

A familiar liberal tactic: Mockery

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The left is determined to stifle debate.

They want to silence us.

“One of the cleverest tricks of the left is demonizing perfectly reasonable actions and opinions,” writes conservative author Andrew Klavan.

We’ve seen it so many times – with Republican presidents painted as stupid, sleepy and lazy.

The mainstream press trumpets any inane comment by conservatives such as Dan Quayle, Gerald Ford or George W. Bush – proclaiming the idle misstatement as proof that right-wingers are idiots. However, when Barack Obama, Al Gore or Joe Biden make similarly absurd comments, the liberal press is silent. Remember the uproar when Quayle misspelled the word “potato,” followed by the respectful silence when Obama said he had visited “all 57 states.”

Sarah Palin can’t write speech notes on her hand without reaping ridicule, however Joe Biden can defile the Oval Office by sarcastically speaking the “f-word” into an open microphone and the media politely looks the other way.

What is going on is nothing new. In the Bible, Psalm 1:1 promises us: “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.” In other words, stay away from bad influences and don’t hang around with mockers.

Mockery is one of the left’s favorite tools. Just look at how one commentator treated Fox News host Glenn Beck’s recent rally at the Lincoln Monument:

“Beck isn’t talking about anything historical, since he is not politically astute or intellectually curious,” sneered an opinion piece in the liberal Internet commentary *The Daily Beast*. Beck on that particular day had attracted somewhere between 85,000 and 500,000 folks to a rally on the Washington, D.C., mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

Rather than acknowledge Beck’s accomplishment, the liberal writers took the occasion to mock the Fox News commentator: “Beck is an entertainer, and he does his job with hambone energy. Beck is a fool in the manner of a court jester, a braniac with a pipe in-mouth, a lecturer-in-chief with chalk in hand, a handsome lad mugging to the camera as if he’d just dropped his own birthday cake in his lap.

“I think of him as Quasimodo Lite, a deaf bell-ringer swinging from the Notre Dame of Fox News, a man who is heroically delighted to be our slightly stooped ‘Pope of Fools,’ in this Festival of Fools.”

Just imagine if any conservative columnist had written the same about Barack Obama. The accusations of “racist” would be ringing on every TV channel!

The Daily Beast, which appears each morning on the Internet, continues: “Beck mutters random famous names like pop brands and offers a deal of extemporaneous sighing about loss, regret, children, monuments. It takes a strong man not to break down laughing as Beck rambles, ‘People say, all the time, that trying to fix Washington, we need a George Washington, or, or, or we need a Thomas Jefferson or a Ben Franklin. Where are they? I haven’t seen them. But then I

realize, it's because, we haven't grown them in an awfully long time.' That he continues to ape revolutionaries and pontificators is not a measure of Beck, who is a hard-working stunt artist. It is easier for us to debate an actor babbling nonsensical metaphors about a highway exit."

The liberals have used similar mockery to try to make Sarah Palin appear to be a bubble-headed bimbo. Why?

Because they are terrified!

They're terrified she could end up in the White House. So, since the first day that she appeared on the national stage, they launched a campaign of scorn unmatched in history. It is as if the liberals launch personal attacks on any conservative that they are worried might become a front-runner.

Then, they give their approval to conservative figures who they know they can beat. Frankly, it should be a warning sign when the press does not mock one of the conservative movement's leaders.

If the press likes John McCain or Mitt Romney, then we had better ask why. Then, we have to ask ourselves why we care whether liberals approve of our candidates.

We have to stop being intimidated – permitting our enemies to tell us which of our potential leaders are OK with them. When they anoint someone, we should begin to have serious doubts about that candidate.

We've got to quit taking seriously their insults – and their false labels. One of their favorite slurs is to proclaim conservatives as "racists" or "homophobes (haters of homosexuals)" or worse. One of the newest charges is that conservatives are "Islamophobic."

"Recently, in defending an imam's proposal to build a Muslim Cultural Center near Manhattan's Ground Zero," writes Andrew Klavan, "the left has outdone itself. Rather than engage in serious debate with the vast majority who oppose the project, the mosque's defenders have simply dubbed the opposing viewpoint 'Islamophobia.'

"As ever, the left-wing media seem to rally as one. Within the space of a single week, *Time* put the word on its cover, in the *New York Times* Maureen Dowd accused the entire nation of it and CBS News trotted out the charge in reporting on mosque opposition.

"For anyone born with the gift of laughter," writes Klavan, "the term is absurd to the point of hilarity. A *phobia*, after all, is an irrational fear. Given those aspects of *shari'a* that prohibit democracy, free speech and the fair treatment of the female half of our species, those who love peace and liberty would, in fact, be irrational not to harbor at least a measure of concern.

