

# **“United States of America, R.I.P.” and “Politics, Guns & Surgery”**

The Democrats apparently think they can get away with anything simply because the major media outlets are in the tank for them, and perhaps they can. I suppose we'll have to wait until the mid-term elections to find out if America really is prepared to pull the plug on itself.

Clearly, Obama and his gang thought it wouldn't cost them any votes if the Department of Defense suspended death benefits to the widows and children of soldiers killed in Afghanistan. Apparently, they were equally copacetic about shutting down the outdoor World War II Memorial to military veterans, while throwing open the National Mall for a demonstration by illegal immigrants and some of their publicity-crazed supporters in the House.

Speaking of the shutdown, I don't think it's right for people to complain that none of the golf courses on military bases where Obama likes to play were closed for the duration. After all, Obama needs a place where he can unwind after playing all those other rounds of golf.

It is almost beyond belief that people like Obama and John Kerry can still find nice things to say about Syria's al-Assad and Russia's Putin just because they're going through the motions of destroying Syria's stash of chemical weapons. But when it comes to House Republicans, Obama calls them “saboteurs.” Chuck Schumer labels them “extortionists and hostage-takers,” while former Obama speechwriter Jon Favreau draws the line at extortionists; to him, they're just “hostage-takers.” White House advisor Dan Pfeiffer insists they're “terrorists,” while Sen. Dick Durbin agrees they're

“terrorists,” but adds that they’re also “squealing political pigs.” Harry Reid calls them “anarchists” and Nancy Pelosi is equally convinced they’re “arsonists.” Al Gore claims they’re “political terrorists,” while Sen. Angus King of Maine refuses to beat around the bush, insisting they’re nothing more or less than “murderers.”

I realize that the Democrats are taking comfort in the polls that show that whereas 65% of the people hold House Republicans responsible for the shutdown, only 50% lay the blame at Obama’s feet. They’re convinced it will lead to the Democrats retaking control of the House in 2014, enabling Obama to complete his mission of radically transforming America in his own disgusting image.

Now, if I were an extortionist, an arsonist or a hostage-taker, I would probably keep this to myself, but I’m not that sort of guy. The truth is that while everyone claims to hate Congress, they do not hate their own congressman, who happens to be the only member of the House they actually get to vote for. That is why the incumbent generally gets re-elected.

On the other hand, when half the people hold the president responsible for bad stuff, that tends to shred his coattails. Therefore, Democrats who’ll be running in 2014 would do well to realize that Obama will be gone two years hence, but if they keep pushing his loony agenda, they could be gone even sooner.

Also, it’s the president who gets tarred with a bad economy. The recession of 2008 was created by people like Chris Dodd, Barney Frank and Sen. Obama, but it was George Bush who got blamed and the Republicans who suffered the consequences.

In the meantime, Republican politicians would be wise to recall Reagan’s 11th Commandment, cautioning his colleagues not to speak ill of other Republicans. For one thing, a circular firing squad not only makes them look dumb, but it

provides Democrats with a blood bath they can wallow around in, like pigs in mud. I know from my own experience that Republican politicians, by and large, are no smarter than the folks on the other side of the aisle, but there's really no compelling reason to provide Democrats with sound bites to use in future elections.

When I state that Republicans are as dumb as Democrats, I don't mean to suggest that they are equally vile. After all, in the same week that Obama decided that the federal government couldn't possibly accommodate World War II veterans or pay death benefits to military widows, he decided it was essential to hand over 450 million tax dollars to continue funding NPR and PBS. From Obama's point of view, it made perfect sense because both of those media entities are constantly promoting him and his agenda, whereas what the hell have old veterans and young widows ever done for him?

It was also the same week that Obama decided to deny money and military hardware to the Egyptian army. This was seen in Egypt, Israel and everywhere else in the Middle East, as Obama's casting his lot with the Muslim Brotherhood.

That would certainly seem to be the logical conclusion. On the other hand, it could simply mean that he has the same contempt for Egypt's military that he has for our own.

### **Politics, Guns & Surgery**

One of the basic problems with those on the Left is that they become infatuated with certain words while choosing to ignore their meanings. For instance, one of their favorites is equality. Unfortunately, equality is merely a concept. No two individuals are really the same; human beings, after all, are not robots, although liberals come close. For sane people, equality translates to equality under the law and equal opportunity to achieve one's goals.

