

Bill Maher's Hypocrisy Knows No Bounds

☒ About a year and a half ago, I wrote a column on this website about comedian Bill Maher. It was in regard to an asinine comment he had recently made about then presidential candidate, Herman Cain. I made my opinion known, and decided afterwards that I wouldn't bother wasting any more of my time writing about Maher because the guy is an attention-hungry buffoon whose egotistical sense of self-importance isn't really deserving of any mindful analysis.

And let's face it... Maher's kind of a boring topic these days as well.

However, after reading online that he was on his HBO show last week, actually whining about how he's being over-taxed, the display of absolutely epic hypocrisy was so rich that I felt compelled to break my vow.

Speaking to the show's panel, Maher said, "You know what? Rich people – I'm sure you'd agree with this – actually do pay the freight in this country. I just saw these statistics, I mean, something like 70 percent. And here in California, I just want to say liberals – you could actually lose me. It's outrageous what we're paying – over 50 percent. I'm willing to pay my share, but yeah, it's ridiculous."

I found the comments to be stunning, even for him.

First of all, the fact that Maher "just saw" a statistic that's been cited regularly on television and radio for nearly three years now is nothing short of pathetic. For a man who clearly considers himself an intellectual, that's pretty darned embarrassing.

More importantly, Maher has for years made it a personal

mission to excoriate the Tea Party movement for spreading the exact same message that he apparently now endorses himself. For having the gall to believe that Americans are *taxed enough already*, he has branded the Tea Party as a group of ignorant racists who are deserving of our disdain. Except now, he agrees with them.

It doesn't get much dopier than that, folks!

I suppose this can all be explained away as one of those episodes of a liberal endorsing liberal policies only until they are the one being hurt by those policies. We see that kind of thing happen from time to time. But if that's the case, this truly has to be one of the most dramatic examples of it. Maher, after all, donated **one million dollars** to President Obama's Super PAC for the intended purpose of snuffing out the very policies that would have helped keep his overall taxes from going up. And now that they *have* gone up, he's warning liberals that they may *lose him* because of it?

Hopefully there's a psychologist on staff at the Playboy Mansion because Maher may very well need an evaluation.

Now, I don't believe for a second that the liberals will ever *lose* Bill Maher in any sense of the word, but if they did, the ramifications could be quite serious...

What would aging political hacks like Paul Begala do without a platform to behave like attention-starved adolescents on national television while a young, not-so-bright studio-audience mindlessly applauds everything they say? Who would fill the void of delivering sexually deviant jokes about Sarah Palin and Elisabeth Hasselbeck while escaping all criticism from the mainstream media and feminist organizations? Where would fans go to find their weekly fix of Pope/Nazi comparisons, or hear awkward fantasies about our president going 'gangsta'?

Hopefully, Maher will fall back in line soon, and this is just

a temporary setback for the left. I'd hate for things to get messy, after all.

Hypocrite-in-Chief

✘ **Hypocrisy** – n. The practice of professing beliefs, feelings or virtues that one does not hold or possess; insincerity.

While claiming his concern for America's children, President Obama cancels White House tours instead of cutting the countless numbers of wasteful projects, grants, and studies that fail to benefit any American life. Hypocrisy at its finest.

Sequestration was part of President Obama's Budget Control Act of 2011, which required \$85 billion in mandatory across-the-board budget cuts and was supposed to be an incentive for Congress to cut \$1.5 trillion over the next ten years – a mere drop in the bucket, by the way, in my humble opinion. But, of course, that never happened.

Instead of dealing directly with Congress to compromise on what could be cut – and there's a helluva lot that can be cut – Mr. Obama went around the country, in his inimitable style of belly-aching, whining about the disasters that would befall the United States if the sequester happened. Instead of showing some true leadership, Mr. Obama looked like Chicken Little crying, "the sky is falling, the sky is falling." He failed to propose a single cut from the hundreds of useless and wasteful programs funded by us, the U.S. taxpayers.

How hypocritical is all this coming from a President who thinks we don't spend enough already on education? Remember during the State of the Union Address, he spoke about working

with states to “invest” (aka “spend”) money to provide “high-quality preschool” to every child in America. For years, we’ve heard from him about hiring 100,000 new teachers (imagine all those union dues that will go to Democrat candidates) rather than insisting on more effective teachers.

Rather than providing an opportunity for school children to learn about our government by visiting the White House, he spitefully decides to cancel all White House tours. I’m sure he’s hoping the public will attribute this action to the Republicans, and, in the end, win back the House in the mid-term elections. I hope the American public isn’t that stupid, but time will tell. I have my doubts.

So, for a guy who says he wants to put our children’s education first, his actions actually show he doesn’t much care about American schoolchildren. It’s all about the politics.

