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## **RANDOM THOUGHTS WHILE SHAVING**

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*Here's what provoked me:*

*I was shaving this morning and all of a sudden a few ideas popped into my head. I had to quickly write them down since "random thoughts" are often fleeting. These examples of hypocrisy, inconsistency, and misinformation are what led me down the path of conservative politics and policies.*

*Here's my response:*

### **Random Thoughts While Shaving**

- In 2015 Obama removed a reporter for interrupting him "in his house." Reporters applauded Obama's action. But Trump was recently scorned when a reporter was banned from a future event after refusing to stop yelling questions.
- Ted Kennedy contacted Russian officials requesting help defeating Reagan. Little objection ensued. Obama was recorded telling Russian President Medvedev that he, Obama, would have more flexibility after his reelection. No criticism. For comparison, Trump's Helsinki meeting with Putin resulted in unfortunate comments, and he was accused of treason – a capital offense.
- More research is needed, but apparently, self-described "pro-choicers" and "pro-lifers" would be satisfied with permitting abortions, but restricting them to incidents of rape, incest or saving mothers' lives. Why isn't this common ground explored?
- Tolerance carried to the extreme becomes intolerance. And, I've concluded that Trump derangement syndrome carried to the extreme leads to something similar to holocaust denial. How? Accusations of being Nazi stormtroopers significantly minimizes the holocaust – just like denial does.
- The significance of true lies is diminished when lumped together with mistakes, difference of opinion, and exaggerations. But that's politics I guess.
- Someone told me "freedom means no one has the right to tell me what to believe." I responded, "No – freedom means they can tell you, but you have the right not to do it."

Thanks for "listening."