For progressives, though, it doesn't mean either of those

things. To their way of thinking, it means equality of outcome. Nobody is supposed to be more talented, brighter or more successful, than anyone else. To their way of thinking, if you have a bigger house, a more expensive car and more money in the bank, it can't be the result of greater effort on your part. The only answer is that you cheated the fellow who lives in a hovel, drives a wreck and relies on welfare to cover his expenses.

There is a reason, after all, that socialism has been defined as an economic system in which misery is shared equally, except by those who run the system.

I was surprised to read that Glenn Beck, in calling for Obama's impeachment for sending arms to the Syrian jihadists, wrote: "We did not get into bed with Hitler to defeat Japan." What he seems to have forgotten or chose to ignore is that FDR did get into bed with Stalin to defeat Germany.

In the meantime, Pope Francis, who talks as much nonsense as Juan Williams and Alan Colmes put together, told Europeans they should be more welcoming to Muslim immigrants because they are poor and needy. What he didn't mention is that Muslims do not assimilate. They do not respect the laws, culture or traditions, of non-Muslims. Instead, they take advantage of all the tax-supported social services, which inevitably leads to their hosts becoming poor and needy.

Surely the pope must realize that being needy isn't the same as being deserving. What's more, being charitable doesn't mean taking leave of one's senses and prostrating oneself to one's sworn enemies.

Chicago, it's worth noting, is a gun-free zone, as is Washington, D.C., with some of the strictest gun control laws in the country. Through executive order, Bill Clinton made U.S. military bases gun-free zones. Yet, within a single week in September, over two dozen people were gunned down in those

gun-free zones. The moral, as I see it, is that Obama, Feinstein and the rest of those 2nd Amendment-hating creeps whose own lives are protected by men with guns, should shut their hypocritical pie-holes.

It recently came to light that the USIS, a contractor that provides background checks for the federal government, okayed both Edward Snowden and mass murderer Aaron Alexis. But before anyone starts feeling too superior, keep in mind they had nothing to do with helping Obama, Biden, Pelosi, Reid, Waxman or Rangel, get or keep their jobs.

Not many people are aware of the fact that I once ran for president. Not of the United States, you understand, but of the Writers Guild. I didn't really want the job, but I sure didn't want the guy who had the job to win a third term. He saw his role as being the rubberstamp for the power-hungry executive director.

Possibly because I knew I didn't have a chance, I was able to run the most honest campaign in the history of the Guild. For one thing, even though I had always been a freelancer because I didn't want to get burned out writing for just one show, I told the Freelance Committee that I would do nothing to change the system in which most episodes were written by members of the staff. I explained that there were only about 24 episodes in a season. The Guild rate for an episode was about \$13,000. Multiply that by 24 and you get \$312,000. Even if you add a story editor, the total paid for writing services would only have amounted to about half a million bucks. However, a staff of six or seven could expect to be paid upwards of a million dollars; sometimes way upwards. How could I, in good conscience, insist they break up the staff system and only hire freelancers? Besides, the producer would still hire the same six or seven people to write the two dozen shows, but simply pay them less.

I also told the Minority Writers Committee that I did not

believe that forcing producers to hire writers simply because they happened to be black, Hispanic, female or gay, was the American way. I told them that writing, like the world of professional sports, was one of the few places where people could excel on the basis of their own merits and had no need or right to demand employment on the basis of victimhood.

I still remember a friend and fellow member of the Writers Guild Board, David Rintels, following me into the men's room one night during a Board meeting to apologize for not being able to support my candidacy. He said, "I believe the president has to be able to get along with the executive director, and I know you and Brian often butt heads."

I told him he didn't have to apologize over an honest difference of opinion. I told him I believed the executive director should have to get along with the president.

Needless to say, I was soundly defeated.

In closing, I wish to thank all of my readers who have written to let me know they hoped that the rheumatoid arthritis that has been plaguing my right wrist would get better. It hasn't, and a recent MRI has confirmed that I also have torn tendons in my wrist.

I did see a surgeon who confirmed the bad news. But he did say that so long as I could bear the pain and discomfort, continue to wear the wrist brace and find some relief in Alleve, I shouldn't rush into surgery.

On my way home, it occurred to me how wise I was to seek counsel from an elderly surgeon. You always stand to get honest advice from a guy who is too old to still be paying for his kids' orthodontia and college tuition.

