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FBI at Work in Coastal Georgia – May 10

At the fourth True Perspectives Seminar of the year, FBI agent Gene Kowel gave insights on how the FBI detects domestic and international terrorism plots in coastal Georgia. He also covered other FBI programs to combat spying, cyber attacks and old-fashioned criminal acts.

The San Bernardino massacre last year was a gruesome reminder that not just prominent population centers like New York and Boston are terrorism sites. There are now fanatics residing in the U.S. that act without directives from the Middle East but just out of misguided beliefs that jihad against Western values is their calling.

New vigilance requires “if you see something, say something.” Traditional ways of catching criminals were looking at their past acts. Now their first strike is the disaster. Often they prefer perceived martyrdom, so a pattern of “bank robberies” does not reveal their modus operandi.

There was a now renowned avowed terrorist that planned a huge bomb attack in Times Square in 2010, but luck prevented the device from going off. The FBI apprehended him before he could return to Pakistan where he trained in bomb making.

The real quandary with these types of terrorists is that they don't really disclose their plans to cohorts where there might be leaks and advance texts or emails to alert of the impending disaster.

Yet often there are other clues, like in the San Bernardino case, where a collection of guns were observed coming from suspicious characters who were obviously Middle Eastern in origin. (Editor's note: yet but political correctness prevented any alert of the local police or the FBI.)

The message now is when in doubt, call and let the police decide whether to follow up or to call in the FBI. The FBI works very closely with local police, despite the Hollywood portrayals like in *Die Hard*, where the FBI was caricatured as bossy credit seekers who overruled local police.

FBI's Changing Strategy

On cooperation, it was admitted that prior to 9/11, the U.S. security agencies tended to keep information to themselves without sharing with the FBI. That has changed dramatically, as the overall goal is shared by all that the new danger is worldwide jihad and more specifically Home Grown Violent Extremism. Prevention is now the mode rather than investigation and subsequent criminal prosecution.

Kowel himself has had numerous overseas assignments with the FBI in Afghanistan and Iraq to work cases to defend America's Homeland.

The old mode of the FBI used to be mostly quick *reaction*, but the consequences of terrorism make detection *in advance* much more important. And the key tool is talking to people who have information on suspicious activity, and surveillance of potential perpetrators and possible cells to which they belong. It is recognized that the FBI has to overcome basic citizen reluctance to talk, often because of fear of retribution if they are identified. This has been

seen before in basic crime cases, where even victims were scared of being attacked again.

Counter Intelligence – 2nd Priority for the FBI

Surprisingly in this area, the FBI is involved in detecting spying, not just from foreign governments but corporations seeking trade secrets from domestic leaders in technology fields. Also recognize that we have major military bases here – Hunter Army Air Field, Camp Stewart and Kings Bay Naval Station. The U.S. military and U.S. corporations have world leading technology that other foes would love to steal.

Cyber Crime

This newest threat also has close attention from the FBI. The “dark net” has the potential to hide plots from being detected, so the FBI is ratcheting up its skills in this area. Also be aware of their general mode of partnering with other experts, and not containing all the skills internally.

The FBI is actually much smaller than people realize – only 14,000 agents, with another 27,000 backup staff. (Editor's note: this is way smaller than the 93,000 IRS agents and about the same size as the NYC police department.) So the FBI mode of partnering with other law enforcement and detection groups is their forte, as they recognize that often special multi-source Task Forces can be very effective. Some that are temporary task forces are disbanded when the project is done, but very effective in concentrating resources.

Regular Crime

Ironically this traditional area of expertise is now relegated to fourth place in priority for the FBI, not because it is not important to catch bank robbers and kidnappers, but unfortunately due to the rise of these other risks. To oversee this and all the other functions has the FBI organized in 56 major field offices (largest cities), and 380 substations, like the ones on Coastal Georgia.

Here there is still plenty to do other than the new national threats of terrorism and cyber crime.

Gang violence often means surveillance and quick response when the gang leaders have profound influence in drug deals and retribution among gangs. Also there is an emergence of sex trafficking with young women and girls as well as corporate and political corruption (bribery) that warrant applying the special skills of the FBI in this area.

Overall Strategy Evolving

Given the perils facing America the FBI has had to revisit its overall methods in order to work smarter and not just harder. The major terrorism and cyber threats mean it is more important to gather intelligence instead of relying on post event investigation. Federal and state laws plus the U.S. Constitution dealing with privacy do not make it easy to do wire taps to gather intelligence. The popularity of TV programs showing spying on criminals often amuses FBI agents, as they know the ability to get advance judicial warrants is way harder than portrayed in these shows.