"The left has no credibility on the subject of freedom of religion," continues Klavan, "In February 2006, liberalism's flagship paper, the *New York Times*, refused to publish the controversial Danish cartoons of Mohammed in order to 'refrain from gratuitous assaults on religious symbols.'

"The next day, it famously illustrated a story with an offensive image of the Virgin Mary smeared with dung."

Does anybody see any inconsistency here?

Another way that the liberal media stifles debate is to just ignore important news stories. As this edition of *Christian Crusade Newspaper* goes to press, we look at some important news stories that the major TV network news programs and the big city newspaper just ignored:

Federal Judge Royce Lamberth has issued a preliminary injunction that froze President Obama's funding for embryonic stem cell research. Lamberth noted that federal funding for research on tiny persons-human embryos-violates the historic 1996 law signed by President Clinton that, in the judge's word, "unambiguously" prohibits such research.

Did you hear anything about that decision in the mainstream press? Anything on National Public Radio? The Today Show? Of course not.

In recent weeks, the federal Third Circuit Court of Appeals struck down several unconstitutional "speech codes" at major universities, helping ensure that conservative students can speak their minds without censorship. So, why the complete silence in the press? Because they do not want the issue debated!

The Obama Administration released a Department of Health and Human Services study showing that roughly 70 percent of parents and teenagers believe sexual intimacy should await marriage. Did you see a Page 1 story about that in the *New York Times*? Certainly not. However, they always give such treatment to any study that shows Christianity is in decline, homosexuality is "normal" or that the government should quit funding programs promoting sexual abstinence to America's teens.

Also ignored in the press in recent days:

In Arkansas, legislation requiring parental notification of a minor daughter's intention to have an abortion (Measure 2) passed overwhelmingly.

In Nebraska, a measure to prevent abortions after the unborn child is 20 weeks of age because of the pain the child feels will be defended by Nebraska's Attorney General should court challenges arise.

In Virginia, Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli challenged "Craig's List" to remove so-called "adult listings" that often link to child predators and prostitution. Cuccinelli also issued an opinion that the state of Virginia can require abortion clinics to maintain appropriate medical standards.

"What is frightening is the sinister schemes of liberal politicians to silence and criminalize political opposition," writes columnist David Limbaugh. Even more alarming "is the apparent eagerness of rank-and-file liberals to go along with them."

They simply do not want free debate to occur

"I believe this arrogant attitude can largely be traced to the top-down indoctrination in our schools, cultural institutions and media that liberalism is morally superior because it is tolerant, diverse, intellectual and enlightened," writes Limbaugh. "This view holds that conservative expression doesn't deserve constitutional protection because it is inherently evil. As one liberal academic administrator said in justifying his Draconian action in suppressing a Christian viewpoint, 'We cannot tolerate the intolerable.'

"This self-blinding, superior mindset explains how liberals can accuse conservatives of racism for their legitimate political differences with Barack Obama," notes Limbaugh. No such accusations are made when the liberals attack Condoleezza Rice or Clarence Thomas.

"It's how they can mock conservatives for being close-minded while unilaterally declaring the end to the debate on global warming because of a mythical consensus they have decreed," notes Limbaugh.

"It's how they can demand that every vote count – and exclude military ballots.

"It's how they can glamorize Jimmy Carter for gallivanting to foreign countries to supervise 'fair elections' and pooh-pooh ACORN's serial voter fraud in their own country.

“It’s how they can threaten the tax-exempt status of evangelical churches for preaching on values, even when the churches don’t endorse candidates, but fully support a liberal church’s direct electioneering for specific candidates.

“It’s how they can ludicrously depict President Bush as a dictator while romanticizing thugs like Hugo Chavez and Fidel Castro.

“It’s how they can falsely accuse President Bush of targeting innocent civilians in Iraq when he does everything possible to avoid civilian casualties but demanded our withdrawal from South Vietnam, which resulted in the massacre of millions of innocents.

“It’s how they can advocate the banning of DDT in the name of environmental progress, but be unconcerned about the untold millions of malaria deaths that resulted.

“It’s how they can oppose the death penalty for the guilty, but protect the death penalty for the innocent unborn.

“It’s how they can prevent the teaching of ‘intelligent design’ in schools in the name of science, but defend the many documented myths of biological evolution in public-school textbooks, also in the name of science.

“If you believe the left is tolerant, open-minded and democratic,” writes Limbaugh. “you’re in for a rude awakening.”