

I Said It Before and I'll Say It Again



In 2011, I wrote a column entitled “Let’s Ban Another ‘N’ Word” because I was sick and tired of people using references to Hitler and his Nazi regime to label and describe people and their actions with whom they disagree. I’m talking about people and their actions here in the United States. Whatever the situation (with the exception of abortion, but that’s a whole other topic), there are no atrocities being carried out in this country that could even begin to compare to the horror that the Nazis inflicted on the people in Europe.

Revisiting this subject is the result of my recent attendance at a production of the play, “The Diary of Anne Frank.” We were able to hear the words of this remarkable young teenager, who, between 1942 and 1944, lived in a 16’ x 20’ attic with mother, father and sister and four other people in Amsterdam, in an attempt to hide from the savage brutality of the Nazis, and who believed “in spite of everything, that people are truly good at heart.” Hiding and living under those conditions, simply because she was a Jew, you would think she

would've become angry, miserable and cynical, the way people on the far Left today view our country.

While I sat in that theatre, I couldn't help but think about Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's recent comments that there are concentration camps right here in this country:

Some might argue she specifically distinguished "concentration camps" from "extermination camps" but I'm not so sure Ms. Ocasio-Cortez even knows the difference. In either case – it was a living nightmare. Even the über Left Mayor of New York, Bill de Blasio, took exception to her reference: "I respect her greatly and I feel very close to her in terms of philosophy, but of course she was wrong. You cannot compare what the Nazis did in the concentration camps." I'm sure the average person also makes no such distinction. The mention of "concentration camps" raises the spectre of the Holocaust and the slaughter of 6 million people. Whatever Ms. Ocasio-Cortez meant, her comments only insult those people who actually suffered and died during the darkest years of the 20th Century.

We could sit here all day discussing legal vs. illegal immigration or whether this country should adopt an open borders policy or amnesty. We could discuss the reason why Congress is reluctant to act on immigration, the existence of sanctuary cities that refuse to enforce the duly-enacted laws of the United States, what to do with the hundreds of thousands of people seeking "asylum" here and our "catch and release" policy that allows people to disappear into the country without any way to require their appearance at court hearings.

But to invoke Nazism into any of this discussion is, at worst, stupid, or, at best, completely misinformed and totally absurd. More important than any of the name calling is the most significant fact in this whole discussion which I have not heard one talking head on television discuss or confront

Ms. Ocasio-Cortez with during interviews.

Hitler specifically and intentionally rounded up Jews, homosexuals, Jehovah Witnesses, Roma, disabled people and others for no reason other than he deemed them to be “undesirable.” ***It was involuntary. It was not their choice.*** Absolutely nothing like that is going on in this country.

The President hasn't sent troops south of the border to “round” people up, bring them across the border and put them in concentration camps. People, in the thousands, ***voluntarily*** come across our border with every intention of staying in this country. Whether they are choosing to immigrate into America legally or illegally or whether they are seeking asylum or not, they are crossing our border and they need to be processed by immigration officials in accordance with our laws. If they intend to come into this country, they have to know that they will be detained, their children may be placed elsewhere, and their applications handled in whatever length of time it takes. ***It is their choice.*** How does their voluntary entry into our country compare to what the Nazis did?

When I listen to Ms. Ocasio-Cortez, she reminds me of the tedious home shopping network hosts that have a list of talking points who spew endless, mindless, repetitive thoughts to include those talking points. I'm not even sure Ms. Ocasio-Cortez knows or understands what she's saying. I wonder if she has ever visited any center at the border or any of the concentration camps in Europe or could even identify Josef Mengele, Adolf Eichmann, Reich Marshall Hermann Göring, Hans Frank, Alfred Rosenberg or Julius Streicher. She and others like her, are so blinded by their ideology that she just talks without thinking and hasn't truly examined what she's saying. I'd like to think that the U.S. Representative from New York is not a stupid woman, but when she makes these kinds of statements, what would any ordinary person (Independent voters) think? I can't believe any of them

thinks this woman is rational.

Unfortunately, she's no different than the any number of people who claim President Trump is a Nazi. In my previous column, I mentioned numerous references to "Nazis" by all sorts of people including Rep. Steve Cohen (D-Tenn), who claimed the Republican attack on health care reform was akin to the propaganda disseminated by Nazi Germany. George Soros, the left's sugar daddy and multi-million dollar contributor to MoveOn.org and NPR, likened Fox News to Nazi ideology. A Republican caller to the Rush Limbaugh radio show called Rush a "brainwashed Nazi." At a townhall meeting, a woman confronted then Rep. Barney Frank and asked him, "Why do you continue to support [Obama's] Nazi policy?" Union members compared ex-Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker to Hitler. It goes on and on and on and never ends.

In other words, if you don't agree with me, you're a Nazi.

It's becoming a meaningless cliché and using "Nazi" to make your point only makes you intellectually lazy. Stop already!

I don't get it, but if you do, God bless you.