SIRC TRUE PERSPECTIVES SEMINAR ON FBI - May10 - Pictures



At the June 8 SIRC True Perspectives Seminar, Brent Bozell, founder of the Media Research Center, delivered a detailed and stirring speech on the current attacks on free speech by the liberal establishment.

Congressional Assault

For example, the 2014 Democratic-controlled U.S. Senate introduced Resolution 19. This tried to control political speech and funding by altering the First Amendment to allow Congress to limit fundraising and spending on political speech and political activity. It would have restricted core free speech protections. Texas Senator Ted Cruz introduced the entire First Amendment to the Constitution as an amendment to this bill. Every Democrat on the subcommittee voted against it.

Agencies Trying It Too - IRS and FCC

Though stymied, liberals continued this tack via the IRS harassment of conservative organizations trying to establish tax deductible organizations. They then tried to control free speech via the "localism" initiative on radio. Like the "Fairness Doctrine" it was another back door way to restrict First Amendment rights.

The current administration's packing of the FCC has also fostered attempts to control free speech. At one time, "monitors" were in each newsroom to evaluate the point of view of the message (e.g., liberal or conservative). Public outcry put an end to this, helped by Rush Limbaugh's call on his vocal 30 million audience.

Hollywood and the Mainstream Media at Work

Hollywood stars whose tendencies are conservative have to hide them, fearful for their future careers. Any statement or support of conservative causes invites retaliation by the liberal Hollywood elites and even the mainstream press.

The most terrifying thing currently is the recent Federal attempts to take over the Internet. This is the last real bastion of free speech and America must be alert to attempts to control it!

Attacks on Rush Limbaugh seemingly came as a result of a massive public outcry directed against his advertisers. It turns out to have been engineered and created by only 17 well-organized radicals.

And the Liberal Education Establishment

College campuses have become bastions of liberalism. Conservatives are not welcome, nor is free speech. Some elementary schools now compare George Washington to Palestinian terrorists. In Seattle, Columbus Day has been replaced by "Indigenous People's Day".

On the issue of global warming, only one result is discussible. Though any reasonably well-read individual knows better, the media protests that no debate is needed as the science is "settled."



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Dealing with Potential Violent Protests

To a packed audience at the Plantation Ballroom, the Savannah Mayor spent an hour outlining the major themes of his administration, starting with the recent current events where activist protests Dallas gave rise to the deaths of five police officers. When protestors appeared in Savannah to highlight their concerns about police, the Police Chief in Savannah joined in their march downtown.

He also highlighted Savannah's tradition of maintaining non-violent protests even during the civil rights movement where other cities experienced looting by some of the protesters. DeLoach expressed his strong view that the mayor sets the tone on how these events can unfold successfully. One can respect the rights of those expressing grievances while not agreeing to their merits. By meeting together in a respectful fashion, one can accomplish very good things while minimizing the adverse outcomes.

Education as a Major Theme

For jobs growth, the education system has to improve – even using non-traditional approaches; e.g. trying to improve results for age 6 months to 3 years. Implementing Parent University should pay dividends in the future, as young mothers realize the importance of very early stimulation of their infants in developing their ultimate potential in later grades. The goal is having all children reading at grade level by the end of third grade. This is a key indicator of later success in school and in job readiness.

Another success was a Summer intern program, where businesses are encouraged to take on young people in summer jobs to get them acclimated to what is required to succeed in the workplace. Some of these young interns even expressed concerns about how much is subtracted in taxes from their paychecks. DeLoach cited his Chief of Staff Martin Sullivan suggesting that skepticism on the worthiness of tax deductions could result in some of these students eventually becoming Republicans. He also lauded the Landings Association's major role in this intern program by employing ten young people this summer.

Anti-Crime Programs

First priority was getting the pay scales for Savannah Police to a competitive level, after resolving quickly the merger issues between the County and the City. Next was addressing attractive career paths to officers to promote longevity to the police units.

Future Actions

A next priority is the hiring of a City Manager (six candidates have been interviewed already). Other progress is being made on issues such as allowing Food Trucks in Savannah. Past administrations had become mired in minutia detail on an appropriate ordinance. DeLoach's approach is to get resolution quickly on needed compromises to get something done, even if it is short of perfection. This is also true of a Taxi Ordinance and an Alcohol Ordinance on drinks in public.

