WUNPRECEDENTED CLAIMS:
GOP RACISM, USING
CODEWORDS, SUBTLE
RACIST INUENDO, CHARGES
OF PLAYING THE "RACE
CARD," AND ON AND ON



# I object! We've heard enough of these lies! - Read this and you might object too!

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My Dear Progressives: When we conservatives disagree with Obama, we can't be wrong and racist every time! When we criticize Obama's policies, we can't be expressing our latent racist tendencies – not every time! When we comment on the economy, we can't always be creating secret "codewords" for racism – not every time! Your narcissism, insecurity, confusion, guilt, anger, anxiety, narrow mindedness, and uncertainty are ALL showing! - Stephano Bakkovich, obscure (but very wise, though often confused) and sincere (but pretend) pundit!

## I Give Obama Supporters High Marks for Imagination and Originality!

One of the obvious liberal strategies in this presidential campaign is to make a concerted effort to convince all "Joe the Plumber" voters that any opposition to Barack Obama is based on racist feelings or biases. And they have very creatively created a system for insinuating blatantly racist "codewords" in many conservative policy objections directed at the Obama administration. I give them credit for imagination and originality!



### Consider the Charges of Naziism - the Granddaddy of Modern Day Racism!

Meditate on, and contemplate these "friendly" comments:

- "Scott Walker is a fascist ... for his program takes immediate and direct aim at ... the working class ..." That was commentary about the Republican Wisconsin Governor as he was taking dramatic measures to balance the public sector budget in Wisconsin.
- "[Republicans] lie, and they don't care if people think they lie. As long as you lie, [according to Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels] ... keep repeating it." A bold and brash analysis by California Democratic Party Chairman John Burton.



- "It's like Hitler said, if you're going to tell a lie, tell a big lie, and if you tell it often enough and say it in a loud enough voice, some people are going to believe you." That was a comment about Republicans which came from Pat Lehman, a leading member of the Kansas Democratic delegation.
- "[Governor Nikki Haley] was down under in the bunker, a la Eva Braun." Dick Harpootlian, the chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party, gave those remarks to compare the state's Republican governor to Hitler's mistress. Governor Haley merely held a press conference at a NASCAR Hall of Fame basement studio during the Democrat convention.

By making these comments democrats casually make demeaning Hitler-Nazi-fascist references, and in doing so trivialize the Hitler regime that was responsible for exterminating six million Jews in a war that resulted in the deaths of over 50 million people.

### Ryan Dated a Black in High School! How Does That Fit Into a Discussion About His Racism?

I had to think about this one for a while. How did a high school girlfriend become somehow relevant to the campaign, even if she was a minority? Hmmmmm?! Here's what Keli Goff, a liberal correspondent recently wrote:

For the record – no I am not calling Ryan a racist. I am saying, however, that if you want to know where a politician's heart lies when it comes to a particular community, it may be best to look at that person's policies – such as his or her record on civil rights – rather than personal relationships.

Then I figured it out. On the oft chance conservatives would use that disclosure as evidence that Ryan was not racist, she wanted to "cut them off at the pass." There was to be no "but some of my best friends are black" type of comments. MY GOD! Therefore conservatives are to be assumed racist and any evidence to the contrary, coming from their relationships and everyday lives, is irrelevant and must be disregarded. And she implies that if relationships are claimed as valid evidence that one is not racist, this implies that is somehow evidence of racism. That's a prime example of shallow and irrepressibly idiotic, stupid, and paranoid thinking! Conservatives are racist by some convoluted kind of double inverse situationally reversible backwards logic – whatever that is (I made it up)!

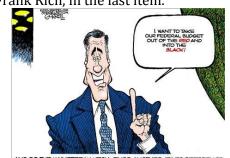
#### A Digest of Charges of Racism - There's a Bunch!

