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The Body Politic

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Isn't politics a great adventure? Never knowing whom to believe or what's going to happen next in our state or nation's capitol. A prime example is the recent U.S. Senate in-house praising of how bi-partisan everyone was acting to work on a plan to stabilize the illegal immigration issue... only to end up with a "No Vote" conclusion on the entire matter... with no satisfactory reason for the sudden death of the bill. We have received nothing but political "double-speak" that makes one side look like heroes and the other as villains.

Why are ALL our politicians, on both sides of the aisle, so reticent...dare I say frightened... to attack this problem head on, thinking only of the country's good and not their own welfare? What a bunch of political cowards! When are we as a people going to stand up and tell these fops, "We're just not going to take it anymore!"?

I've been talking to a lot of people over the last several days and there are few issues as disconcerting and confusing as this one on immigration. With a few exceptions there have no condemnations of Mexican immigrants coming into our country to find work. The exceptions are usually from those who are mad at everything and everyone and couldn't find a good thing to say about any person with whom they've come into contact. A few said they got real angry when they saw the Mexican flags flying in those demonstrations demanding that we not take action against any of the illegals... I didn't bother to remind them that it is the media's job to concentrate on the negatives of any situation and therefore they zeroed in on the Mexican flags and overlooked the overwhelmingly more abundant American flags waving as well.

Give these people (illegals) a chance to come in, identify themselves, pay their fine for past acts of trespass, become properly registered and get on with their part of strengthening the American economy. Those who choose to adopt and adapt to our culture, ideals and language should also be given the opportunity to become bona fide American citizens after the proper amount of time. I know I've given this speech before but apparently no one is listening.

Let's digress a bit... Have any of you seen the report showing that cursing and/or swearing is becoming more rampant in our society? Does the word Duh come to mind? I don't know how much was spent to conduct this poll but they could have paid me a lot less and I would have told them the same thing. Specifically, it is purported that 74% of those polled said they come across swearing in public frequently or occasionally. (The other 26% must live in a cave on Beech Knob or somewhere.) Almost half of those polled also said they swear a few times a week or more, and around 64% admit to using the F_ _ _ word at times.

The funny thing, at least to me, is that 66% or more of those polled, who themselves swear, are offended when they hear profanity coming out of the mouths of others. Gosh... do you think if one were to stop swearing himself that his actions could become a catalyst that would lead to less swearing from others? Nah... let's perpetuate the filth by becoming part of the problem and contributing to it.

Isn't it amazing how spin jobs can change the thinking of the American public so quickly? There are media reports all the time trying to besmirch the reputation of this administration using unfounded sources and mangling the facts so they will fit the report. We hear from the left all the time that we are beholden to Middle East Oil sources and nothing has been done to solve the problem... but when our President says flat out we are addicted to Middle East Oil and need to begin new drillings in Alaska and other places who is it that immediately cry "Environmental abuse." Then they climb all over him for being non-friendly to our precious and pristine "wild life areas" even when the people and the Governor and Senators of Alaska are pleading with the ability to tap into their projected large source of oil without leaving a huge ugly footprint in that beautiful region?

It sounds a whole lot like many of my former neighbors in West Virginia who are always crying for an end to mountain top strip mining for the esthetic, ecological and environmental damage it does to our "beautiful" mountains. These same people, it seems, are now the strong proponents of building hundreds of windmills on the mountaintops around the pristine and precious Greenbrier Valley. Are you telling me these 400+ foot metal behemoths are not going to damage the integrity and beauty of those hillsides? It seems it just depends on who wants what and when as to the spin that comes out.

Oh well, politics as usual.

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