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Political toolbox empty? Try demonizing – democrats recommend it

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Election day 2022 is history. Some voters are satisfied while others are disappointed. The shameful political mood in America is something I hope most Americans don't find satisfying.

I try not to dwell on demonizing and attempt to ignore it. I try to limit my own "demonizing" vocabulary to words such as "nonsense," "outrageous," "foolishness," and "untrue." Having expressed those self-righteous claims, I'll temporarily set aside my gentlemanly habits and enumerate extreme and unfair examples of political demonization.

Unwarranted demonizing happens in both parties, but in recent years, one party has gone overboard. I pronounce democrats the outright champions. Perhaps they found their political toolbox otherwise empty. Former president Obama finally took the stage to energize 2022 campaigns. Basement campaigner President Biden appeared where candidates would have him, meaning not much travel except to locations where he could do minimal harm.

Both presidents brought desperate messages by identifying the GOP as threats to our Constitution, assassins of democracy, fascists, hate-mongers, lawbreakers, liars, and inciters of violence. I will now briefly, but enthusiastically, wag my self-righteous finger. Democrat politicians and activists have been aggressively but falsely projecting on the GOP those behaviors they themselves have been actively exhibiting.

Congresswoman Maxine waters is guilty of classic examples of demonizing, violent comments, extreme demonizing, and vitriol. One night she was so "inspired" she shouted, "I will go and take Trump out tonight." CNN anchor Kaisie Hunt, in reference to Senator Paul getting beaten up by his neighbor said, "This might be one of my favorite stories."

Johnny Depp asked, reflecting his hatred of President Trump, "When was the last time an actor assassinated a president?" Did he inspire Broadway star Carole Cook who asked, "Where is John Wilkes Booth when you need him?" Chris Mathews once said this in anger about Rush Limbaugh: "Somebody's going to jam a CO2 pellet in his head and he's going to explode like a giant blimp." Mike Malloy, a former news writer for CNN, went overboard

about Limbaugh when Rush was hospitalized with chest pains: “I’m waiting for the day when I pick...up a newspaper...and find he’s choked to death on his own throat fat...”

Here’s a recent example of inspired leadership from Speaker Pelosi: “We owe the American people to be there for them.....and if there is some ‘collateral damage’ for some others who do not share our view, well, so be it.....” Jen Psaki, Biden’s press secretary, encouraged illegal protests outside homes of SCOTUS justices? Did that have any influence on the attempted assassination of Justice Kavanaugh occurring soon thereafter? Or how about an earlier tirade by Senator Schumer: “I want to tell you Kavanaugh, you have released the whirlwind and you will pay the price. You won’t know what hit you.....”

Yes, I’m insinuating. It’s my turn!

More recently, a lady of “The View” characterized the recent move by white suburban women to vote republican as just like “roaches voting for raid.” The overturning of “Roe” inspired record levels of vile and hatred of pro-lifers. Senator Mazie Hirono reacted with, “This is literally a call to arms in our country.”



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez bemoaned the fact that women were being forced to have children against their will. It made me recall recent imagining among progressives that republicans may soon force women against their will to engage in sexual activity for the express goal of impregnation. “Bred like cattle” someone called it. (More about that on the next page.)

Stepping a little closer to dystopian visions, NBC presidential historian Michael Beschloss speculated with Chris Hayes on MSNBC that: “We could be six days away from losing our rule of law.....if MAGA republicans win November 8, our children will be arrested and conceivably killed.”

A similar prediction appeared in The Guardian newspaper, “the world’s leading liberal voice,”: “[When the civil war develops] judges will be assassinated, democrats and moderate republicans will be jailed.....black churches and synagogues bombed, pedestrians picked off by snipers.....”

Reflect on all of this in the context of democrats using these negative terms describing republicans: misogynists, racists, fascists, white supremacists, fomenters of hate and violence, deplorables, etc. Consider how “rich” many of these hypocritical attacks and outrageous speculation are, particularly considering the recent attack on women’s athletics.

Title IX legislation, and later the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act in 1994, gave women’s rights a consequential lift. This gave women equitable access to competitive athletics. The current administration decided that the original legislation didn’t get it right. In 2021, sheepishly bowing to radical progressive pressure, President Biden issued Executive Order

14021. Biological men are now eligible to compete in women's athletics associated with education institutions – a hypocritical and disastrous setback for women's rights.

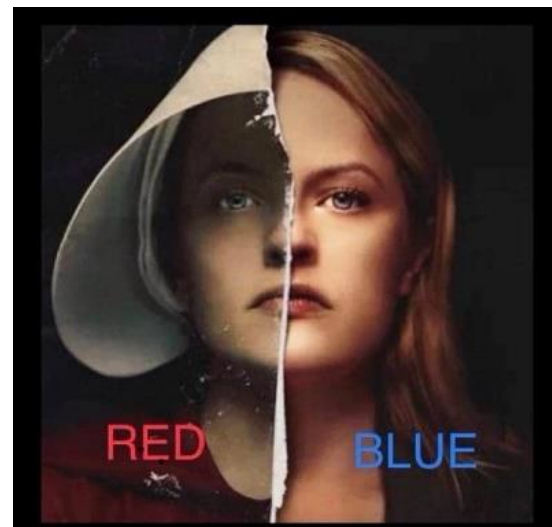
The New Republic Magazine published an article by Sarah Jones titled, "The Handmaid's Tale is a warning to conservative women." She writes: "The original novel by Margaret Atwood conjures a theocratic dystopia – a version of the United States taken over by fundamentalist Christians after a terrorist attack on Washington.....now that Mike Pence is our vice president, the entire country will look more like Gilead." (Gilead is the former U.S., renamed.)

"The Handmaid's Tale" became an Emmy award winning TV series in 2017. It's an extreme demonstration of dystopian hysteria and hatred about pro-life advocates in real-life America. Steeped in many radical political agendas, the most compelling is its prediction of what might happen if the GOP once again assumes control of our government.

Gilead is a country established by the overthrow of the U.S. by conservative forces in a civil war. Because most women are barren, fertile women are subjected to child-bearing slavery, serving barren ruling-class women. These bonnet-wearing "Handmaids" are subject to cruel discipline. Punishments for disobedience include stoning, gouging out an eye, and genital mutilation. The cruel violence and political demonization presented is beyond belief.

Public comments about the program include assurances that many of these things are happening in the world today. An article I found declared: "The GOP is Creating a Handmaid's Tale America," – that was from democracyguardian.com.

The demlabs.org declared "Republican war on women & abortion straight from Handmaid's Tale." Andrew Whalen authored "The Handmaid's Tale describes Eventual Defeat of Republican Dystopia." Among blog comments I found was: "This is exactly what extremist Republicans are trying to impose on Americans." Commentary like this is abundant.



RED is for republican subjugation
BLUE is for democrat freedom

The Handmaid's Tale is the most extreme example I've found of democrats demonizing republicans, conservatives, fundamental Christians, or pro-lifers. It's inspired by democrat demagoguery. To my political adversaries I say, bury your self-righteousness until you've policed the words and thoughts of your faithful. Republicans have different ideals than you, but they certainly aren't evil.

To dividers and haters from both parties, and to Americans who encourage and find joy from extreme displays, I say: "Stop belittling opponents as if you were children. Spend your last angry energy, do your final demonizing, and step back – or get out."