Jobs Programs

Many of the jobs that can be gotten for Savannah might not be the "professional" ones, but rather the mundane

ones such as welding and heating and air conditioning service and repair jobs. He especially cited a local union program of guaranteeing jobs for those who complete some of their Apprenticeship programs. Finally there will be jobs created as SPLOST funds from past tax revenue programs are ultimately expended in building new programs (e.g. fixing the Civic Center).

Q&A Session

The first question dealt with how to solve a fundamental crime problem that many troubles youths grow up in single parent families with no male authority and role model. DeLoach highlighted one major step that Savannah took was organizing a Major Crimes Unit involving all parties dealing with crime in solving the major gang problem in Savannah. Starting last November, major crime fighting units coupled with the FBI and ATF staffs confronted gang leaders to threaten their lifestyles unless they reformed. The goal is a reduction of at least 50% of the violent crimes committed by the less than half a percent of the populace – the violent gang members in Savannah. This technique has worked in other Southern cities and should work in Savannah. (Editor's note: Savannah District Attorney Meg Heap also heralded this program in a past presentation to SIRC and promised to report to the public on its success in future years and months.)

On New York City's former success with "stop and frisk," this is now considered by local judges as problematic with regard to privacy and search and seizure constitutional restrictions when liberal groups lodge protests.

Surprisingly one concern was about a rash of hotel building in downtown Savannah that might create an oversupply. (Editor's note: free markets can sometimes make mistakes, but government's attempt at a solution often creates more of a problem with unnecessary regulations.)

Other questions dealt with fixing the Civic Center as a more appropriate theater and symphony venue, as well as the related question of will the city build another arena.

First DeLoach committed the city to doing something to keep the Civic Center viable and more successful.

As for the Arena project, he also said it is likely to be built but perhaps closer to downtown and the Civic Center. He acknowledged that it is an amenity at this stage because there is not likely to be more than 70 events a year there, but the SPLOST funds were raised by telling the public an arena would be an asset to the city.

On education, DeLoach referred to several successful public school ventures in Savannah (Arts Academy and Classic Academy), but could not be easily leveraged to make *all* the public schools better.

On tourism, efforts are underway to expand the Ambassador program for visible roving experts to direct visitors to desired destinations downtown. Also there is a Blue Team project to project a police presence downtown to reassure outside visitors as well as nearby visitors that security is a major goal of Savannah's public officials.



Voters are Unhappy; and We Ignore Them at Our Peril

By Eric Johnson

As someone who helped lead a political revolution in Georgia and then was able to serve in leadership, I have seen a lot in my 40 years in the political arena. I have been both agitator and “establishment.” What we are witnessing in 2016 is something new and should not to be ignored. Seventy percent of Americans believe that the U.S. is on the wrong track. Both the left and the right believe the system is rigged and they want to throw a brick through the plate glass window of the status quo.

Their frustration is primarily about the stagnant economy and household income. The rich are doing fine due to investments and inheritances. The poor are doing OK due to a generous welfare system. But the working poor, the vanishing middle class, the service economy and young people are struggling to pay for electricity, groceries and college much less access to bandwidth and health care.

In the past, working and middle class families could always count on America’s education system and economy to guarantee that at least their children would move up the economic ladder. Not anymore. The debt brought on by record deficits will assure that our children will not be better off than we are. Young people can’t find decent work. Home ownership is at the lowest level in 50 years. Technology is replacing service, blue collar and administrative jobs. Baby boomers live in fear of their pending retirement.

Social Security and Medicare will be broke in 20 years and pension programs run by state and local governments are at risk of failing. ObamaCare is collapsing under its own weight. Free trade appears to export jobs and lower wages with no benefit to the working class except for reducing the cost of their TVs. More and more regulations are killing small businesses and blocking entrepreneurship. Open borders drive down labor costs, increase demand for welfare and classroom space plus bring in more drugs, disease and criminals. There is real pain and fear and anger that are fueling this political revolution and it crosses traditional ideological lines.

Older voters blame Washington and younger voters blame Wall Street, but they are united in what they believe is the cause of their problems — the political, media and business elite. The so-called “establishment” writes laws and creates regulations that benefit themselves — the ruling class. The people who don’t benefit from special tax breaks, get government pensions or receive mailbox money want the system to wake up and deal with their pay check, their retirement, their health care and their education. They are tired of trade deficits, unending foreign wars and (other) nation building. They also believe that money is corrupting the political system. The Supreme Court said that campaign contributions equal free speech, but they didn’t tell us how people without money should get heard — except to use their right to vote. And that’s what we see in 2016!

