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Let's Ban Another "N" Word

✘ I'd like to think that, for the most part, the "N" word has been abolished in our civilized society. With the exception of it being bandied about amongst young Blacks, something which I will go to my grave not understanding, the word has been pretty much eliminated from everyone else's speech. Almost.

You may not know but there's a new "N" word that's constantly being used today by both the right and the left and I'm sick of it. I'm talking about the use of the word "Nazi."

It makes me cringe every time I hear the word used or when people compare someone to Hitler. First of all, I'm not even sure the people who use this word even know its full meaning.

The term *Nazi* derives from the first two syllables of *Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei*¹ and members of the Nazi Party identified themselves as *Nationalsozialisten* (National Socialists), rarely as *Nazis*.

Adolph Hitler, arguably the most evil political figure in the 20th century, rose to power under the banner of Nazism and, unless you're a Holocaust denier, his beliefs resulted in the systematic persecution and murder of approximately 6 million Jews and countless numbers of others who didn't fit into the Aryan ideal.

I'm not naïve to think that the American Nazi Party doesn't exist and I certainly remember the Nazis' march in Skokie, Illinois, but it and other neo-Nazis who wish to resurrect the beliefs of a most contemptuous man are on the fringe of our society with no real political power.

Yet, the word is thrown around in today's public discourse, not towards self-identified Nazis, but towards others with whom one doesn't agree. You would think, based on the frequency the word is used, that the killing of millions of people was an every day occurrence and the ideology behind the slaughter was alive and well in America.

For example and on a lighter note, "the Soup Nazi" was a nickname of a character on "Seinfeld" and used as an exaggeration of the excessively strict regimentation he demanded of his patrons.

On a more serious note, Fox News Chairman Roger Ailes said, in response to the firing of Juan Williams, the executives of NPR "have a kind of Nazi attitude. They are the left wing of Nazism. These guys don't want any other point of view." Sure, NPR has a liberal bent, but really, Roger, are they "Nazis?"

Rep. Steve Cohen (D-Tenn), had no intention of apologizing for and defended his comparison of Republican attack on health care reform to the propaganda disseminated in Nazi Germany. In other words, you don't agree with me, you're a Nazi.

On CNN recently, George Soros, the left's sugar daddy and multi-million dollar contributor to MoveOn.org and NPR, likened Fox News to Nazi ideology.

Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-NY) said the Arizona immigration law was akin to Nazi Germany.

A Republican caller to the Rush Limbaugh radio show called Rush a "brainwashed Nazi."

At a townhall meeting, a woman confronted Rep. Barney Frank and asked him, "why do you continue to support [Obama's] Nazi policy?"

And the latest comes from union members who liken Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker to Hitler.

I've seen numerous pictures, signs and placards depicting both Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama with Hitler-style mustaches.

Enough with the Nazi/Hitler references. Please. No one is ever going to convince me that there's an ideology at play or any imminent threat in America that even compares to the atrocities carried out under Hitler's command. Nothing.

Comparing one of the darkest moments in the 20th Century – if not the most evil – to people with whom one disagrees, or to a policy with which one opposes, diminishes the evil that truly was Nazism and its leader.

With some exception, we, as a people, in this great nation have eradicated the other "N" word from our speech. I really wish we could abolish the use of the word "Nazi" and all references to Hitler when we simply dislike someone's thoughts and policies.

Nazism and the vile human being who rose to power under its aegis should remain a part of world history where they belong. To use the word Nazi or compare someone to Hitler in such a cavalier fashion diminishes the import of how the Nazi movement actually affected the rest of the world. They, and any reference to them, certainly have no place in 21st century America.

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

Juan Big Hullabaloo

✘ If I had ever imagined for even a second that Juan Williams would be at the center of a controversy, I would have guessed that he had appeared on TV wearing a turtleneck instead of his customary tie and jacket.

Mr. Williams, after all, has done very well for himself being the well-mannered, soft-spoken, black house liberal on the various Fox opinion shows. He is less moronic than Alan Colmes, less egotistical than Geraldo Rivera and better-looking than Leslie Marshall.

So imagine my surprise when I woke up one morning to discover that NPR had fired him because of some innocuous comments he had made about Muslims on The Factor. He had merely confessed that he gets nervous when he sees Muslims in full regalia at the airport. Well, with apologies to Steve Martin, excuuusse me. But if Muslims aren't supposed to make us nervous at airports, why do I have to stand in line for an hour going through security, remove my shoes, belt, keys and wallet, and flash my ID 27 times before boarding an airplane?

