



“Were the pictures which have been drawn by the political jealousy of some among us faithful likenesses of the human character, the inference would be, that there is not sufficient virtue among men for self-government; and that nothing less than the chains of despotism can restrain them from destroying and devouring one another.” --Federalist No. 55

THE DEMO-GOGUES

Nanny state: “Now, to the non-Democrats who may be watching today, I want everybody to know we believe in a strong and loyal opposition. I believe in a two-party system, where ideas are tested and assumptions are challenged, because that’s how we move this country forward. But what I reject is when some folks decide to sit on the sidelines and root for failure on health care, or on energy, or on our economy. What I reject is when some folks say we should go back to the past policies when it was those very same policies that got us into this mess in the first place. ...[Y]ou know, I’m busy, Nancy’s busy with our mops cleaning up somebody else’s mess. We don’t want somebody sitting back saying, ‘You’re not holding the mop the right way.’ Why don’t you grab a mop? Why don’t you help clean up? ‘You’re not mopping fast enough. That’s a socialist mop.’ Grab a mop. Let’s get to work.” --Barack Obama

A little advice: “Well, now, first of all, I did get elected president...” --Barack Obama, who should remember that he did *ask for the responsibility* next time he wants to blame someone else

More finger pointing: “It is absolutely clear that it is an unsustainable situation as we go forward, and it is well known to the public that the health insurance companies are the problem.” --House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

That’s what we’re afraid of: “We are laying a foundation to build on and create a new economy. We [as a government] have an overwhelming obligation.” --Vice President Joe Biden

Hope overflows: “Counting the numbers of troops is not going to define our success here. ... There is no military success ultimately to Afghanistan.” --John Francois Kerry, who served in Vietnam

Skewed view of winning: “Does it really take 100,000 troops to find Osama Bin Laden? And how much will this cost? How much in terms of more dollars? How much in terms of American blood?” --Sen. Robert Byrd (D-WV), who is apparently not aware that Afghanistan is more than a game of capture the flag

EDITORIAL EXEGESIS

“Politicians of all stripes routinely spin facts and logic so fast they make the rest of us shake our heads in bemused wonder. Then there are those rare occasions when a prominent politician says something that clearly deserves a place in the Political Chutzpah Hall of Fame. President Obama earned a place in the pantheon with his Saturday radio address. ‘It’s smoke and mirrors,’ he said. ‘It’s bogus, and it’s all too familiar. Every time we get close to passing reform, the insurance companies produce these phony studies.... The fact is the insurance industry is making this last-ditch effort to stop reform even as costs continue to rise and our health care dollars continue to be poured into their profits and bonuses and administrative costs that do nothing to make us healthy, that often actually go toward trying to figure out how to avoid covering people....’ Before Obama goes much further bashing the health insurance industry, let’s review what Obama said during the 2008 presidential campaign. He made two promises that attracted crucial support from independents. He promised ‘a net federal spending cut’ and to ‘cut taxes for 95 percent of American workers.’ But from his first day in the Oval Office, Obama has been on a spending binge of such unprecedented magnitude that the federal deficit this year is more than \$1.4 trillion, or nearly three times what it was under George Bush in 2008. If Obama’s health care reform plan becomes law, the deficit will be even bigger. As for cutting taxes, that is a topic Obama assiduously avoids these days because he is too busy pushing massive new federal programs that will indirectly add thousands of dollars to the costs of living for virtually every American family, through more expensive health insurance premiums, skyrocketing gasoline and utility bills, and higher prices for food and other consumer goods. In view of these facts, it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that Obama’s campaign promises were just so much ... smoke and mirrors. Not only were Obama’s bullying remarks Saturday harsh and hypocritical, they also sounded desperate, shrill and divisive. Not what one

expects from a president promising bipartisan reform.”
--The Washington Examiner

UPRIGHT

“Non-presidential contests often go badly for the party in power, and there are indications that 2010 may be even more painful than most. The extremely high turnout among African-Americans that marked the 2008 race is unlikely to be repeated without Obama on the ballot. Democrats in general seem less enthusiastic this time than Republicans. ... Election maven Charlie Cook envisions 2010 as the year of the ‘angry white seniors’ as older voters turn out in force to oppose health care reform. Much can change in a year of course. But for now, the tide is running very much against the Democrats.” --columnist Mona Charen

