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ON FOX NEWS... RACISM IS AS AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE!

I WATCH FOX NEWS SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO!

FOX RAMPS UP THE RACISM AND HATE SPEECH IN THEIR DEFENSE OF TRUMP!



Tucker Carlson is a true loser in the world of television journalism... and he stands as a perfect example of someone “clawing his way to the bottom”.

After dropping out of college... Carlson got his first “journalism” job working for the conservative Heritage Foundation as his right-wing political views perfectly mirrored the organization. I suspect that this was possibly a rebellion against his father... who at one time was the president of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

In 2000 he joined CNN... where he had various jobs culminating in his taking the conservative side on the network’s confrontational “Crossfire” until being fired in 2005 after an embarrassingly heated exchange with Jon Stewart just before the 2004 election. Stewart attacked the combative premise of Carlson and the show “Crossfire” and when the heads of CNN saw the broadcast... they agreed with Stewart... shut it down... and refused to renew his contract.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2005/01/06/business/media/cnn-will-cancel-crossfire-and-cut-ties-to-commentator.html?_r=0

From here Carlson went to MSNBC where his show “Tucker” had such poor ratings that his show on that network was also cancelled.

Then... like so many other failed or flawed news “personalities”... he eventually ended up at Fox News... where since 2009 he has appeared as one of the three WEEKEND “talking heads” on their apocalyptic yet “cheery” morning show... “Fox & Friends”.

I woke up on July 4th to Carlson defending Donald Trump’s recent racist rant about Mexican rapists and the supposed horrific crime “pouring over the boarder”. Carlson lashed out at the “P.C. Police” and the actions of NASCAR to come out against both Trump AND the Confederate flag.

And what do the Confederate battle flag and Trump have in common?

They both stand for the ever-festering racism and nativism that lies at the heart of today’s GOP “base”. A base that has turned into a Frankenstein monster after being created by redistricting various pockets of prejudice and hatred into geographically contained congressional cesspools of voter ignorance.

After two hours of “pre-teasing” by Carlson and the his two mannequin sidekicks... “The Donald” made an “appearance” at 8:30 to defend his statements. Trump and Carlson shamefully used the recent shooting in San Francisco of a white woman (allegedly by an undocumented immigrant) as PROOF that there was supposedly a massive migrant crime wave sweeping our country. Trump doubled down with his usual rambling, off-the-cuff, nonsensical verbiage.

I use the word “appearance” in quotation marks... as Trump... like he has in so many of his recent interviews... only “appeared” as a voice on the other end of a telephone with his still photo in the lower corner of the screen. Although he literally lives right across the street... “The Donald” doesn’t leave his apartment unless he absolutely has to. Can you imagine what he looks like BEFORE they “put him together” for personal appearances? His presidential announcement “speech” was even “performed” in the lobby of his own apartment building. Why leave home?

I use the word “performed” to describe his speech, as it was indeed a “performance”.

As there was no script (he admitted later that he was “winging it”) and according to The Hollywood Reporter... Trump hired “extras”

to cheer him on from below as he descended like a wax god on a golden escalator. The extras got \$50 a head to “act” as supporters.

Source: <http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/donald-trump-campaign-offered-actors-803161>

All while Neil Young’s “Rockin in the Free World” blasting from a sound system.

But as usual... Trump wasn’t prepared... as no one had obviously bothered to listen to the lyrics of Young’s song.

Rockin in the Free World

© 1989 by Neil Young

*I see a woman in the night
With a baby in her hand
Under an old street light
Near a garbage can
Now she puts the kid away,
and she's gone to get a hit
She hates her life,
and what she's done to it
There's one more kid
that will never go to school
Never get to fall in love,
never get to be cool.
Keep on rockin' in the free world,*

Young later protested the use of his song... stating that he supported Bernie Sanders.

This was possibly the most inappropriate use of a rock song since the Reagan team tried to use “Born in the U.S.A.” as a theme song!

This “violent immigrant crime wave” being reported hourly by Fox isn’t backed up by any actual facts and statistics... but they are pumping it into the airwaves 24 hours a day.

Fear is obviously STILL a key GOP tactic.

For the truth about this fictitious Trump/Fox “crime wave”... check out these links...

http://insight.kellogg.northwestern.edu/article/does_immigration_increase_crime

<http://content.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1717575,00.html>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2015/07/02/surprise-donald-trump-is-wrong-about-immigrants-and-crime/>

At Fox they are also equal opportunity racists... regularly slandering just about anyone who isn’t part of their aging, white, ignorant “patriot” viewership.

When a white policeman was recorded pinning down a teenaged African American girl at a pool party... in an image condemned by NEARLY everyone as an example of police brutality... Fox's Megyn Kelly proclaimed that the victim "was no saint either". Kelly slammed the victim!

Although the recent relentless string of incidents where our police have behaved badly against black citizens would seem to indicate this to be a fairly new development... it is obvious that the invention of camera phones has led to the exposure of this darker side of America that has existed since our earliest beginnings.

