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TODAY'S "QUICK HIT": THE AGE OF NUANCED GOVERNANCE IS OVER!

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Here's what provoked me:

There's much liberal fear-mongering regarding Trump's strong statements about restoring religious freedoms. Remember when conservatives were accused of "fear-mongering"? Trump is fulfilling his campaign promise to fight and win back certain religious freedoms that were attacked and "trimmed" during the Obama Administration.

And we are seeing just one example of "Trump's 'Schtyle,'" i.e. the days of nuanced governance is over, whether we like it or not. Trump "throws a grenade into the room," causing disruption, distraction, and concern. Then he sets about getting what he's come after, which was probably something most can live with – but he would not have been achieved using conventional nuanced governmental "conversation."

Here's my response:

The Age of Nuanced Governance is Over!

We see headlines like, "Trump to 'destroy' limits on church politics," and "Will allow religion-based discrimination." Given actions of Obama's administration, why is there any surprise over Trump's bold reaction and statements.

For example, it's no exaggeration that under Obamacare, religious institutions, even nuns, were required to have and provide health coverage for birth control, pregnancy, newborn care, and even abortion. In some cases, after much pushback, actions were partially reversed. Small businesses lost some rights to select customers, examples of school/church facility sharing became rarer, and religious symbols of celebration began disappearing from public view.

One can probably find examples of religious organizations having insinuated themselves into areas best avoided, but most of the push-back comes from progressive reactions to opinions, policies, and practices that were inconsequential – even harmless. Yet all came under attack. It's this progressive overreaction that is now being aggressively attacked by the Trump Administration.

And, my friends, the age of nuanced governance is over – like it or not. Our President knows how to get what he's after. This aggressive "counter-reaction" is his starting point. If he wins back "lost territory/freedom," I believe he'll be satisfied, if not totally gratified. He will have kept his promise.