Conservative, older and blue collar workers turned to Trump, the billionaire non-politician. It’s wrong to call his supporters stupid and/or racists. They want Trump to go to D.C. and kick butt. It’s not his ideology or vision that matters because he doesn’t seem to have any. But he will be a disruptor and his fingerprints aren’t on the crime scene in D.C. Liberal and younger voters turned to Bernie Sanders, a 74-year-old socialist to take on Hillary Clinton who reeks of establishment and epitomizes a rigged, corrupt political system. They want a radical change in government just like the Trumpsters. What they want may differ, but who they blame is the same.

The establishment and the elite media didn’t see Trump (or Brexit) coming. They couldn’t believe Sanders was a serious challenge to Clinton. But these voters don’t care if their candidate causes chaos. The Trump and Sanders supporters (and the Brexit crowd in the UK) are sending a crucial signal to the ruling class — “we are going to burn down the barn unless you start to address OUR problems.” We saw early signs here in Georgia when businessman David Perdue defeated Congressman Jack Kingston for the U.S. Senate.

We witnessed it locally when Eddie DeLoach defeated Edna Jackson for mayor.

If there is common ground, it is that people want more control of their government. The ruling class doesn’t exist so they can retire with a nice pension, a TV gig and high speaking fees. They expect a government that protects us, empowers us and respects us. They want government to focus on the economy and returning upward mobility to their households. They want corruption prosecuted. They want candidates to limit the influence of money and restore the feeling that everyday Americans come first. And they want no more duct tape solutions. They expect tough decisions that put the next generation ahead of the next election. They want candor, not sound bites. They want to shift power away from Washington and Wall Street and back to those that work hard and raise children.

To those that are watching this revolution with condescension, you ignore it at your own peril. Whether or not you approve of your party’s nominee, you need to judge less and listen more. If you hate the choice between “crude” and “corrupt,” this election should be an eye opener. I predict this movement will be even stronger in 2020 and will reach into local and state elections. The short term view of our country is that we are doomed. But, if we take the long term view, what we are witnessing is the people trying to take back their government.

That’s not a bad thing.... if they succeed.



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She warns of a disturbing new and aggressive tactic of Democrats influencing elections to retain power by stifling free speech. They are not satisfied with relying on well-known loyalists (teachers unions, trial lawyers, environmentalists), and behind the scenes billionaires George Soros and Tom Steyer who sponsor tax-free groups to try to influence elections. Even that dominance was threatened by new counter forces, e.g. Kerry 2004 election thwarted by Swift Boat Veterans.

Further, the 2010 Tea Party enthusiasts helped turn the House Republican. A new worry: Citizens United Supreme Court decision allows corporations to air political opinions.

Obama strategists then devised a way to silence opposition - Intimidation. Appealing to a popular idea of disclosure, they accessed conservative donor identities and threatened retribution as a warning to others.

The compliant mainstream press promoted the words "shadow groups, dark money, anti-gay, possible foreign influence" to scare the public into thinking Obama opponents did not serve the best interests of the country.

Academia was easy to intimidate. Just publicize the "climate denier" papers of faculty differing from liberal orthodoxy on global warming threats. The hidden message: allowing this counter research threatens federal funding.

Harvard's Larry Tribe early on articulated the effectiveness of this new intimidation strategy: CEOs will cave. Justice Clarence Thomas cautioned that disclosure of donor names was not the panacea many thought it would be, because of this intimidation potential.

Early evidence was the IRS delaying tax exemptions of conservative groups. Democratic Senators Durbin, Levin and Schumer even demanded the IRS investigate these groups who dared to express political speech. They later claimed they didn't know the IRS would go to extremes.

When IRS's Lois Lerner thought illegal targeting was likely to become public, she tried to deflect it by blaming rogue Cincinnati agents, but the trail easily led to the White House. IRS head Douglas Shulman met dozens of times with Obama, but, under oath, didn't remember any of the substance of those discussions. Lerner chose to take the 5th, and rely on the new IRS leaders to destroy all evidence - her hard disk "failed", as did many others. And replacement IRS head Koskinen stalled to allow backup tapes to be erased, which took months. Imagine this happening in a Republican administration. Would the mainstream press have demanded impeachment or worse? Obama expressed horror and vowed to find out who was responsible, yet the lead in-house investigator was a partisan Democrat who didn't even interview key aggrieved parties in the first eight months. Obama later claimed this was a "phony" scandal, despite there not even being a legitimate investigation.

