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Yahoo Watch: Sharron Angle

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I mentioned the other day that Joe Biden might be right when he says the Democrats are not going to get the drubbing at the polls this November many are predicting. Now, we get more evidence as to why the GOP is not only looking a gift-horse in the mouth, it is nominating people who resemble the horse?s other end.

Tea Party favorite and GOP Senate nominee Sharron Angle, according to Talking Points Memo [1], has sent her opponent Sen. Harry Reid a ?cease and desist? order. Reid?s infraction? He is publishing the controversial parts of Angle?s campaign website that she removed once she won the GOP nomination. Angle removed the bits about privatizing Social Security, ?Second Amendment solutions? and other ideas popular with the Tea Party but the kiss-of-death in a general election. ?These are Sharron Angle's positions in Sharron's own words from Sharron's own website. What was good enough for Nevada voters to read during the primary should be good enough for them now,? said Reid campaign spokesman Jon Summers. Angle?s campaign charges copyright infringement.

The cease-and-desist request has one immediate consequence: The unpopular, crackpot ideas in question are now guaranteed more attention as they get bandied about for another couple of news cycles. Angle, then, has two problems. One is her adherence to crazy ideas and the other is a staff that doesn?t know how to do its job. Either problem is huge but together they are potentially fatal to her campaign. But, Lord knows, Ms. Angle and Dr. Mr. Paul in Kentucky are going to make this "Yahoo Watch" feature easy to write between now and November!

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