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Feminism Part Deux

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A new era has been begun in America... or maybe that should read a new “ERA” era has begun in America. What with many students from all girl schools from around the country, together with a plethora of daughters and granddaughters visiting our capitol to witness the coronation, excuse me, the installation of Congresspersonage Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House... one would think that women of America had a sudden breakthrough in gender rights and privileges. My take on the situation is that we should pray that extra precautions should now be taken to not allow our President and Vice President to be caught together traveling or meeting in the same room.

That which I had been cautioning readers to remember when voting in November has taken place. Nancy Pelosi is first in line behind Vice President Cheney to succeed to the office of the Presidency in the event of the demise of the first two. What’s equally as scary is if the three of them should go to glory in one fell swoop then our octogenarian Senator from WV, Robert Byrd, would be sworn in as our country’s president.

Now folks, lest you should think I’m against women or old people let me set you straight. I believe a qualified woman could more than perform the office of President of the United States... the key word here though is “qualified.” Nancy Pelosi is no more qualified to be President than I am and that’s an understatement. As far as old people go, I am an old people myself and I voted twice for the old people person himself, Ronald Regan, and I think he was the best President this country has seen in a long while.

It’s not the sex or age of the person that is important here... it’s the attitude and agenda each person manifests and represents. Ms. Pelosi’s agenda is one of attacking and vilifying our current president and his administration while turning this country into a weak, whimpering, socialistic entity that would mirror her own hometown of San Francisco, CA. Strong words I realize, but those who think differently obviously don’t listen to her speeches and political rhetoric.

Mr. Byrd, on the other hand, has done many great things for my home state, and if it were possible to keep him in office to keep the money flowing into the state, but not allowing him to make speeches on the floor or vote on critical issues, I would be in favor of keeping him around. But folks, 54 years is long enough to serve in any job... much less the United States Congress. He is 89 years old and I’m sure many will agree that his perspective on most things has been skewed over the years. I would not want him to be President of our country and I think he and the former Senator from

South Carolina, Strom Thurmond are two good reasons to demand mandatory retirement ages on members of the United States Congress.

Ms. Pelosi sees herself as a vanguard for women's rights and equality and allows herself to be touted as a female who has broken down barriers previously denied to women and, therefore, she should be their champion, or championette, or heroine whatever the correct terminology. How come we never heard this talk of a woman's champion when it was announced that Condoleeza Rice was made National Security Advisor for the President, and later confirmed as the first ever, black woman Secretary of State of this great nation? Seems to me that was a fairly huge step forward for women as well. By the way, Secretary Rice is 4th in line for the Presidency after Cheney, Pelosi and Byrd, and I wouldn't feel badly at all if she were to occupy the top office.

Meanwhile Ms. Pelosi's recent ascension to political loftiness has inspired others concerned with feministic endeavors to raise their voices for public consumption. According to a news web site a John Leo U.S. News & World Report article suggests that all of this can get worse if foreign feminist demands are given credence. It seems that young women in Sweden, Germany and Australia launched an attack on something held near and dear by we men folk. They took a stand that men must sit...at least while taking our turn in the bathroom. They claimed, as only radical feminists can, that when we men relieve ourselves while standing we are doing more than spreading ourselves around with the "splash factor." Yes, I confess, it's true... our real agenda while emptying our bladder is actually an act of harassment on our part. The feminist wisdom tells us that by standing up to urinate we are triumphing in our masculinity, "a nasty macho gesture" by their reckoning, and "by extension degrading to women." Liberal ladies at Stockholm University are campaigning to "ban campus urinals and one Swedish elementary school has already removed urinals." Oh those Swedes... how they do go on.

Folks, it would be nice to be able to say positive things about the new Speaker but her agenda is not good for our country. It is my prediction that those who put her in the office of Speaker will be turning on her in a few short months. Anyhow, in the meantime, let's hope she will stand by her campaign promises and rhetoric of being inclusive and allowing the other side of the aisle to have input into legislation to be brought before the House. However, so far it appears she is doing just the opposite.

So until we see each other again.... Men, stand tall!

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