Intimidation Worked

Target Corporation was cowered by a Minnesota effort. ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council), a very effective foil to progressives, was prey to this "corporate blackmail." Color of Change group (Rashad Robinson and Van Jones) threatened hometown demonstrations against

every Board member of ALEC companies (e.g. Visa) until they agreed to pull out of ALEC donations. The allegation? ALEC helped to craft "stand your ground" legislation, which opponents claimed was responsible for teenager Trayvon Martin's death in Florida from a racist perpetrator.

Other corporations were subtly intimidated via the *Zicklin Index*, devised by Wharton to characterize a company's transparency on how it donates and lobbies on issues. Other Democratic operatives then go after those on the wrong side of issues, e.g. global warming.

Obama then had a public enemies list of rich people contributing to conservative causes. (*Even Nixon kept his enemies list private*). The Koch brothers had physical threats made to them and their employees. A few on the list fought back on Fox News to rebut the Obama slanders.

The most outlandish intimidation was the Milwaukee District Attorney going after Governor Scott Walker supporters via gag orders and threats of criminal prosecution.

Countering the Intimidation Strategy: Publicize the Four Myths of the Left

- Corporate donor disclosure has broad investor support
- Lack of disclosure is risky for investors (no real effect)
- Most companies comply with these liberal demands
- Disclosure is their only goal (changing behavior is).

Caving makes you a target for more demands. Carly Fiorina's message to those wavering CEOs: "Grow a pair." Shareholder value is not increased by a Greenie agenda. Resist the dozen U.S. senators trying to demonize you as "climate deniers."

Overall Conclusions by Strassel

The intimidation game is real and effective by Democrats in silencing debate via using names disclosed. Disclosure rules on politicians are not working well, e.g. Hillary's private email server, destroyed evidence and other Obama staff also doing it: IRS and EPA.

Disclosure Policy Is Totally Backwards

First Amendment was enacted to protect voters from the government, not the other way around. Disclosure principle has been hijacked; disclosure of government critics helps to silence them.

Election spending laws are drawn up by politicians to help incumbents by limiting newcomers and don't enlighten the public on what needs to change in government.

Government agencies can't be trusted with disclosures. (IRS gave out info to use against enemies.)

Even amount restrictions may not be valid - \$200 per person? Would \$50,000 from one donor corrupt a candidate to do something he or she would not have done anyway? Tom Steyer spent \$70 million to try to keep the Senate Democratic in 2014 (and failed). Transparency is much more important on what the government is doing, not so much who gave what to whom.



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The Trump Factor in American Politics

At a special seminar on Skidaway Island on July 13, Bob Smith gave a free shortened version of his five-week course at Savannah State University to a bipartisan audience. His course in the early summer generated interest and interviews on the Trump phenomenon from the national press.

As a professor of political science, he was fascinated by the meteoric rise of Trump to the GOP nomination with no prior political experience. His course and his summary on July 13 were characterized by him as non-partisan. As we will see in this review, there is some inherent liberal bias in most university professors. (Also, during the Q&A session, liberals in the audience expressed strong and loud antipathy towards conservative ideas.)

In Smith's biographic review of Trump, certain negatives crept in, such as impugning his profit seeking motives as more of a desire for publicity. He decried Trump's contributing to politicians for business purposes as manipulation (as if few in business ever engage in such attempted influence).

He acknowledged Trump's material success (net worth of almost \$5 billion), but pointed out four of his ventures used bankruptcy laws.

In Trump's prior political affiliations, Smith noted apparent inconsistencies, e.g. Trump becoming a Democrat from 2001 to 2009. Smith hadn't noticed that period coinciding with Trump's disagreements with George W. Bush's policies. Trump did support both Ronald Reagan and Mitt Romney.

Smith also implied that Trump may not be such an outsider, as he had done feelers for the U.S. presidency in 1988, 2004 and 2011, as well as for the NY State governorship in 2006 and 2014.

