

Government through the Looking Glass

Dear Editor,

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By hook and by crook, government gets what it wants. Let me count the ways they secure a desired outcome:

Through emotional manipulation: citing the destruction of a plover nest by a local dog—for which there was zero proof—the State and Town manipulatively exploited concern over an endangered species. As a result, dogs must now be leashed on public beaches.

Government ensures community support at the polls by providing financial incentives: child voucher programs, senior perks programs, residential tax exemption, etc. Essentially, they buy votes.

By obstruction: Not allowing parking on Route 6 for the Annual Town Meeting lowered voter turnout. This is an obvious case of voter suppression.

And when all else fails, through legislation: the Seasonal Community designation bill provides a clause that if not enough development has happened in Truro over a certain period of time, the State will enforce development thereafter.

History has shown that a system that refuses to listen to its own people never survives. “Rebellion is born when rulers forget they are meant to serve.” - Confucius.

Regards,

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