- "[The Romneys] are happy to have a party with black people drowning." What's that all about? The comment came from Yahoo News Washington Bureau Chief (previously with ABC and PBS) who lost his job over it. He said it into a mike he didn't know was "live" and was apparently referring to the Republican convention going on as Hurricane Isaac was threatening the Gulf Coast.
- ["Romney's ad] against Medicare cuts is racist" and Romney is engaged in a politics of "racially freighted resource competition." So read the charges by the respected former Washington Post reporter Thomas Edsall and agreed to in the second comment by The New Republic's Timothy Noah. Why? Because Medicare beneficiaries are "largely white [and Obamacare beneficiaries will be] disproportionately minority." He calls this "subtle" racism.
- "The conjunction of a black president and a female speaker of the House topped off by a wise
  Latina on the Supreme Court and a powerful gay Congressional committee chairman would
  sow fears of disenfranchisement among a dwindling and threatened minority in a
  country no matter what policies were in play." I know that's a (not so) subtle charge of

racism, but if you examine that remark, who is really performing a racial analysis and coming up with a racist comment? The author and NY Times columnist Frank Rich, that's who! What kind of faith in the American public's ability to be fair and wise does he exhibit?

"Even the optics must be irritating [to the conservatives]. A woman (Nancy Pelosi) pushed the health care bill through the House. The bill's most visible and vocal proponents included a gay man (Barney Frank) and a Jew (Anthony Weiner). And the black man in the White House signed the bill into law. It's enough to make a good old boy go crazy." Fellow NY Times columnist Charles Blow, saying the same thing as Frank Rich, in the last item.

"[Using the term 'Obamacare' exposes Romney as a] spineless, disingenuous, supercilious, racemongering pyromaniac [because it is a] heavily loaded word." So opined Daily Beast columnist Michael Tomasky who was accusing Romney of "race-baiting." I guess it's only bad if conservatives refer to Obamacare!?



- "Part of my job ... is to speak up for black people ... this mission has rarely felt so necessary as it has when racial codewords recently entered the Presidential election ... using certain words to invoke racialized fear and scare white working class voters is a long-established part of the Republican playbook." MSNBC's Toure (yes, just one name for this one) with an unspecific accusation of racist demagoguery but no specific mention of "codewords."?
- "You notice [Romney] said 'anger' twice. He's really trying to use racial coding and access some really deep stereotypes about the angry black man." [And calling Obama] arrogant is racist." This guy describes this language as "Niggerification." That was Toure again. He was commenting on Romney playing to negative racial stereotypes in just about any adjective he used to describe his opponent Obama. Toure's comment on "arrogant" accuses Romney of indirectly calling Obama an "uppity negro."
- "Experienced? Does it really mean the time that he spent in the Senate, or does it mean, 'Well, does that guy have the same kind of experience in life that I have?' … What does inexperience really mean? … [The word 'experienced' is a] "racial code word …" So "claimeth" Basil Smikle of The Century Foundation.
- "The language of GOP racial politics is heavy on euphemisms that allow the speaker to deny any responsibility for the racial content of his message ... Reference to a lack of respect for the 'Founding Fathers' and the 'Constitution' also make certain ears perk up by demonizing anyone supposedly threatening core 'oldfashioned American values.'" Fox News contributor Juan Williams making his contribution to the "racism rhetoric."

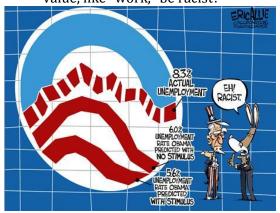


• "They keep saying 'Chicago'. That's another thing that sends that message [that] this guy's helping the poor people in the bad neighborhoods, screwing us in the 'burbs' ... There's a lot of black people in Chicago." With that exchange, MSNBC's Chris Matthews and guest John

Heilemann concluded that describing a politician as being from Chicago, or practicing "Chicago style" hardball politics is a racially loaded codeword.

