

Elected Wants and Community Reality

The TEA Party Effect

Conservatism on Steroids

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Tea Party Running the Show in Georgia County

*“Most of Fayette County’s elected leaders are Tea Partiers, shedding light on how Tea Party reformers -- **if given full control** -- might shape public policy and overhaul Republican politics at the local level.”*

April 2013 <http://www.governing.com/topics/politics/gov-tea-party-running-show-in-georgia-county.html#previous>

The New York Times

“Tea Party supporters are wealthier and more well-educated than the general public.”

FACT: Fayette median household income is about \$81,000.

New York Times/CBS News poll, April 14, 2010

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/15/us/politics/15poll.html?ref=teapartymovement&_r=0

The New York Times

“Tea Party supporters tend to be
**Republican, white, male,
married and older than 45.**”

New York Times/CBS News poll, April 14, 2010

The New York Times



That would be us!

Four newbies and one former gov't official

The New York Times

“They are also more likely to describe themselves as **‘very conservative.’**”

New York Times/CBS News poll, April 14, 2010



VOTE  **JULY 31**

Untie Atlanta

TRANSPORTATION REFERENDUM

2012

Over \$7 Billion in Sales Tax

\$8 Million Public Relations Campaign



TrafficTruth.net

Another tax won't help your traffic jam.

\$20,000 for advertising (10 counties)

More knowledge, better message

TEA Party – Community Reality

- More collaborative (Sierra Club/NAACP)
- More passionate about our values
- More grassroots
- Not intimidated by powerful State leaders
- Able to force change in the system

TEA Party – Elected Wants

2013 – TEA Party Majority Elected

- Fiscal responsibility
- Open/transparent government
- Maintain community character

TEA Party – Community Reality

- Stopped deficit spending
- Built efficiency in government
- More respect for the constituents
- More transparent government
- Independent thought leaders

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TEA Party – The Hard Part

- Can be uncompromising
- “Too open” for most gov’t administrators
- Longer meetings/more public speech
- Can isolate themselves from Republicans and Democrats
- Don’t make good politicians

Questions/Comments?

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