

The Democrats' Hunt for Red November

Brace yourself. The Democrats' push for creating a radical narrative that America is an unfair, unequal and biased nation against the working man will intensify all the way up to November 2020. This really shouldn't surprise any of us because they've been working on this narrative for years, but it is beginning to percolate up to the surface in many of the campaigns of the now 20 Democrat candidates for President - so much so that it is probably page one of their Dems' 2020 playbook (right after destroy Donald Trump). Most of their candidates are staking out ultra-leftist positions and targeting various demographic groups AND are trying to one-up each other in an all-out screed against capitalism.

Their pitch is being tailored to markedly raise the anger level against the *fat cat rich* who have held the rest of us down, and they will combine it with a 'make them pay' rant to extract more taxes from those who have made their fortunes in the world's most open and dynamic economic system. Their claim will be that the playing field isn't level, that the game is rigged, and that those that have are the enemy of those that haven't. It's an old theme and one that has been used by advocates of socialism or other anti-free market systems for generations, but thus far, it hasn't gained much traction in our country's elections. This rush to achieve 'fair' distribution of wealth to each according to his needs has been going on among Progressives for a long long time. It has successfully resonated in our colleges with our student populations, spoon-fed to them by tenured ideologue professors ad nauseam. In fact, while college students has been a key DEMographic, they have also trained their guns on labor unions, the unemployed and on lower wage-earners who haven't been able to secure themselves a seat on America's prosperity train. Indeed, the poor has always been the easiest group to sign on to any move that would 'soak the rich' and get even with *the man*.

The Left would have them all forget that America wasn't built on handouts or on a belief that we are all owed something for just existing, but the idea of income distribution has always lain in wait for when our economy was in downturn. Just how the Dems are going to run against our current and growing economy is going to be fun to watch. However, no one should doubt that the villainization of successful Americans has begun in earnest. Several of the leading candidates have already taken the gloves off and are couching their socialism in terms of what America needs: single-payer/medicare for all (read: government run healthcare), universal pre-k (read: taxpayer paid pre-k), a mandated higher minimum wage, free college tuition (again taxpayer paid), and even government guaranteed employment.

Those of us that believe that all of these policies would be an actual reversal of our fortunes (binding us to trillions more dollars of national debt) should not dismiss the Left's power to craft a message that 'socialism benefits all.' Giveaways are a potent elixir for those that want more from a government they see as a horn of plenty and one that needs to spill out more of the 'goodies' their way. If we are to keep the gains from the recent tax reforms and craft a sustainable and booming economy on them, we will need to counter the socialist giveaway mentality with anecdotal examples and hard facts about capitalism. We can be sure that the Left will avoid the facts and use emotional arguments (something they always do) so we must be ready. We must also start early, talking about America's real opportunities and serve up compelling case stories of real Americans who have seized those opportunities and made their fortunes. As we move closer to the Democratic primaries, and the hunt for Red November becomes more intense, I am convinced that the Dems' candidates will try to out-comrade each other and probably introduce even more socialist-based suggestions. Ideas may be cheap in political campaigns, but theirs could bankrupt us if implemented.

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