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(*Fair warning:* Some quotes and illustrations used herein express, or insinuate, language and/or tone that some may not appreciate – but it is what it is! *Read at your own risk!*)

# Why Am I Doing This?

I had no plans whatever to deal with this topic right now, but something in the *Ft. Myers News Press* really "stuck in my craw." Left wing opinion columnist Leonard Pitts had a commentary on the takeover of the GOP by extremists. I read it and couldn't keep my hands off my keyboard – actually I had accumulated information for this topic over a period of time, so putting this together was fairly easy. In this case Mr. Pitts was taking Rush Limbaugh to task for "coming apart" about Sandra Fluke testifying about forcing Georgetown U to provide her with free birth control. This is part of the religious freedom debate going on. Limbaugh was out of line referring to Ms. Fluke as a "prostitute" and "slut." He apologized as he should have, but the stupid mistake remains. Pitts wrote:

..... what now passes for conservatism is less an ideology than an excuse for ideological rigidity, extreme language, shameless (indeed proud) ignorance and situational ethics wherein the only thing that matters is victory and any tactic – fear, misogyny, bigotry, lies – is acceptable so long as it advances that goal.

Spare me the false moral equivalence of noting that liberals are sometimes guilty of the same crimes. Duh. Of course they are. But **the frequency and intensity on the left do not begin to compare with that of the right.** 

So, Pitts is saying the sins of the conservatives far outstrip those of the left. He goes on to provide examples of conservative sins. Even I could have come up with a better list than this! I can't believe it! Here are his examples:

Think the late Andrew Breitbart sliming Shirley Sherrod. Think James O'Keefe dressing like "Superfly" in his campaign of video mendacity. Think Fox "News" lying abed with birthers. Think Sarah Palin reading off her palm. Think Herman Cain trying to answer a question on foreign policy. Think Rick Perry trying to remember the third agency. And think the presidential primary .....

What? Go back and read that again! That's the best he can do? Let's take them one at a time:

- Andrew Breitbart didn't slime Sherrod. He released an actual video of Ms. Sherrod giving a speech. It was only part of the story, but still it **was "part** of the story."
- James O'Keefe is a conservative activist who got involved with the "Acorn Sting" in California in which it was shown that Acorn accommodated underage prostitution. The hidden camera investigative methods may have crossed the line, but Acorn was culpable.
- Fox News has, rarely, broadcast the "birthers" position but is **not** guilty of promoting it.
- Sarah Palin had some notes in her palm during a debate. Silly, but how is that relevant?
- Herman Cain, Rick Perry, presidential primary ...... perhaps some incompetence, poor choices and inexperience, but how are those in any way smacking of anything equivalent to what I will be present later herein.

I simply fail to see the relationship of these examples to the "*fear, misogyny, bigotry, lies*" that Mr. Pitts is accusing the GOP of. Like I said, I could come up with stuff I do consider to be conservative inappropriateness – these don't fit the bill. **GOOD GRIEF! How does Leonard Pitts keep his job?!** Please seek out Pitt's article and read it yourself in its entirety - incompetent and agenda-ridden!

#### About Misogyny

Misogyny has been used by the left to accuse the right of promoting a "war against women." This has arisen in the midst of the debate about the rights of Catholic institutions to control the benefits provided to their employees and students. This has been accomplished by not paying for insurance coverage for birth control or abortion medication e.g. morning after pill. (**THIS REPORT IS NOT ABOUT THAT DEBATE** – perhaps I will deal with that later.) Depriving women of that benefit is described as misogyny. Misogyny is derived from the Greek word *misogynia* meaning "a hatred of women." So we have the accusation that the GOP/conservatives are promoting "hatred of women" in all of their recent "thoughts, words, and deeds."