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# The Final Days

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I won't beat around the bush. I watched all of the GOP debates, I watched the Biden-Ryan debate and I even sat through all three of the presidential debates, and I don't think it's fair that I only get one vote that can be canceled out by the vote of one of those louts who got a free cell phone, thanks to Obama, or one of the guttersnipes who befouled our streets as a member of the Occupy Wall Street movement.

In spite of that, I am feeling pretty confident about the upcoming election. It's not just that Romney buried Obama in the first debate and more than held his own in the final two, or that Joe Biden, when confronting Paul Ryan, came across like one of those bizarre-looking characters who were always menacing Batman and Dick Tracy. I just figure that when Big Bird tells Obama not to use his name in vain and even the AARP tells Team Obama: "While we respect the rights of each campaign to make its case to voters, AARP has never consented to the use of its name by any candidate or political campaign. AARP is a nonpartisan organization and we do not endorse candidates nor coordinate with any candidate or political party."

I know, I know. I, too, started chuckling when I got to the part where they claimed to be nonpartisan. You sure could have fooled me when they worked harder to push through ObamaCare than Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi and Henry Waxman, put together. Still, if I were Obama, my blood would have run cold when I realized that even the AARP was deserting me.

Like a great many conservatives who were tuned in to the final debate, I kept waiting for Romney to nail Obama to the wall over all the lies that he, Biden and Susan Rice, have told regarding the attack on the Libyan consulate. But I then realized that if the moderator, Bob Schieffer, wasn't going to bring it up, Romney was wise to leave it alone. For one thing, even the lap dogs in the mass media are finally pressing the issue, no longer leaving it to Fox News to demand answers. The bottom line is that the media simply won't allow left-wing politicians to treat them with the same contempt that both display towards the American public.

For another thing, if it had been Romney who brought up the White House cover-up, it would have wound up like the petty squabbling that broke out during the second debate, when Romney pushed Obama to come clean about there being a reduction in the number of oil leases that had been granted on federal land over the past few years. After all, when a guy is running for president, he doesn't want to come across like a seven year old yelling "You did so!" while the other brat is yelling "Did not!" in rebuttal.

The Democrats spent six months painting Romney as a wealthy robot who didn't concern himself with the plight of others, but all Romney had to do in the first debate was to speak honestly without having his words filtered through the liberal media. Once he did that, the voters got to see a man who was decent, compassionate and, best of all, ready and able to restore America's greatness.

On the other hand, the Obama they saw was the one that the rest of us had seen since Day One: an arrogant, lazy, narcissistic, incompetent, who wanted nothing less than to radically transform America in his own socialistic image.

Prior to the third debate, David Axelrod and the rest of Obama's handlers had attempted to win back the female vote by portraying Romney as a warmonger. Watching the propaganda roll

out, I was reminded of 1964, when LBJ destroyed Barry Goldwater by pretending that the Arizona senator only wanted to be the president because he yearned to get his finger on the nuclear trigger.

It took people a while to wake up to the fact that Goldwater had more character in his big toe than Lyndon Johnson had in his entire body. As for warmongering, it was sweet irony that Johnson met his own Waterloo over his mishandling of the Vietnam War. He went from garnering over 61% of the vote in 1964 to failing to get his party's nomination four years later.

Something that far too many Americans can't seem to grasp is that a robust American military doesn't cause wars, it helps prevent them. Still, when war is inevitable, winning is a far better option than losing.

One of the problems with Democrats is that they still believe, as they did during the frostiest days of the Cold War, that a unilaterally disarmed America sets an example that will be copied by our enemies. It was idiotic when our enemy was the Soviet Union, an evil empire that had already gobbled up all of Eastern Europe, and it is no less idiotic when we have to deal with enemies in North Korea, the Islamic world and a Russia governed by a neo-Stalinist like Vladimir Putin, who learned everything he knows about diplomacy while heading up the KGB.

The idea that, in spite of the fact that Obama's own Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta, has stated that a cut in our defense budget would threaten our national security, Obama could only defend the cuts by telling Romney that we no longer need horses and bayonets. But, then, this is the same creep who pulled security out of the Benghazi consulate because the impression that things were stable in Libya was more important to his re-election campaign than the lives of Ambassador Stevens and his three colleagues.

As of the first of the year, thanks to sequestration, the military budget will be automatically slashed by half a trillion dollars. And anyone who believes Obama when he says the Pentagon is just fine with those cuts shouldn't be allowed anywhere near sharp objects, heavy machinery or a voting booth. In the present circumstances, sequestration is a fancy term for castrating the U.S. military. During the debate, however, Obama, who did absolutely nothing to avert the lunacy in the first place, confidently announced that it would never take place.

For a brief moment, I was reassured. But then I remembered that in 2008, he vowed he would slash the national debt by five trillion dollars; that he would work to bring people together, including Democrats and Republicans in Congress; and that he would lower the unemployment rate to 5.6% by the end of his first term.

Fool Americans once, shame on you. Try to fool us twice, you better remind Michelle to start packing up Bo's chew toys along with the kids' video games and the White House silverware.

And don't forget to leave the key under the mat.

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## **Rancid Rhetoric**

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Liberals are always up in arms over what they deem to be pollution of the atmosphere, whether it takes the form of global warming, oil exploration, fracking, coal mining or the internal combustion engine. What doesn't concern them in the least is the polluting of society, whether it's obscenity on the big screen, the small screen or, worse yet, the endless lies spewed by left-wing politicians and their whores in the media.

Consider that liberals are always demanding that tax dollars be used to subsidize NPR and Public Broadcasting on the grounds that they provide education for children and adults, alike. They deny that the actual reason they campaign on behalf of these enterprises is because they are run by and for liberals. Instead, they go to the ramparts to defend Big Bird. It should be understood that Big Bird can buy and sell Mitt Romney, and needs our tax dollars about as much as Bill Gates and Warren Buffet.

It should also be noted that PBS is so fair and balanced that here in California, when it offered free time to Senate candidates Dianne Feinstein and Elizabeth Emken, it only took Feinstein's rejection of the offer for PBS to rescind its invitation to Mrs. Emken. With what passes for a straight face in liberal circles, they told her that it wouldn't be fair for her to appear if the senator didn't have equal time.

Speaking of California, a state that has long based its own economy on that of Greece, you may have heard that we poor souls are now paying somewhere between \$4.80 and \$5.20 for a gallon of gas. Naturally, liberal loons such as Gov. Jerry Brown have made a career out of bashing those greedy bastards in the oil industry. But what they fail to mention is the actual reason why, whereas everywhere else in the U.S., people are paying twice as much for a gallon of gas as they were paying when Obama took office, we are paying about three times as much. Those reasons are two-fold: one, we have the strictest environmental regulations in the country, which

makes it far more expensive to refine our gas; and, two, because, thanks to the Democrats in Sacramento, we pay the highest state taxes in the nation.

I occasionally hear from liberals who insist that the real reason I object so strenuously to Barack Obama is because he's black, although calling someone who is 5% black, 45% Arab and 50% white, a black man strikes me as absurd. Having said that, I will admit that it pleases me no end knowing that when Obama leaves the White House next January, he will be taking Valerie Jarrett, Susan Rice, Eric Holder and Mrs. Obama, with him.

But lest that be taken as a slur against blacks, I will readily admit that I would be even happier if he took along my fellow Jews, including Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, Henry Waxman, Charles Schumer, Al Franken, Barbara Boxer, Bernie Sanders, Frank Lautenberg, Brad Sherman and Mrs. Feinstein.

Recently, it dawned on me that those on the Left learned well from the various dictators of the 20th century that all it took for a lie to be mistaken for the truth is that it be constantly repeated. Those on the Left are never ashamed to be caught in a fib because, like Muslims, they feel that their destiny is to bring enlightenment to all mankind, no matter how much death and mayhem they cause along the way.

The Left wears you down by attrition. Eventually, they assume you will get so tired of refuting their propaganda that you will simply toss in the towel. It's the way that the Communists took over several of the Hollywood unions back in the 1930s. The left-wingers simply out-waited the normal rank-and-file members who would get sleepy during the endless meetings and finally go home; at which point, those who remained would pass motions and elect leaders in the wee hours. Such people, you may have noticed, always work best under the cloak of darkness.

If you tuned in to the Vice-Presidential debate, you saw yet

another tactic of the Left. You saw Joe Biden interrupt Paul Ryan repeatedly and talk over him. Then, for good measure, Biden had the gall to complain to his aider and abettor, ABC's Martha Raddatz, that he was being deprived of his fair share of the time, although, as Bret Baier later reported, he actually spoke for about two minutes more than Rep. Ryan, who never once interrupted him.