While Fox has regularly called out President Obama for not proclaiming something a "terrorist attack"... they have never stepped up to the plate themselves and called the murderer in the Charleston church a terrorist.

Although Fox WAS quick to say that it wasn't so much a racist attack as it was ANOTHER "attack on Christianity".

SOURCE: <http://mediamatters.org/video/2015/06/25/fox-amp-friends-defends-hypothesis-that-charles/204128>

After Obama was elected in 2008... Fox and the GOP were quick to declare that we were now in a "post racial" society... claiming that the election of our first black president was proof that everything was now completely harmonious. Which brought to mind a world where unicorns roamed freely and rainbows appeared daily.

When in fact... there is ample evidence that the Obama election brought America's ever present racist underground bursting out into the open with their conspiracy theories focusing on President Obama's legitimacy... a congressman shouting out at the President in a State of the Union speech... and Republicans using unprecedented obstructionist tactics against a relatively MILD agenda. Obamacare was a GOP idea!

And out of this rise in racism... came the birth of the Tea Party... and its' thinly veiled white supremacist agenda.

They want "THEIR" country back.

The terrorist that attacked the black church in Charleston has admitted that he was inspired by a white supremacist group called the "Council of Conservative Citizens".

And it now turns out that the "CCC" had given money to GOP presidential candidates Cruz, Santorum, and Paul. The embarrassed candidates soon either gave back the money or contributed it to charity. But it still says a lot about whom their constituents are today.

Even today... Fox regularly refers to the president as "Mr. Obama" rather than "President Obama". It's subtle... but it's always there... continuous disrespect.

Matt Groening... the creator of the Fox show "The Simpsons"... occasionally bites the hand that feeds him. This from 2010!



Why didn't Macy's, NASCAR, and NBC FIRE Trump when his "birther" accusations originally erupted in 2012? It has been reported that members of his family at the time asked "The Donald" to back off before he caused the family name and business serious damage. So he eventually did so.

But this time Trump has cut the leash and is running rabid through America's ugly white underbelly. Losing business deals left and right but vacuuming up potential voters from the darkest corners of racist America.

Fox News reported this morning that an analysis of all of the polls put together now shows Trump in the NUMBER ONE position among 2016 GOP primary voters.

And these potential voters form a perfect encapsulation of today's American racists.

At first... the current busload of GOP candidates stayed quiet about the Trump comments. Then... a letter from candidate George Pataki urged them to come out against Trump. It was pretty easy math. If the GOP can't get 35% of the Latino vote... they can't win a national election. Unlike many of his brethren... he's NOT an idiot.

So one by one... all other than Ted Cruz... slowly made statements condemning Trump's racist words. Like Trump... Ted Cruz's own father is a well-known "birther".

Which is really funny when you consider that even if President Obama WAS born in Kenya... he could still be president as his mother was an American citizen.

Just as Ted Cruz can be president even though he was born in Canada from an American mother and a Cuban father. A "patriot" father who didn't even bother to become a citizen until 2005!

Cruz defended Trump and stated... "I like Donald Trump. I think he's terrific, I think he's brash, I think he speaks the truth. And I think NBC is engaging in political correctness that is silly and this is wrong,"

For an excellent overview of the increase of

racism in America since the Obama election check out this link at The Daily Koz...

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2015/01/10/1356766-Racism-in-America-The-Resurgence-since-Obama-s-Election>

Fox's top rated show host Bill O'Reilly... stated after eating at Sylvia's restaurant in Harlem... that he "couldn't get over the fact that there was no difference between Sylvia's restaurant and any other restaurant in New York City. I mean, it was exactly the same, even though it's run by blacks... primarily black patronship (sic)...there wasn't one person who was screaming 'mother...ker!'".

And keep in mind that Fox News chief Roger Ailes was the "strategist" behind the GOP attack on Michael Dukakis with his infamous Willie Horton video when Ailes worked for Bush (The First) on his 1988 presidential campaign. This was possibly the most blatant usage of racism by a major political candidate since the Nixon "Southern Strategy" in 1968.

Have you ever wondered why whites in the south today vote Republican when they were all Democrats in the past?

It is because of LBJ's "Voting Rights Act" of 1965 and the Nixon "Southern Strategy" whereby the GOP didn't fear African Americans voting in the south as they knew that the FEAR by white voters of a large black turnout would drive them to the polls.

Where they voted Republican.

And have done so ever since.

I was born and raised in Shreveport Louisiana and never knew until recently reading a piece in The New Yorker that the parish/county of Caddo (wherein Shreveport lies) had the second highest county incidents of black lynching in the twentieth century.

But even more shocking was that current Caddo Parish assistant district attorney Dale Cox continues the area's racial legacy today by having delivered the highest number of executions of any county in America.

Most of these executions are of course of African Americans and Cox has proclaimed that these executions are not so much "punishment" but rather "revenge" killings.

Is this so different than lynching in the past?

Weren't THOSE "revenge" killings?

Cox has even gone on the record as saying that... "We need to kill more people"

Read the complete New Yorker piece here...

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/07/06/revenge-killing>

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