# **Open Letter to All Washington voters**

## Leading the Washington's Comeback

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This election season we witness a major change in Washington's politics. After a 35-year monopoly on Governorship by one party, *the longest streak in the history of the USA*, a GOP Gubernatorial candidate, Mr. Loren Culp, can really defeat the incumbent Governor running for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term. Truly against all odds, Chief Culp is on the verge of making history in Washington 2020.

#### Who is Loren Culp?

Loren Culp was born in 1961 in Everett, Washington. He has been married for more 40 years, with his high school sweetheart and the couple has 2 adult sons and 7 grandchildren. Culp currently lives in city of Republic, which is a small town of 1,100 population, in Ferry county, northeast of Washington. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and graduated with honors from Combat Engineers and Non-Commissioned Officers Academy for Leadership. As a drill sergeant in the world famous 101st Airborne Division and the 2nd Infantry Division serving under President Ronald Reagan, he did the job of 'turning young men into soldiers.' After a few years in the military, including a period of service overseas in the Republic of Korea, he came back to live in Olympia, Washington for 21 years and built a small but successful business *Stamped Concrete*. He has been working as a police officer in Republic for the last 10 years, 4 of which as Police Chief. Chief Culp received various awards for his job performance.

In November 2018, Culp took a stand against the gun restriction initiative I-1639 in WA which he believes is *unconstitutional*. Since then, he has been invited to speak on national TV as well as to live events across Washington to educate the citizens, elected leaders and especially law enforcement officers, about the dangers of *violating citizen's rights no matter what the issue*.

Culp's book, *American Cop*, in which he shares his life story and how the Constitution has guided his actions, becomes an Amazon Best-Seller. People of Washington then encouraged him to run for office and the rest is history.

It really dismays me, however, as a naturalized citizen who came from supposedly a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country, to see that a large American populace today does <u>not</u> understand that the USA is a *Constitutional Republic*, not a *Democracy*. Therefore, despite the vote of the majority (in this case 60%), the right of the minority, *the individual right*, to bear arms *shall not be impaired* (WA Constitution, Article 1, Section 24). And a law that is *unconstitutional* ought not to be enforced.

Today I-1639 is still being challenged. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z 8tPiCoWnk

It is true that integrity alone won't make you a leader, but without integrity you will never be one. (Zig Ziglar)



You can visit <a href="https://culpforgovernor.com/about-loren-culp/">https://culpforgovernor.com/about-loren-culp/</a> to find out about the candidacy of Loren Culp. I just want to share with you here what I have personally seen, heard, observed in this citizen-candidate.

During the primary election, I had the chance to personally interview all 5 top candidates of the GOP at the time, Culp, Eyman, Fortunato, Freed and Garcia, with the goal of helping to get out the vote (GOTV) within the Asian community of Washington, for the best candidate. With such goal in mind, I relentlessly asked difficult & irritating questions via a Zoom screen.

To Culp, I asked about the 'lack of experience' in public service, the 'small town' background, the 'book story', the 'lawsuit story' (a 'nothing burger'), i.e. all the attack points listed in the media, the donations and support from grassroots volunteers in East and West of Washington. On top of that, I asked him why he got no support in the form of endorsement from the Republican party in various counties from East to West Washington, from metropolitan cities to rural counties. His calm, deliberate yet resolute answer impressed me a great deal. "The only necessary endorsement that I need is the vote from the people of Washington. The party will come around after we have the support of the people. I don't seek endorsements from the party establishment because it entails certain conditions." I also asked him about a heinous attack job from competitors within the GOP

to which he stated "They are behind and that's what they do. I am just busy traveling across the state to tell voters about my plan for Washington."

#### Reflection

I voted for Culp for the primary. The very first Culp's rally I went to turned out to be the *Victory Rally* on 8/4/2020 in Leavenworth, Washington at which Culp was declared the GOP primary winner! Against a magnificent mountain backdrop, I met and mingled with all types of supporters and remembered the most a skinny man who skipped his part-time job that evening, giving up on a bit of earning *in a very tough time* (per his own words) to volunteer directing cars for the crowd. Culp <u>is</u> a true grassroots candidate! Because only a genuine and good candidate can inspire such a devoted grassroots support.

