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I'VE BEEN PERSONALLY RIDICULED!



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Here's what provoked me:

A few days ago I submitted editorial letters which attempted to briefly analyze why Trump has many supporters in spite of his style and antics. Part of my goal was to see what response I might elicit from other writers. My response to just one of those letters is shown below.

Here's my response:

I've Been Personally Ridiculed!

A 7/27 letter by Diane Kolmer ranted about my 7/23 letter that attempted to briefly analyze those who support Trump, in spite of his unfortunate crude and course style, and his frequent lack of dignity. I mentioned the "Alinsky method" to demonstrate the democrat's use of personalized ridicule to attack their opposition, and acknowledged that Trump appears to have borrowed that "playbook."

Supporters are frustrated that using dignity, collegiality and propriety with Bush, McCain, and Romney, didn't stop the personal ridicule. I concluded that perhaps Trump has support from those who get subliminal satisfaction from someone finally "fighting back" against sometimes cruel opposition. I acknowledged Trump's questionable tactics.

While standing by my letter, I admit trying to elicit reaction from Trump's harsh critics. I wondered if I would be ridiculed, and if it would be "personal." I'm unhappy to report my findings. Kolmer uses the following words and phrases reacting to me: "empty on issues or facts," "vacuous," "devaluing," and "endangering our country."

I've been personally ridiculed for merely trying to explain a confusing phenomenon in our country. I'd like to ask Kolmer if she consciously used the Alinsky method to attack me. In any case, she strengthened my argument.