

Now that the PA US Senate race is finally officially over, watch for various post mortems on the question - why/how did Bob Casey lose?

Here's a veteran Senator and politician, winner of three prior elections by comfortable margins, with the PA vaunted Casey name. A guy who had a double digit lead in the summer - and then it all melted away by election day.

Some would quickly say it was about Donald Trump, that the now President-elect who won PA brought a groundswell of support for Republican candidate and now Senate winner Dave McCormick. It was Trump who carried McCormick over the line.

We beg to disagree. Actually we won't beg, we'll outline exactly how this happened, in one man's opinion...

Let's begin with the Casey name. It doesn't mean anything anymore. Many Pennsylvanians don't remember Senator Casey's father, Governor Robert Casey, from the 80's-90's nor do they care. Many of them weren't even alive then. Family lineage is old news.

Senator Casey rested on his laurels and name, and it cost him. He was the invisible Senator from PA. Perhaps the worst thing to happen to him was when John Fetterman was elected as the other Senator from PA two years ago.

The media loves Fetterman, the hoodie wearing BIG GUY (he's a big guy) who isn't afraid to buck his own party brass. Big John calls them as he sees them and people eat it up. Seemingly recovered from his 2022 stroke, he seeks out microphones now and they seek him.

Casey was the exact opposite. He was the Invisible Man until the calendar turned to 2024. Then he was like Punxsutawney Phil suddenly appearing from his burrow to remind people that he was still here and be sure to vote for me again.

Back in the spring his campaign finally started rolling with the "greedflation" talking point from the Dem party brass. High prices were because of those greedy businesses and companies (not from rampant Federal government spending and free money handouts, the real cause the last few years.)

It sounded trite because it was trite. Manufactured, empty, uninspiring. Play the safe game, don't rock the boat, follow the talking points. And despite all that Casey still led McCormick by double digits in the summer.

But then Pennsylvanians started to pay attention. Where has this Casey guy been all this time? Bob who? Ask residents what they believe about Trump and you'll get a pile of answers. Ask them about Fetterman and at least you'll hear about hoodies. Ask them about Casey - and you'll get shrugged shoulders.

It wasn't McCormick that was doing anything special. Remember that he's the guy who somehow lost to Dr. Oz in the GOP Senate primary two and a half years ago. Still scratching our heads on that one. It's the same McCormick - still rich, still in big business, still PA born and bred but with a mansion in Connecticut.

No, the blame goes with Casey and his very poorly run campaign. He should sue his campaign manager for malpractice.

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