Loren Culp's win in the primary gubernatorial race WA 2020 reminds me of the win of first-time candidate Ted Cruz in the primary U.S Senate race TX 2012 against Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. Dewhurst was a powerful GOP figure who spent freely from his vast personal fortune (a former All-American basketball player, USAF veteran turned lawyer and multi-millionaire energy business executive) and had endorsements from most of the state's influential Republicans, including then Gov. Rick Perry. Having spent \$20 million on an ugly smear campaign on TV (to call Cruz 'a lawyer who defended a Chinese company client against an American company'), Dewhurst still lost to the first-time grassroot candidate Cruz whose entire campaign fund consisted of \$0.8 million but with an agenda appealing to We The People, because it is guided by the Constitution. My vote, as a Texas voter at the time, was for Cruz in both races, something I am very proud of, given how effectively Cruz has been doing his job in the Senate since.

The Senate hearing session by Cruz with the new Supreme Court justice nominee Barrett on 10/13/2020 has been turned into an opportunity to educate Americans about the peril of being only one vote away from losing our fundamental liberties, something that any American of any party affiliation must be very concerned about <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3Tg5d3SimU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3Tg5d3SimU</a> But I digress.

*Intuitively*, I believe that my vote for Culp would make me *proud* the same way.

#### David vs. Goliath

As a blue state, primarily due to metropolitan Seattle, King county, Washington state produces a media that leans left and seems in both substance and form hyper-partisan. Such media spares no effort attacking Culp in both primary and general elections. It covers for Inslee's constant mishaps of the last 8 years, especially in 2020, and praises him *regardless* of his abysmal performance (as the #GovernorBottom, Inslee was ranked 50/50 by the CATO Institute in 2020 due to raising taxes and expanding state budget). Yet it refers to Culp with *very* dismissive language (small town cop, no college degree, no experience, never in office, mini-Donald Trump). *Culp seems to have no chance*! That's what all the Editorial boards of the corporate media tells you.

Where does the truth lie? Well, the debate's results on 10/7/2020 can tell us something.

From the independent-minded media "Good golly Miss Molly - I was not expecting Culp to destroy a career politician like Inslee in such devastating manner." [Dori Monson, KIRO Radio]

From *the viewers of KOMO News* 5-day Twitter on-line Poll with 25,778 participants. "Who do you think won the gubernatorial debate between Jay Inslee and Loren Culp?"

Loren Culp **54.6%** Jay Inslee **45.4%** 

Only 15 minutes after the debate ended on 10/7, the result was already 52% for Culp.

From the left-leaning corporate media, KING5 News Poll on 10/13/2020 with the question "If the election for governor were today"

 Jay Inslee
 54.0%

 Loren Culp
 40.0%

 Undecided
 6.0%

"Public opinion was also split on who won the debate. About 32% of debate viewers said Culp won, 29% said Inslee won, and 24% said there was no clear winner."

https://www.king5.com/article/news/politics/elections/governors-race-poll-jay-inslee-loren-culp/281-66def8ef-2b59-42f7-a4e3-7989c5c526e7

From *You*. You can check out *for yourself* before you cast your vote who the debate's winner is <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2hpBEBDFmo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2hpBEBDFmo</a>

Remember "If your drinking game involves a shot every time Inslee says "Trump" - you're already three sheets to the wind." (3) and if you support or vote for POTUS, Inslee call you "Trumpians".

There were 63 million Trumpians in 2016, and there will be more in 2020. My opinion.

Did you remember hearing Obamans during his 8 years being POTUS? I guess not.

# Integrity is making sure that the things you say and the things you do are in alignment. (Katrina Mayer)

Culp remains the same *man of principles* in primary and general races 2020. And I believe, he would be the same while serving as the next Governor as well.

First, post-debate, he answered the media extempore with precise, witty, very smart answers: he has received <u>no money</u> from the Republican party, he is beholden to no special interests and he always supports POTUS either Barack Obama or Donald Trump (and he loves indisputable results of Donald Trump's presidency especially on minorities and women, with lowest unemployment rate in 50 years). But he runs for Governor of Washington. He is his own man type of message. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFuxCm2TBo0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFuxCm2TBo0</a> (see starting 3:00)

One has to think, if this is the way Culp performed on *the first debate of his life* against the 20+ years career politician Inslee with a law degree, how much good things Culp can do for the state of Washington once in office?

*Second*, my own observation, Culp does not pander to any group of voters. Latinos for Culp, Asians for Culp, Bikers for Culp ... it does not matter how his supporters call themselves, he treats all people the same, exactly has he has promised in his book, *American Cop*.

Third, my own observation, Culp appeals to people from all walks of life in Washington because he truly understands the concept of *public servant* and the voters trust him. If Inslee records are being challenged by a fair and functioning media, the fourth estate, the cornerstone of democracy, Inslee would never stand a chance in heck to be reelected a third term. I have watched many of Culp's rally videos (bypassing the band, to be honest) and read plenty of FB comments. It's true that Culp has Republicans, Democrats, Independents, first time voters, LGBT, #WalkAway Washington, East and West supporters, everywhere. In fact, I happen to know that *one of his most ardent supporters* who print tons of signs to go post on boarded-up stores around Seattle is a *long-time Democrat*. Another volunteer of Culp campaign dropped at my home a Culp flag, donated by another volunteer, so that I can get it flying fast enough for the neighbors to see! I have never seen any energy like this!

