

Liberals, Like Fish, Are All Wet

Burt and Yvonne wish all the readers on BernardGoldberg.com a Happy Chanukah and a very Merry Christmas.

One of the many things that make liberals so obnoxious is their hypocrisy. For instance, when campaigning against Christmas symbols, they make a mantra of “separation of church and state,” although those words never appear in the Constitution. They appeared in a letter that Thomas Jefferson addressed to the members of the Danbury, Connecticut, Baptist Association. While insisting that a person’s religious beliefs were a personal matter, he did not expand upon the Constitution’s very specific wording, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

Nothing there that prohibits communities from doing whatever they want to do in the way of celebrating Christmas or any other religious holiday. It’s only Congress that is limited. The Founders had a legitimate distrust of the federal government and they didn’t want to risk the establishment of something akin to the Church of England. But they weren’t quaking in their boots over decorated fir trees standing in the town square or people wishing one another a Merry Christmas.

When it serves their purpose, liberals like to quote Jefferson and pretend that he is one with them. However, pretending that Jefferson, the man who filled his Declaration of Independence with references to the Creator and inalienable rights, those rights that can only be granted by God, was an atheist is the sort of self-serving rubbish that liberals make a practice of promoting.

It's no surprise that Rhode Island's Governor Lincoln Chafee recently decreed that Christmas trees be referred to as holiday trees. He is, after all, a liberal, although he labels himself an Independent, and therefore, takes his marching orders from the loons at the ACLU.

On the other hand, liberals take strong exception to the Second Amendment, which gives law-abiding citizens the right to bear arms, and they would gladly have it nullified, even though its importance is patently obvious; otherwise, the Founding Fathers wouldn't have placed it right after the First Amendment, the one guaranteeing freedom of religion, free speech, a free press and the right to peaceably assemble. It's obvious that the Founders believed that without the Second Amendment, the First risked being merely words scribbled on parchment.

Liberals assume they hold the high moral ground, taking it upon themselves to determine who is a decent American and who is a racist, even though it's been their policies that have kept so many of those in black communities poor, ill-educated, fatherless, drug-riddled, violent, and as dependent as little babies on the federal government.

For good measure, it's been the liberal media that has raised such miserable reprobates as Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton to prominence, anointing them black leaders and providing them with megaphones.

Liberals elected Barack Obama, a man with no particular experience, a foggy past and a circle of friends and mentors who, in a more honest society, would mostly be in jail. They accuse anyone who opposes his socialistic policies of racism, but turn a blind eye and deaf ear to their party leader, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, when she attacks military veteran and fellow member of congress, Allen West. They are also deaf and blind when half a dozen members of the Congressional Black Caucus return from Cuba, singing the praises of Fidel Castro,

while the Caucus simultaneously slimes millions of decent, law-abiding, tax-paying Americans who have found their voice in the Tea Party movement.

Liberals attacked George Bush for signing the Patriot Act, but have no problem when Obama prolongs it. They called Bush a dictator, but they have no problem with Obama's giving the NLRB and EPA legislative powers, provided they continue their pro-union, anti-business, agendas.

Although liberals had a conniption fit every time President Bush took off for Crawford, Texas, they have no problem with Obama's spending more time playing golf and raising campaign funds than trying to curb spending and doing something about our \$15 trillion deficit.

Although leftists were always trying to find an excuse to impeach Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld, they don't find it even slightly annoying that 16 of the 20 green energy companies that have received federal loans, Solyandra among them, are owned by major bundlers for Obama.

If Obama didn't spend so many of his waking hours attacking millionaires and billionaires, it wouldn't be nearly so egregious that he spends so much time trying to get his hands on their money. Wouldn't it be nice if once in a while, he would forgo one of his \$35,000-a-plate fund raisers and, instead, ask that they voluntarily donate the dough to the IRS? After all, he maintains that seven out of 10 millionaires that he knows would like to see their taxes raised. Isn't it high time he called their bluff? Perhaps he could start with his pals, Jeffrey Immelt and Warren Buffet.

The world of liberalism, I've concluded, is full of bubbles. There's one bubble filled with liberal arts professors, another filled with mainstream journalists, a third for defense attorneys, a fourth for actors, screenwriters and directors, and so on. These bubbles serve as self-contained

universes. It's not that these vacuum-packed elitists are unaware that other people exist, but they regard them as a sub-species, only fit to buy their newspapers, watch their TV shows, purchase their CDs and pony up their kids' college tuition. They refer to these suckers contemptuously as the folks they fly over. But even at ground level, liberals feel that they tower, morally and intellectually, over these inferior specimens.

My friend, Bernie Goldberg, who spent nearly 30 years in the trenches at CBS studying liberals in their own environment, came to the conclusion, as he wrote recently, that liberals regard themselves as moderates for the same reason that fish are unaware they're wet. They simply have no other frame of reference.

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