I guess he thinks sending a delegation to Hugo Chavez’s funeral in Venezuela was more worthy than our children even after its Vice President announced the expulsion of two U.S. diplomats for an alleged plot to destabilize its government.

I guess he really believes the TSA needs \$50 million in new uniforms?

I guess he’s really behind Secy. of State, John Kerry’s decision to release \$250 million of the \$1.5 billion in aid to the Egyptian government led by the anti-American, anti-Semitic Muslim Brotherhood.

I guess he’s okay with lots of federal employees attending conferences at our expense. I read there were more than 894 conferences last year that cost us \$340 million. From my own experience, conferences are about a whole lot of people talking and getting absolutely nothing accomplished. How about taking some advice from the King (not you, Mr. Obama – the real “King” as in Elvis) – “a little less conversation and

a little more action.”

I know, in reality, Mr. Obama doesn't want to cut \$1 in spending and just wants to raise taxes and raise taxes and raise them some more. But really? C'mon. Couldn't he come up with one suggestion to cut even \$1 from our federal budget?

And how about all the government agencies that overlap?

How much does all this cost us?

- Fifty-six programs across 20 agencies dealing with financial literacy.

- More than 2,100 data centers – up from 432 a little more than a decade ago – across 24 federal agencies. GAO estimated the government could save up to \$200 billion over the next decade by consolidating them.

- Twenty programs across seven agencies dealing with homelessness. A report found \$2.9 billion spent on the programs in 2009.

- Eighty-two “distinct” teacher-quality programs across 10 agencies. Nine of them address teacher quality in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

- Fifteen agencies administering 30 food-related laws.

- Eighty economic development programs.

If he really wanted to cut some pork out of the budget, it was a no-brainer. The fact is he doesn't want to. He'd rather lay sequestration at the door of the Republicans, when it was Mr. Obama who put it into play by signing the Budget Control Act of 2011, so, with the help of the mainstream media, the public can blame Republicans and not him. Nice move. It may work.

Rather than do his job, Mr. Obama talks about his concern

for America's schoolchildren on the one hand, and yet shuts the White House doors to those same children. What a hypocrite.

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

Do As I Say, Not As I Do

✘ When he resigned earlier this month, I thought, with "certitude," that we'd heard the last of lawmaker Anthony Weiner's texting, sexting, lying, denying and whining, but I was wrong. Just when I thought it was safe to go back to Twitter, I read that he didn't have a current registration sticker on his Nissan Pathfinder. Apparently, the expired license plate on his car was actually issued to another one of his cars, so, according to the NY DMV, the Pathfinder was unregistered.

I just got new tags for my car and paid twice as much as I did last year. A friend of mine missed her renewal date, was stopped by a highway patrol officer and given a ticket for not having current tags on her car. I guess the law doesn't apply to Mr. Weiner – unless he's caught, of course.

Another Congressman, Charlie Rangel, who was the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee that writes the nation's tax laws, seems to be exempt from prosecution for tax violations. He failed to pay 17 years' worth of taxes on rental income from his Dominican Republic property and blamed sloppy bookkeeping and his inability to speak Spanish. He received a public censure from Congress but an 'at a boy from his constituents who re-elected him to his 21st term in November.

He's not the only bum in Washington who doesn't pay his taxes. Some federal employees owe \$1 billion in back taxes,

including 41 presidential employees who owed a total of \$831,000. Three employees in the Office of Government Ethics alone owed a total of \$75,000! In my world, if you owed the fed any tax money, you wouldn't be a federal employee.

And, of course, who can forget Timothy Geithner, Treasury Secretary who oversees the IRS, who failed to pay \$34,000 in taxes between 2001 and 2004 and employed a housekeeper whose immigration documentation lapsed while in his employ.

Under D.C. law, members of Congress are exempt from parking tickets when on "official business." It turns out that some irresponsible Congressional members owe a total of \$15,000 in outstanding fines as of mid-March. Roll Call contacted some of these scofflaws and guess whose name popped up? Yep, you got it. Anthony Weiner coughed up \$2180 in outstanding tickets *after* Roll Call contacted me.

One of the biggest examples of hypocrisy to me is when President Obama tells all of us that we should be more "green" – use less fuel, consider hybrids and electric cars –and then turns around and increases the government's limousine fleet by 73% since taking office. What's more disturbing is that the statistics reported by iWatchNews can't even be confirmed by the General Services Administration because of its "unreliable" accounting. Leslie Page, spokeswoman for Citizens Against Government Waste is outraged. "If the government can't track limos, I'm not sure we should trust the numbers they put out there on anything."

I've always registered my cars, paid all my taxes, and never gave advice or an opinion about something but failed to follow it myself. The people in Washington D.C. don't seem to mind doing exactly that. Only when they're caught do they start making up lame excuses for their actions. A staff aid failed to follow through, my bookkeeper goofed, I don't speak Spanish, my dog at my homework.

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