“The Administration has decided to start a fight to re-energize the base. It doesn’t do any good to fight with someone who is not worthy, if you want to make this strategy work you have to have the fight with someone your base already knows -- and already hates. Fox News Channel fits that bill. If Obama can make the point stick, that Fox News is not ‘news’, and gets his base to buy into the theory that Obama is the victim of unfair coverage, it gives the White House a rallying point. I don’t think it’s having the desired effect.” --political analyst Rich Galen

“The problem with Iran is its regime; its nuclear program is merely a symptom of that problem. Do you lay awake at night worrying about Britain’s nuclear weapons? France’s? Israel’s? Of course not, because stable democracies in general, and stable democratic allies in particular, aren’t a threat. If your neighbor is an upright and responsible citizen, who cares if he has a gun? If your neighbor is a complete whackjob and criminal, you sure as Shinola care if he has a gun. Armed neighbors aren’t a problem, dangerous ones are. The same logic applies to nations.” --columnist Jonah Goldberg

“Twenty years ago this fall, the Iron Curtain was coming down in Europe. Across the Warsaw Pact, the jailers of the Communist prison states lost their nerve, and the cell walls crumbled. Matt Welch, the editor of Reason magazine, wonders why the anniversary is going all but unobserved: Why aren’t we making more of the biggest mass liberation in history? Well, because to celebrate it would involve recognizing it as a victory over Communism. And, after the left’s long march through the institutions of the west, most are not willing to do that. There’s the bad totalitarianism (Nazism) and the good totalitarianism

(Communism), whose apologists and, indeed, fetishists can still be found everywhere, even unto the White House.” --columnist Mark Steyn

DEZINFORMATSIA

Pollaganda: “Fifty-seven percent of Americans approve of the way [Obama is] handling the responsibilities in commander in chief. Now the big question going forward is: Will those numbers survive the decision on sending troops to Afghanistan which could come in the next couple of weeks?” --ABC’s George Stephanopoulos

“Only 20 percent of the country now consider themselves Republican. That is the lowest level of support in 26 years.” --ABC’s Charles Gibson, who missed that 26 years ago was just before the Reagan landslide of 1984

Eat your heart out: “Talk radio, especially conservative talk, is so powerful, some say it’s made our country viciously partisan. Ten of the top 11 radio talk shows are conservative. The king? Rush Limbaugh, with 15 million [sic -- 20 million] listeners.” --CNN’s Carol Costello

Back alleys and coat hangers: “Based on his 14-year record as a lawmaker -- a record dominated by his focus on incendiary wedge issues -- we worry that [Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob] McDonnell’s Virginia would be one where abortion rights would be curtailed; where homosexuals would be treated as second-class citizens; where information about birth control would be hidden; and where the line between church and state could get awfully porous. That is a prescription for yesterday’s Virginia, not tomorrow’s.” --The Washington Post (*Yesterday’s Virginia would be the Virginia of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Patrick Henry.*)

Getting it right: “The White House trying to dictate who’s a news organization. Democrats out to gut a business group. Obama media allies damning Americans as racist, unpatriotic and treasonous. Is this the America Obama promised when he campaigned to end the cynical and divisive politics of the past?” --Chicago Sun-Times columnist Steve Huntley

Getting it right II: “It’s escaped none of our notice that the White House has decided in the last few weeks to declare one of our sister organizations ‘not a news organization’ and to tell the rest of us not to treat them like a news organization. Can you explain why it’s appropriate for the White House to decide that a news organization is not one?” --ABC’s Jake Tapper to White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs

This week's "Leftmedia Buster" Award: "So the president's aides appear on other news channels to say that Fox, unlike those outlets, is really not a news organization but an arm of the Republican Party. One wonders how our colleagues at CNN and elsewhere like being patted on the head and given the seal of approval by the White House." --Fox News political analyst Brit Hume

Newspulper Headlines:

It'll Bring Your Health-Care Costs Way Down!: "Poison Gas May Carry a Medical Benefit" --Boston Globe

