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HOW “THE DONALD” TRUMPED FOX NEWS!

MEDIA WHORE ROGER AILES GIVES IN AND SURRENDERS TO THE POWER OF TRUMP’S PERSONALITY & THE FAR RIGHT



The three riders of the current right-wing apocalypse of idiocy... Roger Ailes / Donald Trump / & Rupert Murdoch

With the latest Donald Trump situation it has now become obvious that Roger Ailes and Fox News isn't so much about a political ideology as they are about high ratings and simply making a buck.

There is an interesting history between Trump and the network.

While Roger Ailes has always been a big Trump cheerleader due to his ability to grab television ratings... Rupert Murdoch (the owner of the entire News Corp parent operation) seems to have hated Trump for some time as the media mogul tweeted...

"When is Donald Trump going to stop embarrassing his friends... let alone the whole country?"

And Murdoch's newspapers *The New York Post* and *The Wall Street Journal* have been devastatingly negative on Trump. "Clown Runs for Prez!"-NY Post.

But there are deeper issues between Murdoch and Trump stemming from an earlier Murdoch divorce from Wendi Deng Murdoch involving Ivanka Trump (Donald's daughter) remaining close after much of NYC society had abandoned her.

SOURCE: <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/22/us/politics/titans-clash-as-donald-trumps-run-fuels-his-feud-with-rupert-murdoch.html>

But Ailes... who just recently signed a contract extension to continue running the country's most watched News channel... sees the power in the ratings behind Trump... and will do ANYTHING to maintain those ratings.

The recent Fox News debate more closely resembled one of America's "reality" singing competitions than a political debate... with the three Fox "journalists" sitting as a trio of "judges" before the ten "finalists" on stage.

And just as so many of those reality programs depend upon public personal humiliation as the key generators of their ratings... Ailes brilliantly set up "The Donald" as a buffoonish "patsy"... calculating his meltdown on the national stage for all to see. As nothing could grab ratings like an imploding Donald Trump.

And it worked...

As the broadcast drew the largest audience (24 million) in cable history.

But Trump... being Trump... was furious at the way he was "treated"... with the opening question being the perfect set up to force Trump to admit the possibility of a third party run if he didn't get his way with the GOP... AND the nomination.

And like he had done with Rosie O'Donnell and every other person that had ever publicly crossed or offended him... Trump simply could not let the situation go as he spent the next couple of days blasting Fox and their panel of commentators... with particular venom aimed at Megyn Kelly... culminating in his comment on CNN implying that Kelly must have been on her period during the debate session. It was despicable.

But of course the Trump followers continued to voice their support in polls following the debate just as they had done after the Mexican rapist comments and the candidate's slamming of John McCain and American P.O.W.s.

I wasn't surprised at all... because the Trump supporters are so obviously the core viewers at Fox. They love him!

Ailes instructed all of his programs to NOT mention the Trump/Kelly "bleeding" comments on any of their programming... and since most Fox viewers get their news from nowhere else... most never heard anything about it.

But then Trump REALLY brought out the big guns for his new war with the network in the one way he knew could severely damage Ailes. He threatened a boycott!

He STOPPED appearing (even by phone) on the network as he was interviewed on the following Sunday "morning shows" on ALL THREE networks... but NOT on Fox News. Whose show is hosted by Chris Wallace (whom Trump called a "shadow of his father" following the

debate). AND he followed up by calling Fox's Sean Hannity and proclaimed that he would NEVER appear on the network again. Ailes must have gone nuts.

No Trump = No ratings!

Ailes instructed Kelly not to respond to the endless tirades against her by Trump as he suddenly saw his ratings bonanza going up in flames. He NEEDED Trump!

And on top of THAT... the crown prince of conservative darkness Rush Limbaugh came out AGAINST Fox News... as did the Breitbart right-wing web site and just about every other extremist conservative commentator and radio "screaming head".

SUDDENLY Fox News was "the enemy" of the far right! "Instant Karma" indeed!

So Ailes caved... surrendered... and called Trump to "make nice". Which led to two Trump appearances the next day on "Fox & Friends" and "Hannity".

Ailes had SAVED his network from ratings doom at the expense of the complete humiliation and abandonment of his most prominent female anchorperson.

As most Gazette readers know... I watch Fox News regularly (so YOU don't have to) and although Kelly regularly infuriates me... she HAS had her moments.

One of which was my favorite single moment of the entire 2012 election when Karl Rove had an on-air meltdown when Fox declared Ohio for Obama and therefore the national election. Rove refused to believe it as he insisted that one key Ohio county wasn't in yet. The county was also mysteriously the same one where rumors of election fraud favoring the GOP had festered ever since a previous G.W. Bush election commandeered by Rove. Kelly marched Rove back to the Fox computer analysis team to show him that he was simply wrong. Obama had won the presidency.

On all three of the network Sunday shows Trump only "appeared" as a photograph on the screen as he simply "phoned in" his interviews... which makes him perhaps the laziest man to ever run for the presidency.

Any of the other sixteen candidates would kill for a live shot on any of the national

shows... but Trump only had to roll over in bed and pick up the phone.

And he lives only blocks from every major media outlet in New York City!

The few times he has been interviewed "in person" has been while sitting in the lobby of his own apartment building with mall shoppers gliding past in the background on the same golden escalators by which he descended to make his "grand" announcement speech.

