

Should You Hate the Media?

1975 was an exciting time to be at Boston University's School of Public Communication. There we were, about 30 students seeking a Master's Degree in Broadcast Journalism. All of us thought our quest was noble, that we would become purveyors of truth, skilled fact-finders and truth-tellers in the Watergate tradition. The lessons presented were well worth the tens of thousands of dollars I had to pay for them.

Forty-five years later, having reached the top of my profession, I generally despise my own industry, something I never could have predicted. Here's why.

The national TV press is presently controlled by six major corporations that use their vast power to profiteer while attempting to destroy ideological enemies. The coverage of Donald Trump's presidency has proved that statement beyond any reasonable doubt.

The stage was set early when a New York Times columnist wrote that because Mr. Trump was so loathsome (to him and his liberal colleagues), the basic tenets of fair journalism no longer applied. Get Trump was the new rule.

The mandate of an honest journalist is to seek the truth, even if the facts of a story go against your personal belief system. It is wrong to simply publish accusation and allegations, you must scrutinize all charges. If you cannot find solid facts to prove a story, you then must balance it – giving both sides equal weight.

Did that happen in the Russian-collusion situation? Of course not. The New York Times and Washington Post printed story after story damning the Trump operation. The network news and CNN took their cues from those liberal papers, constantly deriding the President and those who supported him.

Then Special Counsel Robert Mueller blew it all up. Federal investigators could find no evidence of collusion.

But no apology for unbalanced and fallacious coverage was heard from the corrupt national media. Instead, it segued into the shameful impeachment hysteria.

Please understand this: the primary reason the House of Representatives voted to impeach President Trump is that Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the Democrat members knew the national press would give them cover and blatant support. The media portrayed Adam Schiff and other anti-Trump zealots as heroes. This despite strong evidence the Ukraine whistleblower secretly coordinated with Schiff, a blatantly political and deceptive act.

From the very beginning, there was no balanced coverage of the impeachment story, no attempt to put forth both sides or to provide perspective. Mr. Trump was portrayed as guilty of "high crimes" in the Times and Post, as well as on television, in Hollywood, and in the publishing industry. Any high profile person who had the temerity to disagree was mocked or worse.

The cold truth is that the men who preside over The New York Times and The Washington Post, and they are all men, believe THEY should be running the United States, not Donald Trump, who is a vulgarian in their eyes. These men well know the Democratic Party will blindly follow their editorial lead as will TV news executives at CNN, NBC, ABC, and CBS.

Thus, the so called "free press" in America has become an industry that now seeks power over Americans. The far left vision these operations usually champion cannot be realized at the ballot box, the bosses know that. So it must be imposed by destroying progressive opposition, which the media does with enthusiasm. Just ask Brett Kavanaugh.

The key question is: how many of us realize what is actually happening with the dishonest, power mad media?

Impossible to say. But for those who do understand the corruption, the danger to American freedom is obvious.

And that is why I have come to despise my own industry.

A Sharp Left Turn

It is difficult to process just how far left some elements of the Democratic Party have moved since President Obama left office, so to speak, and that will definitely influence the upcoming primary vote.

You may remember that Mr. Obama once publicly opposed gay marriage, and his administration deported record numbers of foreign nationals who had illegally entered the United States. Compared to the leftist zealots today, Barack Obama could have filled in for Sean Hannity.

To provide perspective about exactly where some Democrats are now, it is worth enumerating a few of the policies that ardent leftists support: changing the free market economy to socialism where the federal government controls profit, production, and investment.

Allowing millions of foreign nationals into America while they “await” asylum hearings that could take years, while also using tax dollars to pay for the healthcare of all illegal aliens.

Allowing felonies like robbery and drug dealing not to be prosecuted and forbidding cash bail for many arrested individuals. Police in places like San Francisco and New York now issue citations or tickets for even violent acts like physical assault.

Permitting abortion for any reason at any time. In some places, babies can be terminated after birth by an abortion doctor.

Just a few years ago, supporting those radical policies would have eliminated a political candidate from serious consideration for office. Now, many in the Democratic Party embrace them.

The recent confrontation with Iran illuminates the situation. There is no question that the Iranian general Soleimani was a terrorist, responsible for attacks on Americans including the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. Yet, among the democrats running for President, only Michael Bloomberg supported the drone strike on the Quds Force leader. Bernie Sanders actually condemned the USA for killing the terrorist, a startling and disturbing position.

Nevertheless, Senator Sanders continues to compete effectively in the presidential race despite the fact that he would completely disengage U.S. forces from the Middle East, and attempt to run the private economy from Washington, something that has never been done in the history of this country.

Realistically, it would take a drastic shift in voter sentiment for Sanders or his fellow traveler Elizabeth Warren to win the White House. That most likely will not happen this year.

But the dramatic shift to the left by the Democratic Party is now official and no one knows if the radical forces will grow.

Who would have thunk it?

Exposing the Threat

Perhaps the worst thing to happen in America last year was the continued rise of the totalitarian left, which now controls some democrat presidential candidates, and many college campuses, aided by a corrupt media.

The “woke” movement is a threat to every American as the idea behind it is to literally destroy opposition to progressive policies.

Wall Street Journal columnist Peggy Noonan put it this way: “The past decade saw the rise of the woke progressives who dictate what words can be said and ideas held, thus poisoning and paralyzing American humor, drama, entertainment, culture and journalism. In the coming ten years someone will effectively stand up to them. They are the most hated people in America, and their entire program is accusation: you are racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic; you are a bigot, a villain, a white male, a patriarchal misogynist, your day is over.”

While Ms. Noonan’s description of the totalitarian progressive movement is stunningly accurate, she’s a bit late to the table. She once wrote that she believes all “misconduct” accusations because she doesn’t know any women who would falsely accuse, a preposterous piece of analysis when money is often involved.

Yet, let’s give Peggy Noonan credit for clearly identifying a brutal American problem: the presence and acceptance by the media of culture assassins.

“Bow to them,” Ms. Noonan writes, “and they’ll accuse you even more of newly imagined sins. They claim to be vulnerable victims, and moral. Actually, they’re not. They’re mean and seek to kill, and like all bullies are cowards.”

But it is almost impossible to “stand up” to these brutalizers because they are well organized and funded. Corporations fear their boycott abilities and the media gleefully trumpets every accusation they spew without skepticism.

So who could possibly bring them down?

I don't know. But I do know that many Americans indeed hate these people. Their media projects almost always bomb and their overall loathsomeness is apparent to anyone with a sprinkling of intelligence.

However, like Senator Joseph McCarthy and other destroyers, they are having their day. And they are hurting the country.

Drastically.

Be it Resolved

Every new year, columnists suggest resolutions to powerful and famous people who promptly ignore them. Nevertheless, I am going to do this knowing full well that my effort might go unappreciated. So what else is new?

I fully realize that it is presumptuous of me to tell others how to conduct themselves in the public arena. But I do this with America's welfare in mind. So here we go.

President Trump might resolve to avoid consigning deceased people to hell. There just doesn't seem to be much upside to doing this. Purgatory, okay, but Hades is a bit extreme.

Nancy Pelosi should resist scolding reporters who ask if she hates Donald Trump. Even though she says she is praying for the President, it sure looks like she despises every fiber of

his being. She hasn't consigned him to hell yet, but she once suggested that he visit San Francisco, which is pretty much the same thing these days.

Adam Schiff might consider a resolution not to meet with federal "whistleblowers" until the whistle is actually blown. Advance coaching in whistle land smacks of corruption, Mr. Schiff. Are you not aware of that?

Mitch McConnell should resolve to hold a fair impeachment trial providing it does not run longer than 90 minutes. Enough time for Senator Lindsay Graham to call the proceedings a sham, and Senator Chuck Schumer to bring in a medium to contact President Andrew Johnson, who may be spending eternity in San Francisco.

Joe Biden has many resolutions from which to choose. One would be not to say the words "in fact" twenty times in every paragraph. Another might be to put Hunter up for adoption.