Positive Trump Features

- Overall message – Make America Great Again
- Winning almost 70% of the primaries
- Record number of GOP primary votes

Trump's Negatives

- Volatile rhetoric
- Isolationist/protectionist themes
- Gender controversies
- "Revolutionary" zeal among his supporters
- GOP lingering opposition – Romney, McCain
- High voter negatives: 57%
- Confrontational style
- Unpredictability that might be too calculated
- Public persona different from private (a negative?)
- Insensitive and inflammatory (e.g. "the Blacks")
- Age - he'll be 70 (yet Hillary will be only 69; and who is in better physical health?)
- His apparent belief in "genetic ability"

- Strong opinions (the Trump Way only)
- Tax returns not released
- A master salesman (as a pejorative?).

Conspicuous by its absence was any concession of Trump's formidable appeal:

- As a Washington outsider
- Opposed to political correctness!
- Strong ability to negotiate good deals for America.

Observations on Trump's Run as a Republican

- A newcomer
- Apparent flip flops (abortion, gun control, tax cuts for wealthy)
- Wants to make government better, not limit it
- Wants to reform military, immigration & unfair trade
- Lacks details on most of his program promises
- Wants to keep the entitlement programs

Editor's note: Smith also cited a poll that 21% of Republicans want to cut entitlements. That means almost 80% of Republicans want to keep these programs, but make them solvent using market-based solutions. Use savings accounts to supplement Social Security, instead of promissory notes at low interest rates to artificially prop up the Social Security Fund.

Also, in the Q&A session this topic generated the most heat. Liberals excoriated Republicans for questioning Medicare. No Republican is advocating canceling it, but some changes are needed. For example, it is underfunded right now by some \$40 trillion present value, so it must be addressed! This number, which is part of the actuarial supplement to Congress on Medicare, apparently is not understood by liberals. Or they choose to ignore it because it is someone else's problem a few decades in the future. Some in the audience even questioned if it was true; maybe it is fabricated by partisan Conservatives.

Reasons for Trump's Appeal

- Stressed Main Street over Wall Street
- People have not recovered in past seven years, while Stock market did
- Middle class has not shared in success of wealthy
- TEA Party success in 2010 carried over to him.

Characterizing Trump Voters

- Not super conservative
- Worry that corporations have too much power
- Not sure the GOP is aligned with their interests
- Didn't object to higher taxes on income over \$250,000
- Were not too dissimilar to Bernie Sanders voters who react adversely to Wall Street and organized money.

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Prof. Smith View: A New Electorate Orientation

- People want to keep entitlement programs
- Republican donors and leaders don't understand this (How's that for a classic liberal not understanding the true nature of conservatives versus liberals? Liberals don't corner the market on the moral high ground, and conservatives are not heartless rich people.)
- TEA Party movement was in favor of Wall Street and Big Business (No, it was not; it was for taking back our government, reflecting the people's will).
- Romney's appeal to tax and budget cuts, free trade and deregulation was rejected by the voters. (No, they did not. The Obama re-election machine demagogued Romney as a heartless, rich, old, white guy who did not have your back. They marketed this image relentlessly in the eight largest battleground states.)
- Democrats have a statistical advantage in the Electoral College and have won four of past six presidential elections (Slightly wrong. Go back a few more elections, and Republicans have won five of last nine. Yes, it is true the Left Coasts may be forever lost to Republicans.)

Smith's Clear Departure From "Non-Partisan"

- Don't phase out Medicare at 65 for people now 55
- GOP fails to have specifics on raising the wages of the middle class
- Don't kill health care coverage for millions of American workers
- Don't have empty platitudes for wealth creation and entrepreneurship when voters are skeptical.

Smith did acknowledge that voters are looking for a change (without exactly quoting the consistent surveys that only 3 in 10 likely voters believe America is going in the right direction). He noted that doing well in the GOP primaries were the non-politicians: Trump, Carson and Fiorina.

He even conceded that some of Trump's rudeness and non-political correctness was perceived as refreshing.

However, as a true liberal, Smith scoffed at Trump's fans being less educated and earning low wages (38% earned under \$50,000), while not himself realizing that over 50% of all wage earners make less than \$50,000!

Only 19% had a college degree (Big deal; only about 30% do). And we all know the smartest people are liberals, who know how the system should be run, not trusting the dumb electorate to know what's best for them.

And 19% of Trump's voters called themselves moderate. Who knows how many are actually independents? It's still true today that Trump leads Hillary among Independents.

A Surprise to Smith: Trump's Supporters:

- Have economic insecurity
- Intensely believe in America first
- End birthright citizenship for children of illegals

- Distrust President Obama
- Believe Obama is a Muslim.

A Trump Presidency Offers:

- Protecting pensions
- Unlikely to get America into a Middle East war
- Not being beholden to big money influences
- Wage protection against low wage illegal aliens flooding the country.