In Washington state, a grassroots independent-minded candidate and his or her supporters has to work so much harder than other places I have lived because of the entrenched establishment (both parties) and the blatant lawlessness of competitors' campaign staff. Culp's signs in public places are often removed within 24 hours (and they keep popping up again), defaced or destroyed. A Law & Order Governor is in order!

It can be demoralized at times, but on the other hand, it can push one to work much harder. I heard.

#### Victory is in sight

CHAZ CHOP cannot happen again. As a voter, I can't in good faith vote for a Governor who has lied publicly, twice, to 7.7 million citizens of Washington. Once two days after CHAZ took place ("I have not heard about it", 6/10) and once during the debate ("Of course I knew about it because I sent National Guard there", 10/7) and finally - and visibly angrily - "If I made a misstatement, I made a misstatement", to Brandi Kruse's question on the TV debate.

All the 20+ years of experience in politics, a law degree and \$7 + million campaign donations Inslee received from major corporations (that he favored and allowed to open during Covid-19 shutdown), special interest groups, out-of-town group and even \$0.2 million from DNC...can't buy him truth. All records of campaign finance can be found real-time here https://www.pdc.wa.gov/

Inslee has done many horrible things, to earn the #GovernorBottom rating but 3 top things stand out:

- Veto a manufacturing bill that got bi-partisan support causing Boeing's eventual packing up 787 and berated Boeing, largest WA employer, on late night TV as 'mugger'
- Dereliction of duty to protect people of Seattle (and WA) with 3 fatalities related to CHAZ
- 'Lost' a \$650M unemployment check to Nigerian scammers *and refused to provide info until after election* while picking and choosing winner & losers in COVID-19 shutdown

A couple in Washington even composed a song to tell the incumbent to "hit the road." *Check out the rest of the song because some of the lyrics are not PG-13* (a) https://youtu.be/HJLOeFCg53I

When I heard this song, I know it's high time Inslee got to go.





## Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. (MLK)

I want to share some of Culp's Voter Pamplet Statement that truly resonated with me as a voter:

"As long as we are led by politicians who refuse to put *our needs ahead of the needs of special interests and pure politics*, then we can be assured that our state will continue to be closed down, crime will continue to rise, our state will continue deeper into debt, our natural resources will be depleted, and our people will flee to other states.

"...The shunned people of our state will no longer be ignored. Your voice will be heard loud and clear in my administration and I respectfully ask for your vote. #culp2020"

The candidate that is asked to run by the people, those who have no connection, no big money, not represented by any lobbyist and have been largely forgotten for the last few decades, is the candidate that I can trust. An R or D attached to the name does not matter to me as much as the agenda of what to be done vs. the record of what has been done.

#### "The ballot is stronger than the bullet." (Abraham Lincoln)

This coming November 3, I will vote for Culp. I hope you would also reach the same decision. He is doing this *for his grandchildren*. In fact, it is his wife's wish (for him to continue the campaign) before going under a life threating surgery, which turned out successful thanks to UW Medical Center's surgeons. I came across this video dated May 2020 on the campaign website. *For the grand children* is a motivation stronger than fame or fortune. He wants his 7 grandchildren to be able to live in a free and safe society where people work and enjoy their family. Simple as that.

I hope you would vote for the US veteran Loren Culp, our grassroots candidate, to the highest political power position in Washington state.

We have seen what has been done to this state in the last 35 years by one party-control. It does not matter what party, one-party control of the Governorship is not good. CHAZ is the last straw that broke the camel's back.

And 35 years is quite enough! 8 years under Jay Inslee is quite enough. "Hit the road, Jay." We gonna have a new sheriff in town! Literally a new sheriff, Chief Culp.





P/S: In case you ask, I am an anti-communist immigrant from Vietnam, a country that has been lost for 45 years to communism, and therefore, one-party rule. The links below are from other Asians who explain why they don't want one-party rule either.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ScvAM7b0I0&list=PLh0eAS2i5oEw8XITOplKhkOfPo8IZYeEW&index=18 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2YeIVnFHa0&list=PLh0eAS2i5oEw8XITOplKhkOfPo8IZYeEW&index=19 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWhvoqomqjo&list=PLh0eAS2i5oEw8XITOplKhkOfPo8IZYeEW&index=20