



Sen. Patty Murray and her political allies are attempting to distort Dino Rossi's record on the issues in order to keep their jobs in D.C. The link - <http://www.dinorossi.com/fact-check/> - equips you with the truth behind these attacks that newspapers have called "dishonest", "preposterous" and "grossly malicious". Educate yourself about the facts behind those attacks so you can help spread the truth to your friends, family, and colleagues. Politicians should not get away with such low tactics. Here are some quick facts about Patty Murray's recent deceitful attacks. (Link above has original sources and more information if needed.)

Claim: Rossi voted to cut unemployment for laid-off workers

Fact: In 2003, the Washington State Legislature reformed the state's Unemployment Insurance (UI) program which was one of the most costly in the nation. This reform package was approved with bipartisan support from both the House and Senate, in addition to being signed into law by Democrat Governor Gary Locke. Not only did UI reform maintain benefits for Washingtonians out of work, but it also convinced Boeing to bring the first line of the 787 Dreamliner assembly to Washington State, creating thousands of new jobs.

Claim: Rossi authored a budget that cut 40,000 Washington kids off health care

Fact: The proposed 2003-05 Senate budget, authored by Dino Rossi, would have covered roughly 4,000 more children than the prior biennium. In 2001-03, the average monthly caseload was 536,101. The Senate budget would have covered 540,000. The final 2003 budget made changes to eligibility requirements to prevent Medicaid fraud, such as requiring verification of eligibility every 6 months rather than every 12 months. The budget did not kick anyone off of health care, except for those who were committing fraud. This would allow money to be spent where it should be – on the poor and vulnerable who otherwise wouldn't have access to health care.

Claim: Dino Rossi supported cutting the minimum wage by a \$1.50 an hour

Fact: Rossi actually supported a stair-step training wage that would only apply to youth 18 years and under. When asked at the AWB debate if he would support a stair-step training wage, which would begin at \$1.50 less than the minimum wage and then ramp up from there, Rossi said: "Would I be open to some of these ideas? You bet, especially a training wage. You think about how many young people are being cheated out of their first job. Getting the idea of going to work, fulfilling a task and being paid for it. That's a very good thing. Work ethic is something very good to instill in our youth and letting them have that opportunity. But when minimum wage gets so high that that job isn't worth that much to the employer, you don't get that first job. Minimum wage is really your first job. Not many people stay at minimum wage. Not very long. It's not meant to be a family wage. But it's meant to be an entry level wage." Also, the Seattle Times has called the, "Minimum wage attack on Rossi misleading."

False Attack on an Ad: Dino Rossi would support “tax loopholes for corporations that send our jobs overseas”

Truth: Dino Rossi does not support sending our jobs overseas. Dino is entirely focused on job growth here at home and in particular strengthening businesses so they can hire more employees here in Washington State. Robert Mak at KING 5 News looked at Patty Murray’s TV ad in their Ad Watch segment and said that her claim was “a stretch”. “Bottom line, this claim that Rossi thinks it’s okay to encourage outsourcing is a stretch. The real issue here is a dramatic difference in opinion on these foreign tax credits. And even economists do not agree on how these credits influence American jobs going overseas.”

False Attack on an Ad: Dino Rossi is “best friends” with Wall Street and wants to repeal the financial regulation bill.

Truth: Dino Rossi supports real Wall Street reform which holds accountable the big banks that caused the financial crisis, as well as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac who helped create the housing bubble, and fund Sen. Murray’s campaign, not so-called reform which punishes Main Street businesses and still leaves open the possibility of more corporate bailouts. The fact that Sen. Murray is attempting to imply anything else is just a desperate attempt to win re-election and run away from her own record. Sen. Murray has had her campaign coffers filled by money from Wall Street. Sen. Murray received more than \$500,000 in campaign contributions from the securities and investment industry.

False Attack on an Ad: Dino Rossi supports Airbus over Boeing in the air tanker deal and doesn’t support a level playing field in the bid for the contract.

Truth: Newspapers have called out Sen. Murray on her attacks. A Seattle Times Op-Ed called the attack “dishonest”, “preposterous”, and “grossly malicious”. The News Tribune which was the organization at which Dino Rossi’s comments were taken out of context and used in Sen. Murray’s attack ads have said, “The claim is false.” In addition to that, the reporter from The News Tribune who interviewed Dino and asked Dino the question, has responded with this article, “Memo to Patty Murray: You misquoted me.” Dino released a statement following these false accusations, “I’ll fight for the tanker, and I’ll also make sure Boeing doesn’t face punitive taxes, massive new health care bills, and the ramifications of eliminating secret ballots from labor union elections.”