Smith's Suggestions to a Trump as President:

- Keep focus on the middle class (instead of the GOP's romance with the rich)
- Keep universal health insurance; mend ObamaCare; don't end it.
- Reform regulations that help the wealthy
- Worry about nursing homes, commuter times, and anti-competitive college tuition forces
- Care about family and work values, not just blindly cutting the size of government as a general principle.

Smith Did Acknowledge Trump Platform to:

- Curtail illegal immigration
- Reform healthcare
- Reform imbalanced trade with China
- Reform the Veterans Administration
- Reform taxes for the middle class
- Preserve the Second Amendment.

A Psychological Evaluation of Trump's Personality

- Authoritarian (What do you expect of a very successful CEO?)
- Anti-elite (a populist opposed to political elites)
- Not gullible (rejects some so-called experts)
- Identifies with America.

Trump apparently had way more of this than any other Republican candidate, and was diametrically opposite of the Democrats (except for Bernie Sanders' stance on anti-elite).

Final Editor's Note: Guess what resonated so much with the electorate this year? Maybe Trump is onto something, and maybe the public knows what it wants and doesn't want in a new leader.



Hillary's America: The Secret History of the Democratic Party

This is a follow-up to D'Souza's last successful film (2016: *Obama's America*) - a severe critique and expose of the true Obama, which the author claims likely got himself a prison term as retribution.

The new documentary opens with a reenactment of D'Souza's trial for making an illegal contribution to a friend's candidacy for an election. He apparently did not know the rule on size of allowable contribution. He admitted his guilt and was surprisingly sent to prison for some eight months (despite being a first offense). The implication was that the Obama administration set him up with a punitive judge, with the message that those who criticize Obama's legacies will pay a stern price, as the sentence was rather unprecedented.

D'Souza claimed that his two prior films exposing Obama's true character of being anti-American and power hungry was the motivation to overly punish him. In retrospect, based on the ultimate effect of this film in excoriating Obama. His next film focused on Hillary, makes it seem his unwarranted term in prison made him even more of a critic than before.

Washington Times: "Dinesh D'Souza's Hillary's America a hit, top-grossing documentary of the year to date

His ultimate accusations of the Obama/Clinton team as borderline crime syndicates at first seems over the top. But it certainly underscores his belief that America is in big trouble if there a follow-up administration of much bigger government controls, suppressing the goals of America's founders that government should serve the people, not the other way around.

The movie's next few scenes portrayed various seedy characters he met in this prison after he interviewed on why they were there. They seemed to open up to him on the methods of their crimes (and were quite proud) on how they bilked the public and were handsomely paid for it until they got caught.

This theme he then proceeded to assign to the current Democratic regimes of Obama and likely Hillary if she were to be elected.

Origins of the Democratic Party

He first went through a paradox of the Democratic Party's false theme that they were the champions of anti-slavery and of the downtrodden.

Andrew Jackson was next skewered for his hypocrisy on race relations, making the case that he owned and vio-

lently mistreated slaves (plus sleeping with some of the female ones). And he was called the father of the Democratic Party.

The founder of the Republican Party was listed as Abraham Lincoln. After the Civil War the Republicans proceeded to free the slaves and give them voting rights and the ability to serve in /congress. Even the first dozen or more black representatives in the South ran as Republicans.

John Fund, *National Review*: D'Souza links progressives' sordid, racist past to the Clintons' current corruption.

He imbued the Ku Klux Klan movement as being founded by Southern Democrats who feared a loss of power if freed slaves gained more power.

Next the myth of who became Republicans in the South was debunked. Only 1% of the racist Southern Democrats became Republicans and they were the ones who rejected the KKK and supported the abolitionist movement. D'Souza did concede that one of the racist Democrats became a well known Republican (Strom Thurmond), but he was a rarity.

Next the Democrats were portrayed as gaining power in the North via big city corrupt practices of fooling immigrants that the Democrats could get them jobs if they continued to vote them into power in places like Chicago. Similarly blacks were fooled by outright lies by Democratic politicians who rewrote history to claim they were the ones who fought against slavery.

The Modern Democratic Party

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was pushed and voted in by almost a 100% Republican vote, and 77% of Democrats voted against it.