#### The Left Wants to Talk About Misogyny? - So Let's Talk About Misogyny!

I have found far more graphic and disrespectful occurrences on the left than I have on the right. The left thinks the religious freedom issue on birth control amounts to misogyny. How about these:

- **Ed Shultz** (far left MSNBC and radio host) during the 2008 campaign he said on his radio show that Sarah Palin set off a "bimbo alert."
- **Matt Taibbi** (left-wing darling and liberal columnist with Rolling Stone) in 2009 he wrote: When I read [Michelle Malkin's] stuff, I imagine her narrating her text, book-on-tape style, with a big, hairy set of b---s in her mouth."
- **Chris Matthews** (MSNBC host) he obsessively tore down Hillary Clinton (for blocking Obama by her running vigorously against him for the democratic nomination) by attacking her with negative references: "she-devil," "Nurse Ratched," "Madame Defarge," "witchy," "anti-male," and "uppity."
- **Chris Matthews** referring to Senator Clinton, he suggested that the only reason she won her Senate seat was because her "husband messed around."
- **Chris Matthews** once again in a backdoor reference to presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, he asked a guest if "being surrounded by women" makes "a case for commander in chief or does it make a case against it?"
- Keith Olbermann (far left TV host formerly with MSNBC and now working for former vice president Al Gore on Current TV) referring to conservative columnist S.E. Crupp (a

lovely lady I might add!), stated that she should have been aborted by her parents, apparently because he finds it offensive that she has opinions.

- **Ed Shultz** in the context of discussing President Obama's visit to Joplin Missouri: "..... but do you know what [republicans are] talking about, like this right-wing slut, what's her name? Laura Ingraham? ...... Yeah, she's a talk slut."
- **Chris Matthews** in reference to Ms. Palin he wondered if she is even "capable of thinking"; called her a "balloon head"; said that she was "lucky we still don't have literacy tests."
- **Ed Shultz** referred to New York Post columnist Kirsten Powers as a "bimbo" on his blog, following her accurately quoting him in her newspaper column.
- Keith Olbermann referred to Michelle Malkin as a "mashed up bag of meat with lipstick."
- Matt Taibbi in a Rolling Stone article about Clinton, he referred to her "flabby arms."
- **Matt Tiabbi** when feminist writer Erica Jong criticized him for the reference to Secretary of State Clinton, he responded by referring to Jong as an "800-year old sex columnist."
- **Keith Olbermann** found it clever to refer to Carrie Prejean's breasts on his MSNBC-TV show. (Ms. Prejean is a former Miss California and Miss USA first runner-up. She publicly expressed her belief in marriage as only between a man and a woman.)
- **Matt Tiabbi** in a profile of Congresswoman and presidential candidate Michele Bachmann he described her as "batshit crazy."
- **Keith Olbermann** in reference to Clinton, whom he wanted out of the presidential race, it would be good to find "somebody who can take her into a room and only he comes out."
- **Randi Rhodes** (radio talk-show host) "You know, these [conservative] women, somebody really needs to go repossess their ovaries ..... they have no right to them ..... they don't deserve to have estrogen."

### Bill Maher by Himself - Doin' Misogyny

Let's take a separate look at Mill Maher all by himself. He has been described as "the grand pooh-bah of media misogyny." He is also a darling of the left. Originally a TV comedian, he has become a political commentator and is called on to give "serious" political analysis on liberal cable networks – thus his ability to hide behind "I'm just a comedian" is losing its credibility. He also recently donated \$1 million to President Obama's super-Pac. Here are some "Maherisms" about women:

- Sarah Palin he said she is a "super tw--."
- Sarah Palin described her as a "cu--... there's just no other word for her."
- Sarah Palin he said: "She is not a mean girl. She is a crazy girl with mean ideas."
- Sarah Palin and Michele Bachmann both were referred to by Bill as "boobs."



"ME? I CAN'T LISTEN TO THAT OBSCENE RUSH RAP."



- Sarah Palin and Michele Bachmann were referred to by Bill as "two bimbos."
- Rick Santorum's wife Bill made a joke which included reference to Mrs. Santorum using a vibrator.
- In reference to a woman who was harassed while breast-feeding at an Applebee's: "Don't show me your ti--."



