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### *Duckwatch: Trickster Meets the Electorate*

The votes are in, the ads and stump speeches are finally over, but the commentators are back! This last election seems to have been significant, and everyone worth their breath has made comments about the great divide, the second mandate, the values thing, voter motivation, the new agenda, etc. Regardless of which candidate won, the “spin” is definitely the purview of Trickster, and it seems Trickster, decked out in hat red on one side and blue on the other, has met the Electorate, or perhaps the Electorate has met Trickster.

From Wednesday morning pundits, to election night pollsters, to the new found stage for the bloggers, the interpretative gin is loose, and Trickster smiles down at all those delicious conspiracy theories, those pompous mandates, those easy regrets, and the shocks that flesh is hair to! Perhaps for liberals the expatriate life in Canada is the future, perhaps for conservatives the smug social control of new found legislation is the future. I am not sure any of us know, but I suspect that despair or smugness is not the appropriate response to the rather strange practice of democracy that enlivens the USA. One of my favorite election cartoons was by John Branch of the *San Antonio Express News*. It showed Bush and Kerry as Halloween Trick-or-Treaters, each taking off a mask of its own face to be the other underneath!

That’s Trickster meeting the Electorate....what remains to be seen is whatdoes the Electorate does with Trickster. Hold on to your pelts, guys; it's going to be an interesting future.