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Liberals Are Dangerous

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I promised myself I wasn't going to do this anymore but each week I read my friend Dave Cottrill's column I'm reminded what started me writing this column in the beginning and I must speak to what he is saying ad nauseam. Some have asked me why bother, he won't change his mind about how he believes. It would be nice if Dave could come around to a more positive view on life in general and politics specifically, but I doubt seriously I will be the agent of change.

Others have asked, "Don't you think you and Dave are both fanatical about your beliefs and the real truth lies somewhere in the middle? Why won't you meet and compromise your thinking and make us all happy?" Unfortunately, those who think that way are really more dangerous for the society than Dave... it's because of you we've had so many of our religious freedoms taken away.

Dave, and those like him, are right up front about what they believe and you know exactly where they stand. You are not sure where you stand and will be the first to acquiesce in the face of a challenge from the ACLU and say piously to yourself, and the world, "Well, so what if we can't pray at high school ball games and graduations anymore, they can't stop us from praying silently." True, but don't you see the stupidity in that statement? Harsh word but it applies. Don't you know you're playing right into the hands of those trying to take away your freedoms? You're missing the entire point of the matter. It's like paying money to settle a case against you by someone you don't know who's accusing you of something you didn't do. You lose!

Dave is wrong in his take on the reason for the war in Iraq and the agenda of those who are up front about their Christian beliefs. What I'm trying to do is put the truth up beside what he writes to give you readers a choice in what you believe. You fence sitters are my target audience because you are so wishy-washy you change sides with the strongest flow of the tide. I used to be just like you so I know whereof I speak. I heard the lies so long, without being able to bounce them off the truth, I had no opinion of my own. I followed the road most traveled rather than the correct one.

For me to compromise my beliefs would be to admit that the fear Dave writes about, and by which he is driven, has some credence. Dave has a good heart. He sees hurting people and he wants to make them well. He sees the poor and he wants to see them solvent. Commendable thinking up to that point but to cure the ills of the less fortunate Dave wants to take what you and I have and redistribute it. Socialism is not the type government the American people want for the USA.

Rather than allowing our country to seek out oil fields and build nuclear reactors to reduce our need for foreign fuel sources Dave would have us rid ourselves of SUVs and drive diminutive,

two door Ford Escorts or electric vehicles. With the liberal mindset, the environment takes a higher priority over the rights and comfort of the people.

I know Dave will be sorry to see Sandra Day O'Connor leave the Supreme Court because she makes judgments based on her feelings rather than what the Constitution actually mandates, just as he does. He will be glad to see Justice Rehnquist retire because he tries to adhere to the original meaning of the Constitution in making his decisions.

I hope Dave and I will remain friends but there's no way I could compromise with the rhetoric he puts on paper each week, otherwise I would have to get a large stash of Prozac to get through each day of my existence. I respect Dave and I respect his thoughts on how to put together a good sounding Barbershop quartet, but I can't respect his thinking on politics, religion, the moral condition of our country and many other things.

I respect the right Dave has to believe what he believes and to tell others what he believes. However, as I said in this column last week, I believe he and anyone else who uses the public forum to criticize our government in the middle of a war is playing right into the enemy's hands. His statements, so vociferously vented, add unnecessary months and years to a war that could be ended more quickly with a united American front against terrorists. No one likes war, but to be anti-war in any situation for any cause is not realistic. One cannot negotiate with a people whose stated purpose is to bring the whole earth into subjugation to their Allah and his supposed prophet Muhammad. They must be met with force.

Let me remind you again why we are at war. We are fighting in Iraq to give its citizens a choice of leadership rather than having to accept the tyrannical, evil rule of a murderous despot. It is a good and noble goal and one that requires sacrifices of both money and lives. To say we're there for nefarious reasons is only furthering an agenda not in keeping with the truth. Those who are opposing us over there are not citizens of Iraq interested in the peaceful future of their country. They are religious zealots from other countries who are, like the Palestinians, recruited for one purpose only... to disrupt any peace effort in the Middle East.

Dave, we are not the enemy and as supposedly learned as you are you must know who the real enemy is.

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