• As a follow-up to the last comment by Bill Maher – "And by the way, there is a place where breasts and food do go together. It's called Hooters."

Let me remind you that Bill Maher has now become a frequent "go-to" guy for giving supposedly "serious" analysis and commentary by the liberal cable networks. What a joke he is!

## Let's Look at How Some Libs are Rippin' Some Conservative Males

- **Matt Taibbi** (refer to description above) regarding the death of conservative activist Andrew Breitbart: "So Andrew Breitbart is dead. Here's what I have to say to that ...... Good! F--- him. I couldn't be happier that he is dead." (He did go on to point out Breitbart's fearlessness, shamelessness, and sense of humor.)
- **Ed Shultz** (refer to description above) in reference to his personal nemesis Dick Cheney, he gave the following comments or descriptions: "an enemy of the country" who should go "to the Promised Land"; that "dirtbag Dick Cheney"; in reference to Dick Cheney's heart problems he said "rip it out and kick it around and stuff it back in him."
- **Chris Mathews** (refer to description above) making a comparison to a character in "Live and Let Die" he said: "Rush Limbaugh is looking more and more like Mr. Big, and at some point somebody's going to jam a CO2 pellet into his head and he's going to explode like a giant blimp. That day may come. Not yet. But we'll be there to watch."
- **Charles Karel Bouley** (Liberal San Francisco radio host writing in the Huffington Post) in reference to "W's" press secretary Tony Snow (formerly a highly respected journalist and reporter) who suffered with and died from cancer: "I hear about Tony and say to myself, well, stand up every day, lie to the American people at the behest of your dictator-esque boss and well, how could a cancer NOT grow in you. Work for Fox News, spinning the truth into a billion knots and how can your gut not rot?"
- **Mike Mallow** (liberal radio host, formerly with CNN) in reference to the chest pains and related hospitalization suffered by Rush Limbaugh: "I'm waiting for the day when I pick ...... up a newspaper or click on the internet and find he's choked to death on his own throat fat or a great big wad of saliva or something ...... Go away, Rush, you make me sick!"
- **Montel Williams** while a radio host in 2009 for the now-defunct Air America urged Michele Bachmann to kill herself, or so it seemed, by saying: "Slit your wrist! Go ahead! I mean, you know, why not? I mean, if you want to or, you know, do us all a better thing. Move that knife up about two feet. I mean, start right at the collarbone." (Comedic license is no excuse for that kind of blather!)

- **Bill Maher** (refer to description above) in 2007 in reference to a truck bomb explosion at a base in Afghanistan near where Cheney was visiting, it's easy to conclude that Maher was wishing for Cheney's death by saying: "I'm just saying if he did die, other people, more people would live. That's a fact."
- **Bill Maher** after Heath Ledger's death in 2008, he fantasized about Rush Limbaugh being a better candidate for death than a recently deceased actor: "Why couldn't he have croaked from it instead of Heath Ledger?"
- **Professor Constance Hillard** (University of North Texas) wrote an article titled "Did Soldier Who Killed 16 in Afghanistan Receive His Diploma from the Rush Limbaugh Show?"
- **Bill Ayers** (radical leftist terrorist from the '60s you remember him I know!) stated: "[Recently deceased] Andrew Breitbart, self-described media mogul, had several screws loose or missing and was the grinning bomb-thrower of the radical right. He was the attack dog kept on a tight leash and brought out on special occasions to hiss and to menace."

OK, that's enough! I defy anyone to find this level of reprehensible commentary coming from legitimate and prominent conservative politicians, columnists, analysts and advisors.

(**Full disclosure:** While I accumulated many radical liberal anti-women and anti-conservative statements over several months (even years), I find that a disproportionate number of these anecdotes came from the work done by New York Post columnist Kirsten Powers – particularly writing published in "The Daily Beast." My thanks for her input to my little project.)

Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley

