

When Will They Ever Learn?

In 1955 Pete Seeger wrote the song “Where Have All the Flowers Gone.” I remember it because the Kingston Trio recorded it. In it was the refrain ‘When will they ever learn?’ So I borrowed the line as the title of this essay. (No, I am not liberal. I am terribly conservative.)

You and I, my fellow Conservatives, frequently say to one another, “When will the Republicans in Washington ever learn?” I think I know the answer: “NEVER.” Not a good conclusion, but a realistic one. There are two reasons why I have come to that conclusion: First, we Conservatives complain about matters in Washington DC, hereinafter “Foggy Bottom,” but about all we do is singing to the Choir and then retreat to our hovels. Second, none of us, You and I, our Pundits and Bloggers, and our Politicians, do not know how to set aside our differences and unite around the greater problem which is the Demise of the United States of America.

The other day I wrote an article for a newsletter in which I said I am behind Trump and Fiorina. I explained that both were willing to say in direct words what are the problems we face, they do not waste their time on Political Correctness, they do not back down, and they do not apologize for what they say. I said the Grass Roots should pro-actively get involved in support of the tone Trump and Fiorina were using, whether for the two in particular or one or more of the other Republican candidates. I was told by a person that I offended them for what seemed to be their position that I was “pushing Trump.” I may not entirely agree with Trump’s pompous manner and I may have some concern for may have been Fiorina performance as HP’s CEO – but I like what they are doing because they are doing the very thing, and in the manner, the Grass Roots Conservatives have demanded yet never have experienced from our Republican officials in Foggy Bottom, or for that matter much elsewhere.

And it is not just that reader of my article who misses the point. Most, if not all, of the Conservative Blog Sites, CBS, have cried out in objection to Trump’s remarks about FOX’s Megyn Kelly, as have their liberal TV network counterparts. Erick Erickson, the RedState Blog, has pouted about Trump remarks and in a PC move “disinvited” Trump to his RedState Gathering. (Reminds me of a child who will not share his sandbox.) To the point: Kelly was entirely out of order with her line of questioning. She was no different than the liberals on CBS AND CNBC. If you paid attention to her facial expressions and color tone when Trump replied to her ‘war on women’ question you could clearly see she was irritated and uncomfortably out of sorts. Erickson and others expressed their indignity, based on their interpretations, that Trump was also referring to Kelly hormonal condition. That was pure PC. Do you recall Dolly Parton’s poking fun at a woman’s behavior in “PMS Blues?” How many times have you, men and women, attributed the nasty behavior of a female to ‘going through her period?’ You and I may not believe it is the best of choice of words, if indeed that is what Trump meant, but to shut down a candidate that is given Voice to the Grass Roots is not acceptable either.

So no, I do not think the Blogs, such as Red State or others in Old Dominion, understand how unhappy the Grass Roots are any more so than do the politicians in Foggy Bottom. I do not think those Blogs realize how necessary is Trump. Without the force of Trump the Foggy Bottom Boys (PC gender neutral) will never change. And I think it is essential that Fiorina is saying much the same as is Trump, but in a different manner. I think the Foggy Bottom Boys are so committed to wearing the Cloth of Power they are unwilling to learn. (Perhaps the situation is more of a case of not being willing 'admit and change' than it is one of 'learn.') As for the Pundits – their reasons are little, if any, different than those of the Foggy Bottom Boys.

But let me finish with the following thoughts. The individual whom I offended said they would roll over and die before they would vote for Trump. If Trump were the Republican candidate for President and this is what they did then their country will have rolled over and died. This is no different than what happened in the case of Romney. Far too many Conservatives stayed at home on Election Day and Obama won. So a lot of Conservatives took the position of 'my way or the highway' and in return they got what they earned. The only problem my Nation and I are suffering the consequence of that pugnacious, no-compromise attitude. Was Romney whom I wanted? He was not. He was PC, wimpish, and indecisive. And though I do not think he would have stood strong against the liberal, progressive agenda he would not have deliberately destroyed this Nation as Obama has, and has yet more to do.

And this is what scares me. We Grass Roots Conservatives may continue to do our singing to the Choir and then retreat to our hovels. If we do then when will we ever learn? My answer I am very afraid is, "NEVER."