

Accountability isn't a four letter word

Don't know if you've noticed but our corporations and media outlets are becoming more vocal about their Left-wing sympathies. Since the vote on the 2020 election results took place the gloves have come off and dozens of companies have pulled the plug on donations to selected GOP Congressional Representatives. One hotel group denied a venue to GOP Senator Josh Hawley from Missouri who had voted against certifying the results of the election and a publisher (Simon and Schuster) cancelled his book deal.

To this, you can add the widespread censorship practices of Facebook and Twitter and their efforts to isolate Donald Trump from his millions of supporters by cancelling or suspending his social media accounts. Florida banks are closing Trump's accounts in an effort to marginalize and eventually destroy him and his businesses while the Congress is proceeding to nail his political door shut by an impeachment trial. The steady drumbeat of over-the-top 'fake news' continues to pour out of the mouths of mainstream media anchors' mouths, and newspapers are still ignoring major stories that could have an adverse impact on the fortunes of the Left and the current Administration. Then there are all the radical Democrat Congressmen and women who are attacking Conservatives and Republicans for being 'pawns of domestic terrorist groups' or White supremacists or White nationalists and accusing them of being bent on destroying 'their' version of the First Amendment. Finally, there's the new President who has become the *code talker-in-chief* with his unity or else ultimatum on Inauguration Day.

If you think that all of this is one big coincidence; it isn't. While it may not be a bona fide conspiracy in the classical terms it is very definitely a confluence or coming together of powerful organizations that have one overarching goal in mind: to destroy the Republican Party (and Donald Trump) AND free speech in one fell swoop. They must if they are to make America a one-party nation under their banner. They are working, simultaneously, on many fronts to realize their ambitions. One is to keep the 'emergency' of the Coronavirus going so as to maintain control on the state level by Blue State governors. The next is to collude with the teachers unions to implement the '1619' Project and other history re-writes that prove that America is an inherently racist country - founded and still dominated - by power-crazed White men.

Another is their increasing stranglehold on mayoralities and city councils with radical Leftist members who will vote in lock-step to defund or decimate local police forces and gradually re-program their residents to accept hardened criminals as 'victims of society' and release them into the community. Add to that the full-court press to change our language to suit a new age idea of 'gender realignment' to allow for a frontal attack on biology which will ultimately lead to changes in 'Title IX' and other protections for women.

Peer pressure and public shaming are two of the tactics they're using to stamp out opposition and doxing is a third. Limitations on the number of local public meetings and severe reductions in speaking opportunities are another way the Left is suppressing our growing discontent. Again, if you think these are all mere coincidences you are sadly mistaken. They are part of a larger program to systematically crush the Conservative movement.

We have two choices: take it or take the fight to them. I opt for the latter. Democrats have been playing us for fools for far too long. They have used our good natured-ness against us. In the spirit of 'fairness' we have allowed them the space and time they needed to control the narrative. We have essentially looked the other way as their incrementalist approach to engineering social change has chipped away at our American values. It's time to stop being 'Mr. and Mrs. Nice Guy'. This is no longer merely an ideological debate where we air our differences and we all go home feeling intellectually refreshed. The cracks in our culture have become unbridgeable gaps. If we allow them to widen they will, eventually, swallow us up. We must realize that we are in an existential battle for the soul of our nation, one that must be fought wisely and well if we are to survive as a nation of law and keep the promises made to us over two centuries ago.

We must act, now. Conservatives must adopt the Democrats' playbook. We have no alternative other than accepting defeat. That means we must use the power of our purses as one major way to get the attention of the companies and organizations that think they can ride roughshod over us. Companies supporting the Leftist ideology must be 'outed' and pay a price in lost sales for being the one-sided politically monolithic entities they are. I'm speaking of the dozen or so that pulled their support for GOP Congressmen that I mentioned earlier as well as belligerent and activist companies like AARP, Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, Twitter, etc. No more donations to PBS, either. Stop subscriptions to papers like the New York Times and the Washington Post. Resist buying music CDs from avowed Left wing artists. Stop supporting the habits of Hollywood *icons* like Tom Hanks, Robert DeNiro, Sean Penn, Susan Sarandon and her husband Tim Robbins, Meryl Streep, Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Bayard, Jimmy Kimmel, Stephen Colbert, Kathy Griffin and Alec Baldwin and a host of others.

Of course they have the right to speak their minds, but WE have the right to bar them from our homes or buy their sponsors' products. Then there are all those reprehensible universities that are sucking up billions in endowments in exchange for repressing 'disagreeable (to them) speech' and are attempting to cancel our American culture. Federal funds must be pulled from any school that shuts down free expression or goes out of its way to support attacks on any of our basic freedoms. And we should regularly call them out for their actions and encourage our children and grandchildren to study somewhere else.

It's time to vote with our pocketbooks, all 74 million of us that voted for Donald Trump. And while we're doing that we must do some housecleaning of our own by primarying the RINOs that have been the so-called 'conscience of the Republican Party' for far too long. We can no longer afford to let our good nature stand in the way of our efforts to save Conservatism and adherence to our American principles. Let them speak their minds. That's the American way, but there are limits to how long we should let them speak in our own venues, and there are limits to how much influence we accord them in our fight for survival. For democracy to succeed there must be certain rules of engagement or the tyranny of dominating the conversation takes over. George W. Bush almost said it right with his remarks about giving too much rope to those who would hang us with it: "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."

The call to activism in support of protecting our principles, our rights and our country is a call we had better answer soon.

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