It was a bizarre display by Biden, who generally comes off as a slightly boozy buffoon. As he smirked, sneered and gawked, at Paul Ryan, a man who has more brains in his little finger than Biden has in his entire hair-plugged head, I could hear millions of independent voters sitting home and saying, "That boor is our vice-president? That's the man a heartbeat away from the Oval Office? Why he's nothing but a schoolyard bully."

Finally, I've heard that the folks behind both the AARP and Big Bird have informed David Axelrod that they do not wish to be used in Obama's trashy campaign ads.

That was bad enough, but the final straw was when Joe Biden told him the same thing.

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## **Whose Money Is It, Anyway?**

✘ If you're a regular reader of my posts, you'll know that I have no respect for any of the Kardashians, Kim, Khloe or Kourtney. I've always said that the exploits of

these three useless tweets, the offspring of OJ's now deceased attorney/friend, Robert Kardashian, is payback for his actions when he met with OJ after Nicole's murder which resulted in the quick activation of his dormant legal status.

Like it or not, you have to recognize that they and their mother, Kris Jenner, have a huge impact on popular culture with television shows, clothing lines, perfumes, and over 14 million followers on Twitter.

Unless you've been living on another planet, you probably know that Kim became famous because of a sex tape ending up on the internet. Other than her initial "exposure" (excuse the pun), courtesy of her ex-boyfriend, she became famous for absolutely no reason but has brilliantly elevated her "celebrity" to new heights and now heads a media empire and is worth approximately \$35 million.

And if you've been on a grocery line this past week, you'll also know that Kim just got engaged to Nets basketball player, Kris Humphries. I don't know anything about sports so I had no idea who he is, but I do know that the engagement ring that was given to Kim was a 20.5 carat diamond ring worth \$2 million.

I'm a jewelry snob who loves beautiful diamonds and the ring is exquisite.

That being said, it's amazing how many people have negatively commented about the cost of the ring. Last week, Bill O'Reilly, on his Pinheads and Patriots segment, labeled Kim a "pinhead" for getting a \$2 million engagement ring. In his opinion, "Now, we believe in true love, but that seems to be a bit much. A \$1 million ring would have been nice, and then you could have used the other million to help people who need assistance. Ms. Kardashian and Mr. Humphries are pinheads."

Numerous comments echoed Mr. O'Reilly's feelings. "There are millions of people who are out of jobs who can't make ends

meet, and we have to hear about these people who never worked hard a day in their lives spending extravagantly like this?"

One person wrote, "[t]hat is the stupidest amount of money to waste on a ring. If you can afford to pay \$2,000,000.00 on a damn ring, you have TOO MUCH money and are TOO STUPID to do anything useful with it...THEREFORE, should not have it. End of story."

Well, I'm sure these comments are sincere but, hey, whose money was used to buy the ring? Not tax dollars and not a government grant! Who am I to question how someone else chooses to spend their money? Whatever way they earned it, whether well-deserved or otherwise, it's their money!

I wonder if the folks complaining about Kim's engagement ring (other than O'Reilly who regularly opposes government waste) feel the same way about our government funding programs like Planned Parenthood, NPR, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting or wasting our tax dollars on ridiculous studies like \$1.44 million to study male prostitutes in Vietnam; \$823,200 to study genitalia washing in South Africa or \$315,000 for a study suggesting playing Farmville on Facebook helps adults develop and maintain relationships.

The difference between the two is that Kim/Kris purchased the engagement ring with THEIR money. Where's the outrage when our government squanders hundreds of thousands of dollars to digitize Grateful Dead memorabilia or to analyze and understand the ways in which players of "World of Warcraft" engage in creative collaboration. That's OUR money being wasted!

When I hear that Kim or Kris are receiving welfare, tax credits which exceed their tax liability, Section 8 housing, or food stamps, which I pay for with my taxes, then I'll have something to say.

In the meantime, they have the right to spend their money any

way they want. If they make any charitable contributions, fine; if not, it's their choice.

I don't get the public outcry about how celebrities spend their money nor do I get public apathy about how our government continues to extravagantly spend our tax dollars, but if you do, God bless you.

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## 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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