

## Can't help lovin' that man of mine

The Democrats are locked in a vicious dependency circle with their favorite paramour, big government and its current human incarnation, Joe Biden. Their slavish devotion to the impossible (peace through weakness, unity through identity politics and strength through division) are now focused on a 'build back bankrupt' strategy of diluting our once strong economy with a social welfare giveaway bill that would do nothing for our competitiveness or return us to pre-pandemic days. Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein wrote a song for the popular American musical, 'Showboat,' that could well be the theme song for the current Administration and its Democrat followers. The song was "Can't help lovin' dat man," and its lyrics track eerily with the Left's unwavering devotion to a bankrupt (and bankrupting) ideology and their *White House man*. When coupled with a Democrat Congress' 'infrastructure bill' that would send the U.S. on an economic death spiral it's even more poignant.

"Oh, listen, sista (fellow Dems). I love my mista man (Biden representing the Progressive ideology), and I can't tell you why (because it defies logic and common sense). There ain't no reason for me to love that man. It must be something that the angels done play. Fish gotta swim. Birds gotta fly (and Lemmings leap to their death). I gotta love one man (Obama, really) 'til I die; can't help loving that man of mine. Tell me he's (Biden) lazy; tell me he's slow. Tell me I'm crazy, maybe, I know. Can't help loving that man of mine. When he goes away, that's a rainy day, but when he comes back that day is fine. The sun will shine. He can come home as late as can be. Home without him ain't no home to me. Can't help loving that man of mine."

While the Congressional Dems are busy trying to make lemonade out of their lemon-like Trojan Horse, social change cum infrastructure bill, Joe's off in Rome (on his way to Scotland for the upcoming 'Glasgow Conference on Climate Change'). Today he met with the socialist-leaning Pope, Francis, and I'm sure that the subject of hypocrisy (how Joe can profess his love for Catholicism and still support the killing of babies in the womb) never came up. That doesn't mean that they didn't have much in common. Back in 2019, the Catholic News Service (CNS) reported that the Pope invited young economists and entrepreneurs around the world to help create a "new and courageous culture" that finds new ways to do business, promote human dignity and protect the environment. He stated, "We need to correct models of growth incapable of guaranteeing respect for the environment, openness to life, concern for the family, social equality, the dignity of workers and the rights of future generations." The Pope's invitation to attend a conference in which the 'new economy' was to be discussed was entitled, "The economy of Francis" (after the venerable St. Francis of Assisi) and was to be held in 2020. In that letter the Pope stated, "Given this urgent need, each one of us is called to rethink his or her mental and moral priorities, to bring them into greater conformity with God's commandments and the demands of the common good."

Great words, but they didn't fit in very well with St. Francis' teaching. The venerable friar, deacon, mystic and preacher advocated for the protection of all life and didn't make distinctions between protecting animal life and human life. He also understood the vagaries of man when it came to governing himself and was prepared to 'roll with the punches' of secularists that agreed with the preservation of all life. I am sure that both Biden and the Pope could conveniently side-step morality on Joe's visit and find common ground when it came to Biden's party's massive social welfare legislation that would effectively take us backwards from a position of economic recovery. But "birds gotta fly and fish gotta swim" and the Democrats are going to be what the Democrats are going to be. St. Francis knew the difference between a tiger and a goldfinch and treated both differently but with the same respect. Pity that the Left is so invested in a blind leading the blind doctrinaire approach to saving our economy. But they "can't help but lovin' dat man."

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