

## The persona non grata-fiction of Dr. Seuss

I never read Dr. Seuss' offerings to my daughters because I thought the drawings looked a bit creepy and because I couldn't quite understand the books, themselves. I figured by avoiding them, I wouldn't be asked a bunch of questions about the plot lines or the make-believe characters that graced the pages. But now that the 'cancel culture' is black-listing him and ostracizing him from polite (read: politically-correct) society, I'm tempted to adopt a few children just so I can indoctrinate them to the ways of *Green eggs and ham*, *The Cat in the Hat* and especially the controversial *Sneeches*. Doesn't the Left realize that by trying to erase the good Doctor's (he held an Honorary Doctorate but chose to call himself a doctor because his father wanted him to practice medicine) identity that the only thing they're doing is making him more desirable among those of us who are proud to be among the 'unwoken' in our society?

It's a little like putting razor-wired fences around the Capitol; it makes me want to practice my pole-vaulting skills and then rush to Black Lives Matter Plaza and tear down the street sign. I won't do these things, of course, because I'm a grownup AND a law-abiding Conservative and wouldn't dream of giving the idiots that are running our country have one more excuse to call me a 'domestic terrorist' because I voted for Donald Trump...though I'm tempted to throw caution to the wind and push my own envelope of propriety. How are you doing, by the way? Have you gotten your Coronavirus shot yet? Bought a new designer mask? On the subject of masks, I'm actually beginning to wonder, does our President really have a mouth? What's he hiding? Poorly fitting dentures like San Fran Nan? She's a real piece of work. A soon to be 81 year-old woman desperately trying to look 50, I know she has a mouth behind all her color-coordinated masks. She won't let us forget it with one caustic remark after the other as she proudly shepherds one piece of ridiculous legislation after the other through the House.

Now it's the 'American Rescue Plan.' One point nine trillion dollars of which only 9% is actually earmarked towards the Coronavirus problem. What chutzpah! And Joe, poor Joe. He has his own problems to deal with: a Progressive 'cartel' nipping at his heels that is demanding more government regulations; attention deficit disorder (or something akin to it); an ambitious Vice-President who's waiting (impatiently) in the wings for him to self-destruct. Couple that with thousands of uninvited guests coming to the USA - illegal aliens trekking to our southern border sporting Joe Biden t-shirts - and you can see he probably wishes he were riding the afternoon Amtrak Special back to Delaware.

What's a President to do? Holding his first press conference with live, unscripted un-precleared questions might be a good start so we can all see just how diminished the poor fella is. That way he could get more of the sympathy vote, at least. I'm not holding my breath for that presser, however. Seeing him fumble the football time and time again and then go off half-cocked and threaten to beat up poor thirty-something Peter Doocy after asking a probing question would not be a good look and might even embolden our adversaries to do something stupid like invade Wilmington or worse yet, storm Martha's Vineyard and occupy all the seats at the tony Art Cliff Diner and then march hand-in-hand to Barack Obama's 29-acre \$12 million estate and demand an audience with 44 to plead with him to make a comeback.

No, Joe had better demure and let Kami handle the press. After all, she has a way with words ("Hello. I'm speaking"). No reporter would dare challenge her. Backed up by Iron Jen ('Let's circle back to that') Psaki they would be a formidable dynamic duo. Better yet, move all the WH press conferences to the well of the House and let San Fran Nan preside over them. One wave of her trademark Neapolitano/Genovese gesticulation hand movements and she'd have reporters cowering in fear. And fear is what this new administration is all about. Fear of super-spreaders, fear of QAnon and domestic White supremacist terrorists, fear of Trump supporters, fear of too much freedom of choice, fear of anti-transgender activists, and the list goes on.

The Dems have adopted a playbook with three intersecting philosophies and tactics: Saul Alinsky's 'Rules for Radicals', Teddy Roosevelt's belief that "If you've got them by the balls their hearts and minds will follow" and Puzo's Vito Corleone's "Make them an offer they can't refuse." The Left is playing for keeps this time around. They've circled their ideological wagons and are taking no prisoners...and neither are their Blue State Governors. We have entered the age of the perpetual lockdown where Executive Branch overreach is the order of the day. Pritzker, Whitmer, Newsom, Brown, Inslee and Lujan Grisham are the new Blue State Governor role models while Congressional Representatives like Sheila Jackson Leegh and other radicals are setting their sights on attacks on our 1st and 2nd Amendments. Meanwhile, Joe is leaning back in the Oval and letting it all pass before his eyes while he continues his 'unity for all (except for the Right)' messaging, calling Texas and Mississippi's attempts to return us to normalcy as "Neanderthal" rantings. He would do well to remember his history before uttering such words. Neanderthals were skilled tool makers, as evidenced by excavated objects such as spears and flint handaxes. Around 300,000 years ago Neanderthals developed an innovative stone technology known as the Levallois technique which was pretty sophisticated for its time.

Yes, we humans can learn a lot from our forebears and from our contemporaries like Governors Abbott, Reeves and DeSantis and even the venerable Dr. Seuss if we keep an open mind. Pity that the deepest dive Democrats always prefer is one to their own navels.

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