can't get a driver's license in order to get to work. It was the GOP that stood in the way of a minimum wage raise. Don't forget, Jill, that many Latinos work for the minimum wage. Remember that the next time you hobnob with the Save Our State crowd.

To paraphrase the *LA Weekly's* Harold Meyerson, Latinos have borne the brunt of the free market, therefore they should use their new power to cushion some of the effects of the market. It's the American

way, Jill. The government has always intervened. Or do you need a history lesson? The New Deal, the G.I. Bill, Medicare, and Social Security were all Democratic ideas opposed by the GOP. These socialistic programs are the cornerstone of the American middle class.

Miguel Olano
via the Internet

Stewart is trapped, forced to remain a life-long Democrat "by the Republicans' incredible idiocy on such major issues as protecting the environment." She cringes when she surveys "the political makeup of our state legislature, city councils, large city school boards, and other elected bodies."

Why suffer? There is an alternative, Jill. We know you, and you know us. We are the Libertarians. We love pissing people off, and so do you. You know want to do it. You know you will do it eventually. You know you're ready. Why wait? Don't fight nature. Don't be afraid. It's time. It will be so good.

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I agree with Stewart very much. Republicans are so mean, bitter, and absolutely unpleasant in Southern California (Reagan country) that they simply need to be shown that they are not the majority, much less the uncounted teeming Lord's team that they imagine themselves. Lordy! The Republicans down here in San Diego County are the voting majority of history and will remain that way for the foreseeable future. They are anxiously awaiting revenge and retribution; you wouldn't believe their misplaced emotions and simplistic logic patterns. They view the Clinton years as a personal affront. These people think in very simple terms, and a thrashing at the polls is required to effectively communicate to their core.

It sure was a pleasure to sense a similar outlook on things. I wish there was a way to express a more "gray" world, a less binary choice. I will be sure to read Stewart as often as she writes.

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via the Internet

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