

# They Have to Decide if They Want to be Liberal – or Unhinged

☒ For a while now I have been worrying about liberals. Not all of them, of course, just most of them; especially the supposedly smart elite ones.

Some of the things they've been saying are more than a little screwy. So I thought maybe they were going mad. Now I have second thoughts. Unfortunately they're the same as my first thoughts. Now I'm convinced they've lost their minds.

Before we start ... a warning: You may think I made up some of the following examples. You may think I'm just having some fun at the expense of libs. Nope. Everything is real. You know the old saying (that I just made up): Out of the mouths of liberals comes some pretty wacky stuff.

First, there's Old Reliable, Chris Matthews, the man who never lets you down when it comes to giving liberals a bad name. During the GOP National Convention he suggested that when Republicans link Barack Obama to Chicago politics – (wait for it!) – they're being racist.

"They keep saying Chicago by the way, have you noticed?" Matthews said on MSNBC, also known as Obama Re-election headquarters. "They keep saying Chicago. That's another thing that sends that message – this guy's helping the poor people in the bad neighborhoods, screwing us in the 'burbs."

That's when another liberal, journalist and author John Hielemann, chimed in with, "There's a lot of black people in Chicago."

Get it? Every time Romney tries to tie Barack Obama to

crummy, corrupt Chicago politics, what he's really doing is appealing to white racist Republicans, the only kind of Republicans there are, in the worldview of many elite liberals.

But if that was a 9.5 on the nutty scale, Matthews MSNBC colleague Lawrence O'Donnell hit the jackpot with a perfect 10.

O'Donnell was on the convention floor, and informed by MSNBC host Martin Bashir that later that evening Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell would tell the delegates, "For four years, Barack Obama has been running from the nation's problems. He hasn't been working to earn reelection. He's been working to earn a spot on the PGA tour."

Here we have another ugly example of Republican racism, at least as far as Lawrence O'Donnell is concerned. "We know exactly what he's trying to do there," he said. "He's trying to allied (sic) Tiger Woods, and surely the lifestyle of Tiger Woods, with Barack Obama. ... These people reach for every single possible racial double entendre they can find in every one of these speeches."

So if you say Barack Obama spends too much time on the golf course and not enough time trying to fix the nation's problems, that's the Republican not-so-subtle way of reminding everyone that a) Barack Obama is black – like Tiger Woods – and b) that he has the same "lifestyle" which almost certainly means that the president – like Tiger Woods – fools around with women who aren't his wife.

Thank you, Lawrence, for that brilliant analysis. I would have never thought of it. And neither would anyone else *on the entire planet* – except for people suffering from CDS – Conservative Derangement Syndrome, a terrible disorder that strikes liberals young and old whenever they come into contact – even through the TV screen – with anyone to the right of

Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

As Washington Post journalist Jennifer Rubin said on CNN: "MSNBC has to decide if it wants to be liberal or unhinged." I think we can agree that MSNBC has already made that decision.

And then there's the hilarious "joke" from Yahoo! News Washington Bureau Chief David Chalian, who was caught on an open mic during ABCNews.com's Webcast during the GOP convention. With a major storm heading for the Louisiana coast while Republicans were having a good time in Tampa, Chalian said Mitt Romney and his wife Ann were "Not concerned at all. They're happy to have a party with black people drowning."

Before you could say "Mitt Romney used to be the Grand Wizard of the Michigan Ku Klux Klan" Chalian was fired. But is that fair? After all, he only said what so many other liberals in and out of the media say about Republicans – when chit-chatting among themselves. Chalian's crime was saying it out loud into an open microphone. (He later apologized.)

And you remember Clint Eastwood's routine with the empty chair. Bet you didn't know the lousy bigot was just one more old, white Republican male spewing racism on national television.

Someone called Mike Elk, who is described as a labor journalist, tweeted, "Eastwood chair rant was RACIST, white man putting dirty words into mouth of black man like a puppet."

And a blog on the left-wing Think Progress Web site weighed in with this: "You can't escape the racial subtext of what happened last night. Eastwood scolded an (imaginary) black man for his perceived slights to the American way in front of an audience of millions, and a sea of mostly white faces laughed and egged him on."

There's another old saying (that I did not make up but wish I did): "The only people who see everything through a prism of race are skinheads and liberals."