

Loss of Innocence

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Although my father never ran for office he supported others who did in a big way. We were frequently having 'Meet the Candidate' parties in our very large home or in our big beautifully landscaped yard in a suburb of Boston. I remember eagerly meeting many of the people who got elected and eventually went to Washington, D.C.

My father voted exclusively Republican.

Therefore, when I finally got old enough to vote I proudly voted Republican. Nixon was my guy.

You can imagine the huge disappointment I felt when many of my father's 'friends' were caught up in the 'Watergate' crime. Some went to prison after the many congressional hearings.

It was a rude awakening when Nixon resigned. I was shocked that he had lied. So naïve I was. It ruined my belief in politicians forever.

A loss of innocence and a gain of reality.