Politicians should be more concerned with the people they represent, learn to be civil

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Republicans and Democrats used to get along. Politicians crossed party lines for the good of their constituents.

Compromise was not a dirty word.

Look how far we haven't come in the past few decades. America is the land where voices are heard and the public matters.

Politicians are supposed to be up in Washington D.C. fighting for the average person, not for who can back their campaign the most.

When did that honor disappear?

Democrats and Republicans don't cross the aisle, and on the rare occasion it happens, he or she better be prepared to be the ugly stepsister of the party.

It is reprehensible the antics that go on in Washington, and yet politicians continue to blame the other side for things not getting done.

Well, as if it hasn't been said, written and screamed enough, we the people have had it.

I know what party I align myself with, and I'm still disgusted nothing can get done.

Did the men and women up on the Hill not have mothers who told them that you can't always get what you want?

Did no teacher ever teach a lesson about playing nice? I'm sure they did, but maybe the message has been long forgotten in the dog-eat-dog political world.

If that's the case, we should have a quick refresher course

before the next election takes place.

Political hopefuls cannot continue to pit one group of people against another. We are a family of Americans, regardless of party affiliation, and we should treat each other as such.

Although what is best for our brother may not be best for us, compromise makes families work.

Money is material. The one with the most toys does not always win.

According to the *New York Times* online, the Democratic party has spent \$615.6 million, and the Republican party has spent \$530.7 million.

Only a handful of American's can fathom what that much money looks like, let alone what it could be used for.

That much money is shoveled into campaign funds to get a single person elected to office, yet that much money could feed nations.

A beachfront home should not be more important than those who elected a politician into office.

Washington wonders why their approval ratings are dismal, and why the voter turnout rarely ever hits 40 percent.

Newsflash: most American's aren't concerned with a beachfront home, but rather with paying the mortgage or college loans.

We listen to enough arguing in the real world, we don't want to hear it from those who are supposed to represent us.

It is insignificant who wins the 2012 election if our politicians can't get it together.

Go back to kindergarten, and learn how to play nice.