Is it, perhaps, because those darn Swedes are acting up again? Is it possible that those rascally Aussies are planning an invasion? Or have the Amish finally decided it's high time we all got rid of our cars and phones, and started getting around in horse-drawn surreys, the way God intended? One can almost hear their blood-curdling battle cry: "Today, Pennsylvania; tomorrow, the world!"

Everyone who has the good fortune not to be Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar or any of those other politically correct creeps on the left, knows that most of the worst mischief being caused

all around the globe has Allah at its source. Does that mean that every Muslim is a terrorist? Of course not. Some of them merely fund the terrorism.

We should never lose sight of the fact that not every Russian was a Communist and not every German was a Nazi. But enough of them were, so that tens of millions of innocent people died before the reigns of terror ended. And just because a Muslim isn't cold-blooded enough to be a killer of women and children doesn't mean they disapprove of those who are. Otherwise, why have so many of them cheered on Arafat, bin Laden and Ahmadinejad, and why have so few, even here in America, spoken out against the butchers who act in the name of their religion?

Be all that as it may, it was my friend, Ron Radosh, who contended in an early morning email that NPR had wanted to unload Williams ever since he spoke out against the NAACP and the racist policy it adopted after its glory days in the 60s. These days, the NAACP is as anti-white and as leftwing as any group in America. But how would it look, Radosh mused, if NPR axed a black man for speaking out against a black group? But once Williams voiced his rather benign comments about Muslims, it provided NPR with the perfect cover to do what they'd been aching to do for the past year.

Speaking of the NAACP, isn't it rather insensitive for them to continue calling themselves the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People? Even David Duke doesn't call them colored people. I guess the reason they don't change "Colored People" to "African Americans" is that the NAAAA sounds too much like an auto club.

One thing I hope a Republican House will do is to finally quit funding NPR with our tax dollars. They don't have to say it's because National Public Radio does nothing but parrot whatever crapola it's fed by the DNC. To disguise their true motives, they can follow NPR's sneaky example and merely blame it on

the economy.

When, later in the day, Radosh praised Juan Williams for speaking out against NPR for firing him, I suggested he was over-reacting. Mr. Williams is neither a martyr nor a hero. For one thing, before the day was over, Fox had extended his contract and given him a raise. I am betting he will also get his own show, although between his regular appearances with Bret Baier, Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity and Greta Von Susteren, I'm betting he already has more camera time than any of them.

Furthermore, nothing had changed during those 24 hours except that NPR had fired him. He had been quite happy to cash their checks for several years in spite of NPR's being nothing but a propaganda machine for the loony left. There was nothing noble or heroic about Williams biting the hand that had fed him so well. It was merely a case of sour grapes. It's much like the career criminal who finally sees the error of his ways...once the handcuffs have been slapped on his wrists.

I do have a question, though. For years, the definition of a conservative was a liberal who'd been mugged. I wonder if now that he's been mugged, Juan Williams will finally see the light.

But for those of you who don't believe Radosh when he suggests that NPR had been biding its time, waiting for a politically correct excuse to dump Williams without alienating its fan base of unrepentant 65-year-old hippies, I'll whisper just two little words: Helen Thomas.

Don't you suspect that the Hearst organization was overjoyed when she made her vile comments about Jews and Israel? I'm betting there were champagne corks popping all over the home office.

Or do you really think they wanted their White House correspondent to be a nasty, senile 90-year-old crone whose

face had been stopping clocks and frightening children all over Washington, D.C, for the previous 20 years?

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NPR's Alicia Shepard is a Pinhead. And how about Nina Totenberg?

When you live inside the liberal bubble, you have no sense of reality.

Selective Apologies

✘ The recent firing by NPR of Juan Williams (one of two of my favorite liberals) brought to mind, once again, something that I've seen over and over again in the media – public apologies.

Not from Mr. Williams. His statement about Muslims on airplanes requires no apology – his opinion is shared, I'm sure, by many Americans in these post-9/11 days. I'm talking about the public apology from NPR President Vivian Schiller. The day after his firing, Ms. Schiller said Mr. Williams' comments should've been “between him and his psychiatrist or

his publicist" implying that his views were so out there that he must have mental problems. Only after such comments received negative press did she issue a statement, "I spoke hastily and I apologize to Juan and others for my thoughtless remark."

