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OPEN BORDERS: DOES HILLARY DESERVE A “DO-OVER”?

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Here's what provoked me:

I don't know if President Trump takes mulligans when he's playing golf, but I know he's seldom given the opportunity to clarify his often hyperbolic and overly emboldened statements. But such is not the case for powerful progressives – they get “do-overs” all the time.

Here's my response:

Open Borders: Does Hillary Deserve a “Do-over”?

An April 10 letter (“*A grounding in reality, at least?*”) takes exception to an earlier letter about Trump’s much ballyhooed boarder wall, and scolds anyone who claims there’s a movement to create wide open borders. The writer asks for proof that anyone is in favor of totally open borders.

Hyperbole occurs all over the political spectrum, as does “spinning” plausible stories that might not be totally true. It’s not right, but both sides do it. I think a better and less hypocritical reaction from this writer would have been to ask: “What has ever been said that would cause this over-reaction to statements by those opposing a secure border wall?”

For that I have a response. Those in favor of a totally open border may not be supportive of illegal immigration nor drug smuggling per-se, but who’s foolish enough to suggest that unmonitored borders wouldn’t make those crimes easier? That’s the important point. But has anyone pushed for open borders? When speaking to Latin American Bankers in 2013, Hillary Clinton said she dreams of an open border.

The reference certainly was given the context of being beneficial for trade, which may or may not be supportable. But she made the statement, and that made some folks even more concerned that powerful progressives favor totally open borders.

Some may suggest that Clinton should be given a chance to clarify her position. Perhaps, but I ask you, does President Trump ever get a chance for that type of “do-over”?