- "Notice all the white faces in the delegations at the Republican National Convention!" This is a common comment made by mainstream media and by liberal political analysts. The statistics were unfortunately accurate but merely provides evidence that liberals have driven minorities away from the Republican Party by their blatantly misleading demagoguery. This observation always precedes an innuendo that Republican policies are racist in nature. The entire attempt at "race spotting" seems to imply they aren't finding much evidence of Republican racism. The minority speakers at the RNC were phenomenal future Republican superstars for sure already accomplished in their political careers, and anything but "tokens." Did you hear much about this from the press? No! These young conservatives were, as a general rule, demeaned and attacked.
- "... the fact is your side is playing that card. You start playing that card, and you know what game you are playing, and everybody knows what game you're playing: It's a 'race card." That was Chris Matthews spewing absurdities about motivations behind Republicans questioning Obama's use of an executive order to alter/ adjust/remove/"gut"/(whatever), successful the work rules established in the 1996 welfare reform. This premise is accepted by almost all on the Democrat side of the political spectrum. When in our

history did "work" become a racist codeword? How can a core American value, like "work," be racist?

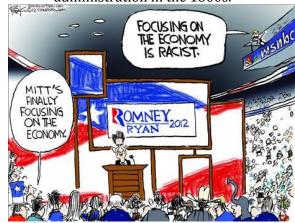


- "Support of the requirement to require a picture ID to vote demonstrates blatant evidence of racism and a desire to disenfranchise democrat minority voters." This charge comes at conservatives and Republicans from many directions even though the goal is commendable reduce voter fraud! Producing actual evidence of fraud doesn't convince liberals that IDs are a small thing to ask. Yet it has been turned into a major example of liberal demagoguery.
- "If you oppose an extension of early voting rules means you are anti poor and black."

  How does this logic work? It can only mean that the accuser must be the racist i.e. black people are too incompetent or irresponsible to make it to the polls in the same period that people from other races can arrive.
- "That's just code for saying he got into law school because he's black. This is an ugly strain of racism that's running through this whole thing." So said Bob Schieffer of CBS News in reaction to Donald Trump's questioning Obama's academic credentials and getting into Harvard with crummy grades.
- "It's very racist. He can't fathom that a black man could be that smart. That's what's behind this." Joy Behar on the View, referring to the same Trump comment as in the last item.
- "Privileged and elite education ... insinuates that Obama took the place of someone else through affirmative action, that someone else being white." So expounded Washington Post

- writer Jonathan Capehart in reaction to the oft repeated confusion over Obama's educational credentials.
- "Obama equals Tiger Woods equals racism." That was self described socialist MSNBC host Lawrence O'Donnell taking angry exception to a comment at the RNC by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell: "Obama was working to earn a spot on the PGA tour." So, "references to Obama's frequent golf outings is a codeword that ties Obama's love for golf to spousal cheater Tiger Woods. Good Grief!
- "[I know you guys have been] 'holding down the fort' [is an] anti-Native American idiom that has no place in U.S. discourse." That evaluation was made by Obama's State Department diversity officer.
- "Professor' [is code for] uppity [negro]." That's what professor Charles Ogletree's analysis in 2008 in reaction to Sarah Palin's comment about Obama that "... to win that war we need a commander in chief, not a professor of law ..."
- "To talk about being in the kitchen and not talk about an African-American actually being in your cabinet is really not a good metaphor to use with African-Americans." That was a reference by liberal talk-show host Mark Thompson to Romney using the term "member of Kitchen Cabinet" while affectionately referring to a close and valuable member of his staff while governor of Massachusetts. Thompson somehow used twisted and strained logic to make this into a comment about "kitchen help." The term was originally coined to describe

President Andrew Jackson's administration in the 1800s.



Shouting "racism" is easy and it doesn't require you to do anything other than complain. Tackling other issues that are hurting black Americans like children being born out of wedlock and out of control crime in the inner cities is really hard. – Analyst and journalist, John Hawkins