

## Are we a nation of masochists?

It's no secret that hatred can be a great motivator and that it ranks up there with the lust for power, greed, envy and of course, revenge. But when does hatred become so all-consuming that it turns normal people with normal survival instincts into a flock of masochists that will individually act against their own interests and place them squarely on a path of self-destruction?

When it comes to American elections, at least those since the ascendancy of Barack Obama in 2008, an election I call THE 'tipping point election' of our modern age, at least half of our electorate has voted for sending the country on a downward glide path towards American socialism. Personifying the Left's wishes to create a *new improved and more socially equitable America* out of a whole new cloth of collective moral responsibility that subordinates the individual, Mr. Obama happily took on the task of socially re-engineering the country into a modern version of sixties Cuba or Chavez' Venezuela using the playbook of Saul Alinsky, Malcolm X and the Weather Underground (absent the bombings of the latter group). He then mixed it together like an unholy cocktail with his own personal community organizer background and threw in a heaping helping of victimization politics borrowed from Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton - totally ignoring the "content of character" preaching of Martin Luther King, Jr. Obama knew he needed both liberal Whites, impressionable youth and disadvantaged Blacks to make up his constituency for change.

He needed a mixed message to succeed, however, one with hope at its core along with one that used long-repressed social dissatisfaction and White envy to motivate Blacks. While not coming right out and advocating for a minority-led social revolution, he instead chose to use surrogates like Harvard Prof. Henry Louis Gates and his detention in July 2009 and the killing of Trayvon Martin in February of 2012 to do his bidding for him. It didn't stop there. Obama used the riots in Ferguson, Missouri in 2014 after the killing of Michael Brown to stoke the flames of Black unrest to prove his point that there were 'two Americas' - one for Whites and one for Blacks. The anger and resentment built steadily and gave rise to groups like Black Lives Matter and Antifa that would ride the wave of Obama's contention that a divided America was all White Americans' fault.

It all started early in the first term of Obama when his Attorney General, Eric Holder, gave his famous 'nation of cowards' speech to his staff during Black history month in February of 2009. He said, "Though this nation has proudly thought of itself as an ethnic melting pot, in things racial, we have always been, and we, I believe, continue to be, in too many ways, a nation of cowards." The politicization of the AG's office and the DOJ shifted into high gear after that with DOJ-directed investigations into local community killings of Black men under the guise of possible 'hate crimes.'

The anger in the Black community was building but was not directed at the Obama White House. Instead, it was directed at Conservative Republicans for (wrongfully) *enabling* decades of oppression. Ironically, America's first half-Black President (he identified as all Black) ended his time in office with race relations worse off than when he started. The New York Times reported in July of 2016 that "Sixty-nine percent of Americans say race relations are generally bad, one of the highest levels of discord since the 1992 riots in Los Angeles during the Rodney King case, according to the latest New York Times/CBS News poll. The poll, conducted from Friday, the day after the killing of five Dallas police officers, until Tuesday, found that six in 10 Americans say race relations were growing worse, up from 38 percent a year ago. Racial discontent is at its highest point in the Obama presidency and at the same level as after the riots touched off by the 1992 acquittal of Los Angeles police officers charged in Mr. King's beating."

But the worst was yet to come in Obama's second term. The Black riots championed a 'de-fund the police' movement, claiming systemic police brutality and rampant racism among the ranks of America's police forces - and they and the Progressive Left were going to stop it...just as soon as Hillary Clinton was elected. Anger was quickly reaching a fever pitch, and on a cool November night in 2016, Donald Trump emerged victorious as America's 45th President.

Anger spilled over into street protests and the media immediately chose up sides. On the Left were the mainstream media outlets and nearly all the cable news channels joined by the country's major newspapers like the New York Times, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune and others. On the Right was the lone Fox News channel.

The battle had been joined, and all tactics to oppose the new President and the Right's agenda to return America to a normalcy that included safe streets, equal opportunity for all and economic prosperity were allowed. That included vitriol, personal attacks, accusations of a false Russian collusion by Congress, lies and, of course, anger at a level heretofore unseen in American politics. The Left had taken leave of its senses (especially its common sense) and proceeded to work against its own best interests!

At every step of the Left's way, anger was on full public view. No attempt was made to hide it. They were going to destroy Trump even if it meant that they, too, would be among the casualties. This was the prevailing attitude of all four years of Trump's time in office and it led them to choose an ageing and many would say, seriously cognitively-challenged and totally unfit candidate for President. It didn't matter. He wasn't Trump and that was enough. No consideration was given to the possibility that Mr. Biden wasn't up to the job as CEO of America. The Left's anger was all-consuming, and they were ready to go down with the ship if it meant that the ship would sail into a conservative port. Such was their psychosis, bordering on paranoia or at least, delusional disorders. Mental health professionals define paranoia as involving intense anxious or fearful feelings and thoughts often related to persecution, threat, or conspiracy. Paranoia occurs in many mental disorders, but is most often present in psychotic disorders. It can become delusions, when irrational thoughts and beliefs become so fixed that nothing (including contrary evidence) can convince a person that what they think or feel is not true. A delusional disorder on the other hand is characterized by irrational or intense beliefs or suspicions that a person believes to be true. These beliefs may seem outlandish and impossible or fit within the realm of what is possible.

Whichever way these conditions are defined, anger often plays a powerful part in pushing otherwise normal individuals with normal survival instincts over the edge to commit acts directly threatening to their own self-interests. Ask yourself, were the votes of those who chose Joe Biden reflecting a carefully thought-out action to improve America's future prospects or were they yet another perverted attempt to keep us in collective government-controlled servitude on the path towards American socialism? It seems obvious to me. Shooting ourselves in the foot time and time again only makes the race harder to run...and impossible to win.

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