The big government believing Democrats in later administrations were viewed as promoting benefits to underemployed blacks to keep them on the government "Reservation" and guaranteeing continuing reliance on the Democratic party via their votes. The movie even portrays the supposed champion of the Civil Rights Act - President Lyndon Johnson only pushing it as an election ploy for Democrats who wanted the loyalty of black votes for generations to come.

D'Souza also portrayed the Democrats as the architects of the Indian Reservations, as place to put displaced native Americans after the Democrats pushed them off their original more desirable lands to be able to sell the plots for profit to Democratic Party officials and election contributors.

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Next the Democrats are tied to Margaret Sanger the founder of Planned Parenthood. Sanger's beliefs in eugenics are likened to Nazi and Fascist beliefs that a master race belief is behind the proponents of sterilization schemes and massive abortion programs. Clips are also shown of Planned Parenthood executives desiring payments for sale of baby parts, thus further impugning the motives of planned parenthood just being concerned with the well being of pregnant women who don't want to carry to full term. Even the location of most of their clinics in inner cities is suggested as a partial motive towards eugenics to prevent the furthering of populations stuck in poverty.

Hillary's Impugned Motives

The last part of the "documentary" proceeded to skewer Hillary as a conniving and pathologically lying power hungry ideologue. She was portrayed as totally taken in by an outright thief turned political though leader Saul Alinsky who wanted to transform America by a massive transfer from those successful to those who the Democrats could control with progressive tax programs.

Hillary wrote her senior thesis at Wellesley on him and even brought him in as a speaker.

Hillary's political transformation aspirations were even considered a motivation for her connecting with congenital philanderer Bill Clinton. She was viewed as clearly enabling him to do that in a marriage of convenience as she recognized his brilliance as a political wizard who would go far, and complement her skills.

Video clips of Bill's voluminous sexual transgressions makes it clear that she knew about them and was willing to accept them because of his political attributes.

The movie also makes a compelling case that the Clinton Foundation is likely a total sham of a fund raising scheme (conning some donors to think it is charity based). But the real colossal criminality is the exorbitant donations by foreign governments to fund Hillary's election campaign> Literally hundreds of millions were given illegally by Russia to gain access to uranium via her State Department approval of a sham Canadian scheme to hide the true beneficiaries of those mineral rights even within the U.S. Thus the reason she deleted 30,000 emails to hide the true criminal nature of the Clinton Foundation. Who in their right mind believes they were only about Chelsea's wedding plans?

Movie Endings

The movie concludes with an impassioned plea to not let Hillary get elected, with a downright name calling of her and Bill as "depraved crooks". (Wow! He must have really detested his time in the slammer to be that over the top on a mere third and possibly fourth teen successor to the Obama legacy of Progressivism in America.)

The very ending consists of inspiring choirs and orchestra playing all the choruses of America the Beautiful and the Star Spangled Banner.

Other Reviewers

Despite its box office success, the movie's published reviews were generally unfavorable. But what can you expect from the generally liberal press and Hollywood supporters?

The more neutral reviewers surprisingly don't attack D'Souza for any inaccuracies, but merely for not pointing out some Republican missteps and foibles. How's that for a naive view of what is going on here?

The Federalist: "Hillary's America is a well-written polemic against the Clintons and their party, and if you are inclined to that point of view already, you will likely enjoy the film."

There is no pretense that this is a fair and balanced evaluation of Hillary and Bill and Barack. Like a court case, this is a one-sided listing of all the worst features of what the Democrats have done in the past, and how untrustworthy, and indeed dangerous, that is Hillary Rodham Clinton is for America's freedoms and prosperity. It is up to her defenders to counter what is being said in this compelling film. Frankly, much negatives were left out, there is so much. D'Souza only picked the major devastating accusations to highlight.

So what did the major critics of the film do? What they usually do - ad hominem attacks on the message and the messenger. They can't afford to concede even a shred of truth to what is being brought out, because it is all basically true. Better to impugn the messenger, and hope the audience believes his strong convictions and devastating rebukes of Obama/Clinton may have caused the author to make up most of everything as an emotional attack on such fine leaders as Barack and Hillary.

Some even criticized the movie techniques as amateurish., hoping to deter others from seeing the movie. However, those who actually did see it, generally liked it and appreciated the way the clips of outlandish statements by Hillary actually streamlined the major flaws in her character.

Furthermore, the audience was treated to a view of history not usually highlighted by progressive public school teachers. Great idea by D'Souza to undermine the big lie by the modern Democrats to try to paint the Republican Party as racists and supporters of the Ku Klux Klan and preventers of allowing blacks to vote.





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