Bernie Sanders should resolve not to say the word "billionaire" in 2020. But then Bernie would have very little to shout about in his speeches. Maybe he could replace billionaire with "Bloomberg." Same thing.

Elizabeth Warren might resolve to cut back on her "plans" because they are far too complicated. A fun resolution would be for her to endorse making the crime of home invasion legal. That way, people could take stuff from other people without the government's help. Which would cut down on the bureaucracy.

Vice President Pence should take a hard look at resolving to say just one thing in 2020 that Americans will actually remember.

Mayor Pete knows what his resolution must be. No more wine in caves. Far too dangerous with all those bats in there. And for some reason Elizabeth Warren is put off with this wine-

cave scenario. Whiskey is okay.

Rudy Giuliani also knows his resolution. No more Ukraine. Even though the beaches are fabulous. Wait. Putin has seized the beaches. Doesn't matter. Ukraine should never see the mayor again under any circumstances.

James Comey needs to resolve not to do anything in 2020. Self-induced coma. Tubes for nutrition. Nothing and Comey should bond. For the good of us all.

Finally, the corrupt media should collectively resolve to keep on keepin' on. Why not? As long as Trump is president why bother gathering legitimate information that shows the big picture both good and bad? Why run with that when it is much easier and far more enjoyable just to hate Trump. It's a gas, gas, gas, as the Stones once sang. Of course, the press has an election to cover this upcoming year and it will root, root, root, for the home team – the democrats! Yay. Be it resolved! The dems must win in 2020 or the media will be humiliated once again.

And so it goes, with thanks to Linda Ellerbee for coining that phrase.

Happy New Year!

Unless Trump wins.

Wisdom

Americans are in danger and it's kind of complicated so please stay with me here. Way back in 1722, an anonymous source who called himself "Silence Dogood" sent a newspaper editor a few opinions. One of them simply said: "Without freedom of

thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom.”

Mr. Silence Dogood was really Benjamin Franklin. And he was just 16 years old when he wrote that. Incredible.

Today, there are groups that are paid big money by private individuals and political action committees to attack freedom of thought by designing propaganda campaigns that aim to silence opposition. Through his “Open Society Foundation”, far left billionaire George Soros funds some of this but he is not alone. Millions of dollars from both left and right wing zealots flow to the assassins of wisdom, something that would have appalled young Benjamin Franklin.

Let’s look at a few examples. If you believe abortion is morally wrong based upon a theological dictum that says only the Creator can alter life from conception to natural death, your belief is no longer respected. No, some will brand you a misogynist, a hater of women. You may very well be shunned as pro-life people were by the “Women’s March” organization.

If you believe in traditional marriage, again dictated by a religious tenet, you are “homophobic.”

Therefore, on some college campuses, your opinions will be shouted down because you violate “human rights.”

And in some areas you won’t even be able to buy a sandwich from Chick-fil-A because its founder believes in man-woman nuptials exclusively, as is his right under the Constitution.

It’s the same for global warming. The fascist consulting groups are now saying that if you are at all skeptical of that, you are a “climate-change denier.”

This is particularly odious because the people who created that expression did so knowing that “holocaust denier” is a death brand all over the world. If that sticks to a person, he or she is finished.

The propagandists know what they are doing and the press loves the branding. It is provocative and hurts traditional people, something the media, in general, relishes.

Which brings us to the 14-year-old boy in Florida who was beaten by other children because he supports Donald Trump. This is a stark warning to every thinking American.

That kind of violent action did not happen when Barack Obama was president even though there were strong feelings against him among some conservatives. The malicious "birther" movement stemmed from that.

But the difference is that the press, academics, and responsible political leaders all rejected that hateful birther campaign.

Now, however, hate directed at President Trump is considered acceptable among many in the groups I just mentioned. And the kids know it.

Freedom of thought doesn't always lead to wisdom as Ben Franklin surely knew. But lockstep rejection of different beliefs bolstered by loathsome propaganda does always lead to brutal tribalism.

The United States is headed down that road and we the people are in danger.

And only we the people can stop this by sending the fascists a message at voting time.