Focusing on the Real Enemy: "Obama Drops Plan to Isolate Sudan Leaders" --The New York Times ++ "Obama Team Continues Effort to Isolate Fox News" --FoxNews.com

You Call This Fair and Balanced?: "O'Reilly Ruins a Good Night for the Canadiens" --National Post (Canada)

Obama Responds by Not Handling It: "Clinton Criticizes Bush Handling of Afghan Conflict" --CNN.com

Haven't They Heard of Barack Obama?: "No Winner for \$5 Million African Leadership Prize" --Associated Press

We Blame Global Warming: "Quiet Atlantic Hurricane Season a Boon for Insurers" --Reuters

Questions Nobody Is Asking: "Where Have All the Successful Female Rappers Gone?" --CNN.com

Bottom Stories of the Day: "Pelosi Shapes Bill for Liberal Votes" --Roll Call

(Thanks to The Wall Street Journal's James Taranto)

VILLAGE IDIOTS

Trashing Fox: "It is not a news organization so much as it has a perspective." --White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel on Fox News

"[T]hey're not really a news station. ... It's not just their commentators, but a lot of their news programming. It's really not news. It's pushing a point of view." --White House adviser David Axelrod on Fox News

This just in: "It is fair to say there are individuals in the United States who ascribe to al-Qaeda-type beliefs." --Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, seeming

to be aware that we have enemies

From the race baiters: "Last week, when conservative talk-show host Rush Limbaugh lost his bid for partial ownership of the St. Louis Rams, many adjectives were used to describe his possible state of mind. Several news outlets commented on his anger and frustration, while the right wing had a field day with the 'injustice' of it all. But perhaps the most precise word to summarize Mr. Limbaugh's reaction to news that his inflammatory commentary of the past excluded him from ownership in the NFL is pure and simple 'fear.' Fear that activism is alive and well, and fear that activism worked." --race hustler Al Sharpton, who's made a career out of keeping fear alive and well

World scheduled to end in December: "If we do not reach a deal at this time [at Copenhagen], let us be in no doubt: Once the damage from unchecked emissions growth is done, no retrospective global agreement, in some future period, can undo that choice. So we should never allow ourselves to lose sight of the catastrophe we face if present warming trends continue." --British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, piling onto the warmist-alarmist scum

SHORT CUTS

"You talk about systemic risk. The systemic risk today is the Congress of the United States." --Republican Senator Judd Gregg

"Speaking of Congress, although the research isn't yet complete, the early indicators are that, rumors to the contrary, you can not get swine flu from exposure to Henry Waxman." --columnist Burt Prelutsky

"It's not the color of Obama's skin that we oppose. It's the color of his policies. It's not his blackness. It's his redness." --radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh

"White House communications director Anita Dunn was videotaped telling a college crowd her favorite political philosopher is Mao Tse Tung, the founder of Communist China. She said she turns to him often. She just took the lead in the White House competition to see who can make the best Republican campaign commercial for next year." --comedian Argus Hamilton

"It's always something with the Muslims. You either have mostly sane people governed by a crazy dictator -- Iraq, Iran and Syria (also California and Michigan) -- or a crazy people governed by relatively sane leaders -- Pakistan

and Afghanistan, post-U.S. invasion (also Vermont and Minnesota). There are also insane people ruled by insane leaders (but enough about the House Democratic Caucus). Sane people with sane rulers has not been fully tried yet.”
--columnist Ann Coulter

Editor’s Note: On Monday, the “Last Word” section was a satirical bit of humor by conservative columnist Frank Fleming mocking the Left’s view of liberty and government. We were quite surprised at the number of readers who didn’t catch that it was satire -- even with an editor’s note before the quote explaining that it was satire. Thanks to those who did get it and posted comments pointing that out again. To those who didn’t get it, perhaps this link might help.

Veritas vos Liberabit -- Semper Vigilo, Fortis, Paratus, et Fidelis! Mark Alexander, Publisher, for The Patriot’s editors and staff.

(Please pray for our Armed Forces standing in harm’s way around the world, and for their families -- especially families of those fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, who granted their lives in defense of American liberty.)