

## Seinfeld vs. Duck Dynasty

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ALTOONA, WI - It's been said art imitates life. But when it comes to politics these days, it's the other way around.

For the past several decades, the Democratic Party has been the political embodiment of *Seinfeld*

Urbane, smart-alecky, talking a lot but seemingly never working – just like Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer.

*Seinfeld*

was a show about nothing. For many a year now the Democrats have stood for next to nothing.

Today's Republican Party is *Duck Dynasty*. Republicans are working for the [Carringtons](#) but are politically shrewd enough to know that looking and acting upper crust won't sell to the masses. So the GOP markets itself as the

[Robertsons](#)

Long beards, camo from head to foot, stars-and-stripes bandanas, fundamentalist religion, redneck attitudes and a business fabricating duck calls and decoys that grew from a mom-and-pop operation to a multi-million dollar sporting empire have the Robertsons living large. Got 'em their own TV show too. And, like the Republican Party, the Robertsons are increasingly [split](#) politically.

*Seinfeld* had a big audience. *Duck Dynasty* has one now. Again, sort of the like the Democrats and Republicans.

Both *Seinfeld* and *Duck Dynasty* are entertaining in their own right. Both are good for a laugh.

Both have memorable if not lovable characters. Both are seriously lacking in substance. Neither has much redeeming social value. More ways the major parties currently reflect the boob tube.

If the promise of the American Revolution is to be carried forward, if our republic is to endure much longer, at some point we are going to have to do a whole lot better than sitting around in a coffee shop or duck blind, if you catch my drift.

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