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**Ray Finney loses composure, compares Doug Overbey to “Nazi”
*In the same paper on the same day, Finney oddly calls himself “gentleman” while comparing
Overbey to Nazi Joseph Goebbels***

(MARYVILLE) – Elections should be tough and fair debates about the issues that matter. However, Ray Finney seems to have lost his composure and reached a new low in his campaign for State Senate by running an ad in which he compared Doug Overbey to Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels.

The Finney attack appeared in a full-page ad in *The Daily Times* in Blount County on Sunday.

This follows on two political mailings in which Finney called Overbey a “shoe shine boy” and a GOP public forum in which Finney called Overbey a “cancer” – all while running a series of newspaper ads in which he calls himself a “gentleman” and boasts of his “unassailable character.”

“Sadly, Ray Finney appears to be losing his composure and resorting to his unfortunate tendency to get nasty with his opponents,” said Doug Overbey. “Those of us who work with Finney at the Capitol have seen this side of him, but now it is occurring for everyone to see.”

“Perhaps the most insulting and odd thing about Finney’s behavior is that he is doing all this while – at exactly the same time – saying he is a ‘gentleman’ who will not use the very tactics he is using almost every day against me,” said Overbey.

Overbey pointed out that in the very same edition of *The Daily Times* that had the Nazi ad, a front page story had a quote from Ray Finney in which he said, “I have tried to be a gentleman in this race.” (*The Daily Times*, August 3, 2008)

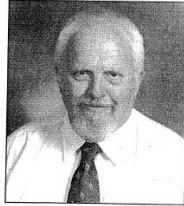
Overbey also noted that Finney has repeatedly tried to make Overbey “look like the bad guy” by claiming Overbey is running a similarly negative campaign.

“Ray Finney is desperately trying to draw a moral equivalency between our campaigns,” said Overbey. “I flatly reject that, because I have never called anyone a cancer, Nazi or shoe shine boy in public – and I never will.”

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Finney ad comparing Overbey to Goebbels

Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels knew the effect of repeating statements, even if untrue, in his oft-repeated quote: "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it." Goebbels would likely approve of this Overbey campaign tactic.



*If you can't trust Doug Overbey as a candidate,
you can't trust him as your senator.*

Please contact me, if you have questions about his other outrageous claims (distortion of my education vote, conservation votes, job creation [job creation is not a function of the General Assembly], and other topics):
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Republican Primary: August 7
Paid for by Re-Elect Senator Finney, Linda Finney, treasurer.

Story from The Daily Times (8/3/08) in which Finney says he has been a "gentleman"

State Senate campaign turns ugly

Finney, Overbey decry negative campaigning

By Joel Davis
of The Daily Times Staff
The race for the Republican nomination for the 8th District State Senate race has gotten ugly with both local candidates calling foul. Incumbent Sen. Raymond Finney is facing 20th District state Rep. Doug Overbey. Both are Maryville residents. Joining them in the race for the Republican nomination for the Senate seat is Jim Bishop of Sevier County. Ira T. Lapides, who is a Gatlinburg business owner, is running as an independent.



Finney



Overbey

Finney said the campaign has turned negative. "I have tried to be a gentleman in this race,"

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he said. "My opponent, unfortunately, is just spreading ... falsehoods. I guess, is the polite way to put it. I heard he has an ad on the radio that says I'm going to raise the price of gasoline 34 cents a gallon. I don't know where in the world he would get this. Nothing could be farther from the truth."

Overbey agrees that the tone has soured.

"It's not pleasant ... being called names, but, over the years, I've developed, both as a lawyer and in public office, a rather thick skin. But, still, I have been called names in this campaign that I never imagined would occur in a Republican primary. That's unfortunate. The public deserves better. What the public wants is candidates and office-holders to engage in a discussion of the issues — not name calling."

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Finney mailer calling Overbey a "shoe shine boy" (there was a second mailer with this same theme)

"Representative Overbey has spent years in the House polishing the shoes of Democratic Speaker Naifeh. Selling out Republicans in general and conservatism more precisely..."

**Who is Chairman of the pro-income tax liberal Democrat Speaker Jimmy Naifeh
"Shoe Shine Caucus?"**

