

 **MORE RANDOM  
THOUGHTS – FROM  
“MONKEY BUSINESS”  
TO “THE POPE”  
TO “PEACEFUL  
EXPLETIVES”**

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- **Regarding the “monkey business” going around about alleged racist comments by Ron DeSantis, Florida GOP governor-elect, my first reaction is, it’s a new extreme. So extreme in fact, I think these absurd charges pushed a lot of undecided votes in the Republicans’ favor.**
- About 12 million people enrolled in Obamacare policies, if that’s the case, how will 24 million people die if it is repealed. There would have to be mass executions far exceeding those during the holocaust.
- Omarosa made a valiant claim that she diligently covers her own “back.” Those who adamantly make that claim are probably well practiced in those devious pursuits against which they are protecting themselves.
- It’s incredible to me that with all the recent insight into the bias and politicization in the FBI, that the Democrats treat it with such “ho hum” disregard.
- I don’t think seriously restrictive laws on individual gun ownership is in the offing, and that’s wise. On the other hand, I don’t think we will be smart enough to effectively harden soft targets like entertainment venues and especially schools. Nor will we make commonsense improvements to background checks and interagency communication.
- Is this the harbinger of a new black market? Unfortunately, what we can expect for the gun control issue is the financial system making it almost impossible for legal businesses to borrow money for the manufacture or sales of firearms. Without the availability of borrowed working capital, many firearms companies will be unable to exist.
- Equality is such a significant goal for many on the left that I’m becoming convinced a large contingent would reject overall greater average prosperity if there were inequality. Conversely, they would be in favor of a lower average economic wealth as long as it came with much greater equality. I don’t understand the tradeoff.
- Contemplating the concept of human “equality” Aristotle wrote: “the only stable state is the one in which all men are equal before the law.” That concept was central to our Declaration of Independence. This concept can’t survive alongside a modern version of social justice in which identity politics plays such a prominent role.
- **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. After all, his opposition to abortion and birth control brought demands from the left that he stay-the-heck-out of our penile system.**

- Making progress on the anti-abortion front will be slow and difficult. I realize the best we can hope for is gradual incremental successes that don't actually reverse Roe v. Wade, but will diminish its effects by nibbling around its edges and taking ever larger bites.
- How did we get here with a President named Donald Trump? Conservatives tried dignity and collegiality for many years with Bush, McCain, and Romney, and the results were always the same. The liberal opposition never stopped heaping personal ridicule and insinuation on these fine fellows. And who can forget who Trump's opposition was! Hillary was the benefactor of Trump's election feast.
- When we are tempted to be critical of a president who suggests sitting down to talk with our adversaries – whatever president of whatever party – let's not forget what JFK wisely observed: "Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate."
- "You cannot be civil with a political party that wants to destroy what you stand for, what you care about," Hillary Clinton insisted. And I'm sure she considers it applicable only to Democrats. If republicans tried to use the same excuse she would condemn them.
- **A cop in Minnesota shouted: "He's got a gun!.....Stop, stop! Put your hands up! I will (expletive) shoot you!" A critic stated: "how might the outcome.....have been different if the officer.....used language making his request and intention clear without the expletives?" How about that! The solution was right there in front of us the whole time.**

Thanks for "listening."