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Democrat politicians, the media, and others constantly accuse the GOP of hatred and promoting violence. It starts with unsupported accusations and slides into insinuations that white extremists and supremacists are interchangeable terms for republicans and conservatives.

Both parties play hardball, but the level of extreme demonizing practiced by democrats must be acknowledged. I'm going to don my own self-righteous overcoat and give examples of how democrats, celebrities, and the press exercise demagoguery and unfair demonizing of the GOP. My examples primarily focus on the GOP party, not just Trump.

During the recent campaigns, Biden and Obama joined to spread desperate messages by identifying the GOP as assassins of democracy, hate-mongers, lawbreakers, and inciters of violence.

Congresswoman Maxine was once so "inspired" she shouted, "I will go and take Trump out tonight." CNN anchor Kaisie Hunt, in reference to Senator Paul getting beaten up by his neighbor rejoiced, "This might be one of my favorite stories."

Chris Mathews expressed his anger about Rush Limbaugh: "Somebody's going to jam a CO2 pellet in his head and he's going to explode like a giant blimp." Mike Malloy, former CNN news writer, commented when Limbaugh was hospitalized with chest pains: "I'm waiting for the day when I pick...up a newspaper...and find he's choked to death on his own throat fat..."

Here's an example from Speaker Pelosi: "We owe the American people to be there for them.....and if there is some 'collateral damage' for some others who do not share our view, well, so be it....." Jen Psaki, Biden's press secretary, encouraged illegal protests outside homes of SCOTUS justices?

Did Psaki's comment influence the attempted assassination of Justice Kavanaugh soon thereafter? Consider this tirade by Senator Schumer, referring to Roe v. Wade: "I want to tell

you Kavanaugh, you have released the whirlwind and you will pay the price. You won't know what hit you....."

In 2017, on Joy Reid's show, Biden's press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre complained about Trump's victory: "...he now sits behind the Resolute desk in the Oval Office essentially defecating on women."

Expressing a dystopian vision, NBC presidential historian Michael Beschloss speculated with Chris Hayes on MSNBC: "We could be six days away from losing our rule of law.....if MAGA republicans win November 8, our children will be arrested and conceivably killed."

A similar prediction appeared in The Guardian, "the world's leading liberal voice,": "[When civil war develops] judges will be assassinated, democrats and moderate republicans will be jailed.....black churches and synagogues bombed, pedestrians picked off by snipers....."

Democrats refer to republicans as: misogynists, racists, fascists, white supremacists, fomenters of hate and violence, deplorables, etc. Consider how "rich" many of these attacks are considering the hypocritical and disastrous setback for women's rights. In 2021, President Biden bowed to progressive pressure by issuing Executive Order 14021, altering rules for Title IX legislation. Biological men are now eligible to compete in women's athletics associated with education institutions.

Sarah Jones wrote an article in The New Republic Magazine about "The Handmaid's Tale." Quoting: "The original novel by Margaret Atwood conjures a theocratic dystopia – a version of the United States taken over by fundamentalist Christians after a terrorist attack on Washington.....now that Mike Pence is our vice president, the entire country will look more like Gilead." (Gilead is the former U.S., renamed.)

Gilead is a fictitious country established by the overthrow of the U.S. by conservative forces in a civil war. Fertile women are subjected to child-bearing slavery, serving barren ruling-class women. These bonnet-wearing "Handmaids" are subjected to cruel discipline. Punishments are hideous and include stoning, gouging out eyes, and genital mutilation.

The worst examples of demonization predict GOP's intentions if they assume control of our government. Thedemlabs.org declared "Republican war on women & abortion straight from Handmaid's Tale." Andrew Whalen authored "The Handmaid's Tale describes Eventual Defeat of Republican Dystopia." Here's a blog comment regarding the "Tale": "This is exactly what extremist Republicans are trying to impose on Americans." Commentary like this is abundant.

To dividers and haters from both parties, and to Americans who encourage and find joy from extreme displays, I say: "Stop belittling opponents as if you were children. Spend your last angry energy, do your final demonizing, then make yourselves scarce."