

## Living as neighbors in the state of 'D'enial

Cute headline, but it's not funny when, according to a recent NBC/Wall St. Journal poll, only 29% of Americans say they believe that the President has been cleared of wrongdoing in the 'Russiagate' collusion scandal. Despite an exhaustive two-year plus study that cost 25 million dollars and 40 investigators' time, most Democrats have pulled the covers over their heads and are clicking their ruby slippers in bed while muttering to themselves "there's no place like home, there's no place like home" (back to the safety of their own self-made reality).

Seems like most Democrat Congressional Representatives are following the yellow brick road path laid out by the troika of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Reps. Adam Schiff and Eric Swalwell (all Californians I might add). This goes for House Judiciary Committee Chairman and resident nabob of negativism, Rep. Jerry Nadler, who has pinned a target on the President and offered a bounty to anyone who can produce a smoking gun of wrongdoing that will give him the blond locks of Donald Trump on a silver subpoena.

Living in the state of 'D'enial is something the Democrats have perfected. We saw it happen for eight years under George W. Bush and we're experiencing it again with Donald Trump. It's more than a mantra and much more than a childish tantrum. It's destructive behavior...for all of us. Putting one's head in the sand is the equivalent of pretending it's not your bid in poker instead of playing the hand you've been dealt. People with real psychological problems gleefully enter the world of make-believe and pretend that they're epic heroes from the past (like FDR, JFK or Napoleon Bonaparte). To enter that world, they must sever all connections to reality, say goodbye to their surroundings and disappointments and get their ticket punched in the parallel universe of group-think where all the other 'D'eniars are waiting for them. If you think this is no threat to the rest of us, you're wrong. Anytime anyone chooses to live in denial they diminish our collective chances of coming together (now there's laugh for you, as if Americans are ever going to come together again save for a national catastrophe).

No, the truth is too hard to admit, especially for the Democrats who still insist that Hillary was robbed. They have chosen disbelief over belief, their facts over THE facts and have adopted selective amnesia when it comes to owning up to their responsibility as citizens to make the machine of government work better. They've refined the art of name-calling and character assassination and justify their actions by citing their unassailable goal of making the rest of us buy into their concept of America...using any means necessary to achieve it.

In their game, the refs have been fired and banned from the stadium. The rulebook has been burned as half-time entertainment. Each team's fans must now sit on opposite sides of the field. No one is allowed to mingle, lest some of the dreaded 'Make America Great Again-ness' rubs off on them. It's fourth down and ten and the 'Ds' are busy moving the down marker chain back a few yards, claiming that's it's their right to do so since no one trusts anyone anymore anyway. American politics has indeed become a death match in which it's better to destroy than to build, to diminish rather than increase and to reject uncomfortable disagreement by assuming an alternate reality.

To the casual observer, we Americans must appear to be a schizophrenic lot, incapable of dealing with our problems as if we are motivated by two entirely different competitive ethos. One team is coached by Charles Darwin and the other by Billy Graham. You can guess which is which. That leaves conservatives in a quandary: "Should we let the Dems live in their heads and hope they don't see the folly of their ways while we re-build our defenses, or should we help them out of their cells into the sunlight?" Our principles of neighborliness and charity for all should answer that question for us, but if we do help them will that not only prove that it is us that are living in denial - denial of the Democrats' basic instincts to win at any price? I hate questions of morality, don't you?

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