

## I've Been Wondering

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I've been wondering:

- How can such a search for the truth, such as the recent Russia/Trump conspiracy investigation, totally and completely ignore the role of Hillary's presidential campaign and the DNC in creating the suspicions leading to what turned out to be totally without merit?
- Recall all that's gone on during the 2016 presidential campaign and the aftermath of investigation and division. Doesn't this atmosphere of discontent, suspicion, division and confusion make Russia the big, and only winner as a result? If so, they were successful.
- "Wanna see some insulting, degrading harassment of a woman?... Just wait till the next time a Republican nominates one to the Supreme Court." – Borrowed from political cartoon Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley. Have you ever seen a more tangled web than what's been woven in the Supreme Court nomination process.
- Speaker Pelosi's proposed "Equality Act" legislation would add "gender identity" as a protected class, with all of its implications including athletic competition. Aren't we jumping the gun a bit as to how this issue should be addressed in Federal legislation? Shouldn't we make sure we have a much better understanding of the issue first?
- There's serious support in some corners of the Democrat establishment for reducing the voting age to 16 in Federal elections. Will that proposal go hand-in-hand with mandatory old-fashioned courses in civics and our form of government?
- Minnesota's Rep. Ilhan Omar has expressed concern about the relationship between America and Israel. She doesn't agree that Israel's causes and concerns could often be ours as well. Doesn't she understand a very basic international concept of being a faithful and supportive ally?
- Considering the traditional deep allegiance of American Jewish voters to the Democrat party, I found it surprising Nancy Pelosi couldn't manage to deliver Democrat votes supporting a resolution condemning, specifically by name, anti-Semitism. Has Rep. Ilhan Omar's influence become that significant so soon?
- Given the multiple states passing, or attempting to pass, legislation permitting full term abortion, it's no surprise U.S. House Republicans are trying to support legislation protecting babies born after an unsuccessful abortion. When, in the very recent history, did support for such logical and moral legislation disappear?
- Democrat Senators Merkley, Booker, Peters, and Udall co-sponsored "The KITTEN Act of 2019." The Washington Free Beacon originally reported this story. This unsuccessful legislation was designed "to put an end to animal testing using kittens." Didn't these same Senators, just a week before, vote against protecting babies surviving late-term and full-term abortions?

- Rep. AOC recently referred to capitalism as an “irredeemable system.” American Thinker’s William Sullivan picked up on this by pointing out that a great argument can be made that “nearly every advancement in human well-being has taken place in the short blip of human history since the Industrial Revolution. I join Mr. Sullivan in stating that, while far from perfect, “capitalism needs no redemption.” How can AOC reach that conclusion?

And finally:

- The Pope came out against the death penalty in all circumstances. Why didn’t the left tell him to “stay-the-heck” out of our penal system? Aren’t they being inconsistent? After all, his opposition to abortion and birth control brought demands from the left that he “stay-the-heck” out of our “penile” system.

Just wondering.