There was no problem with the firing of Mr. Williams because his remark about Muslims on airplanes was politically incorrect, was not in line with NPR's left-wing bias and his frequent appearances on Fox News didn't sit well with the powers that be. I don't believe the far left's sugar daddy George Soros' \$1.8 million donation to NPR on the same day Mr. Williams was fired is just a coincidence.

To prove my point, remember in 1995 when Nina Totenberg said, if there was retributive justice, Jesse Helms or one of his grandchildren would get AIDS from a transfusion. That vile comment obviously didn't bother NPR because Ms. Totenberg is still its legal affairs correspondent.

I'm convinced public apologies are made for a couple of reasons. One, the person got caught doing something he or she shouldn't, or two, the negative press was just too overwhelming and someone had to backtrack. If no apology is given, it's because the statement, no matter, how reprehensible, is the politically correct way of thinking.

This past summer, a producer for an NPR-affiliated radio station said in an email she would "laugh loudly like a maniac and watch his eyes bug out" if she were to see Rush Limbaugh suffering a heart attack. Only because of the fallout over the exposed emails did Sarah Spitz issue a statement she "made poorly considered remarks about Rush Limbaugh to, what I believed was, a private email discussion group from my personal email account."

In the spring, a memo from the Bergen County Education Association, a teacher's union in New Jersey, surfaced which

said, "Dear Lord this year you have taken away my favorite actor, Patrick Swayze, my favorite actress, Farah Fawcett, my favorite singer, Michael Jackson, and my favorite salesman, Billy Mays. I just wanted to let you know that Chris Christie is my favorite governor." Association president, Joe Coppola, said the "prayer" was a joke and was never meant to be made public. Christie didn't see any humor in the memo.

Who can forget Julianne Malveaux's statements about Justice Clarence Thomas, "I hope his wife feeds him lots of eggs and butter and he dies early like many black men do, of heart disease." No apology necessary because he's a conservative.

Bill Maher, never one to hide his disdain for Christianity, regularly rants against religion and says things like Christians are "part of a dress-up cult that hates sex and worships magic." He preaches to the choir so he's not going to get any huge public outcry over his remarks.

Rosie O'Donnell said on The View that "radical Christianity is just as threatening as radical Islam in a country like America." And after saying 9/11 was an inside job, she's still getting her own talk show on Oprah's new OWN network. Why O'Donnell continues to have job offers is beyond me.

Jesse Jackson, thinking he was speaking with a (like-minded?) Washington Post reporter when he referred to Jews as "hymies," issued the following apology, "It was not done in the spirit of meanness. However innocent and unintended, it was wrong."

When he made the comment, "I wanna cut his n^*s off," unwittingly into an open microphone about then Presidential candidate Obama, he had no choice but to apologize for his crude comment.

And then, of course, there are the politicians who issue soul-searching apologies – after they're caught – like Bill Clinton, South Carolina Republican Governor Mark Sanford, former New York Democratic Governor Eliot Spitzer (who now has

his own talk show, by the way), former Colorado Democratic Senator, Gary Hart, Louisiana Republican Senator David Vitter, and the list goes on and on and on.

One apology I and many others will not accept is from Jane Fonda when she said, "I will go to my grave regretting the photograph of me in an antiaircraft gun, which looks like I was trying to shoot at American planes. It hurt so many soldiers. It galvanized such hostility. It was the most horrible thing I could possibly have done. It was just thoughtless." Nice try, Jane.

Of course, there are the celebrity apologies – Tiger Woods, Kobe Bryant, Mel Gibson, Jesse James, Ted Haggard, Michael Vick, Mark McGwire, Michael Richards, and John Mayer. Again, always after their deeds have been exposed in the media.

And, finally, last but not least, the winners for the all-time, most transparent, most insincere, most dishonest apologies – criminal defendants. Has anyone ever seen a less contrite "I'm sorry" than one coming from the mouth of a criminal defendant right before sentencing? I've yet to see a defendant who wasn't reading from a little piece of paper, no doubt written by his defense attorney, how very sorry he is to the family of his victim(s) and that if he could, he would surely trade places with them. Yeah, right. When was the last time you heard of someone walking into a police station saying, "I'm sorry, I just robbed/raped/murdered my neighbor"?

Perhaps it's just human nature. Still, a lot of it, I don't get but, if you do, God bless you.