Donald Trump doesn't "come" to anyone... ALL have to "come" to him!

He also doesn't campaign... and other than the extremely wasteful jet fuel for his enormous private 757... he doesn't even spend money. After his attacks on Kelly his key campaign advisor either quit or was fired... depending on whom you choose to believe (he obviously quit!)

Trump's is a case where his extreme egotistical narcissism has taken over all reason and control of his actions as he makes little sense and seems to spin "facts" out of thin air.

Last night he stated that unemployment in the United States was actually at 40%... while three weeks ago he said it was at 20%. While it is actually around 5%... down from above 10% when Obama first took office.

But Trump simply says those figures are false. But if unemployment has dropped in half under Obama's terms... does that mean we were at 80% after G.W. Bush?

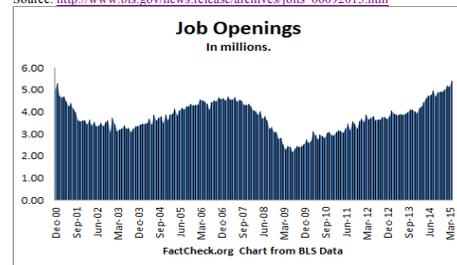
America would no longer exist!

SOURCE: <http://www.factcheck.org/2015/06/trump-tramples-facts/>

He claims that there are "no jobs" today.

When in fact the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported on June 9th that the number of job openings at the end of April had increased to 5.4 million... the most job openings since the bureau began tracking them in December 2000.

Source: http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/jolts_06092015.htm



Trump constantly boasts about his business and financial education but claimed recently that economic growth has “NEVER” been below zero until last quarter’s drop below zero. While it has actually been below zero 42 times since 1946. SOURCE: <http://www.factcheck.org/2015/06/trump-tramples-facts/>

Maybe he should go back to Wharton for a refresher course?

He has also claimed that healthcare premium costs are “going up 29, 39, 49, and even 55 percent” under the “disaster” of Obamacare and that the deductibles are so high that you “have to be literally hit by a bus to use your insurance”.

Well if Trump can use ONE example of a person killed by an undocumented immigrant in San Francisco to make a case against ALL of them... I should be able to use my own single case with “Obamacare” to refute that proclamation.

After signing up in December of this past year my monthly premium dropped by \$100... my deductible dropped from \$3500 to \$1200 and my maximum “out of pocket” expenses dropped from \$18000 to \$5500. If I had been on Obamacare in 2014 I would have personally saved over \$10,000! My insurance before was with Blue Cross Blue Shield... and my insurance today under Obamacare is Blue Cross Blue Shield... and all of my doctors are the same. And... NO death panels!

The continuous high polling by Trump isn’t that people agree with his policies... as he HAS none. He really doesn’t.

His followers are simply uninformed undereducated white people who are actually more pissed off at the current GOP than they are at the Democrats.

To quote one Trump supporter in Michigan yesterday...

“Last year, we voted all these Republicans in to stop Obama, and they rolled over. They let him sign those orders to let all the illegals in.”

When in fact we are at “net zero” for Mexican immigration and Obama’s executive order was shot down by the courts before it was ever implemented.

Source: <http://www.politifact.com/punditfact/statements/2015/jun/22/bill-clinton/bill-clinton-zero-net-migration-mexico-2010/>

Each of Trump’s recent “causes” has evolved out of horribly offensive gaffs as he simply makes up his entire campaign as he goes along.

His agenda and causes change nearly daily... usually to cover offensive statements to keep up with our ridiculously hungry 24-hour news cycle.

After slagging prisoners of war in his statement about John McCain he was a champion for veterans... for about a week

After his demeaning comments about Megyn Kelly he was suddenly a “terrific” supporter of women... for about a week.

I suppose he DOES support his current trophy wife... After tossing out the others.

Amazingly... he has no real positions or plans on many of the issues.

In Michigan when asked if he supported the auto bailout under Obama he stated...

“You could have let it go, and rebuilt itself, through the free enterprise system... You could have let it go bankrupt, frankly, and rebuilt itself, and a lot of people felt it should happen. Or you could have done it the way it went. I could have done it either way. Either way would have been acceptable. I think you would have wound up in the same place.” WTF!?

No real answer at all... While in 2008 he DID have an answer for Fox News...

“I think the government should stand behind them 100 percent.... You cannot lose the auto companies. They’re great. They make wonderful products.”

When he recently phoned in to MSNBC from across the street and was talking about all he would do for women (after his offensive statements about Megyn Kelly) he was asked about what his position was for equal pay for women...

“I don’t want to discuss that on this show... I will be coming out with some policy on that.”

And he claims to have a “secret plan” to defeat Isis... Just as Nixon had a “secret plan” to end the Vietnam War in 1968.

And we all know how THAT turned out!

OTHER THINGS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED THIS PAST WEEK WITH ALL OF THE COVERAGE BEING ONLY ABOUT DONALD TRUMP...

While everyone in the media was claiming that Carly (You’re So Vain) Fiorina had been the big winner at the “kids table” debate earlier in the day... there were a couple of things she said that really bothered me...

First... she continues to call it the “Democrat Party”... when it is actually the “Democratic” party.

And Second... at the “Red Sate” conference in Atlanta she seemed to believe that the “Chamber of Commerce” was a government agency and therefore a bad thing... as she asked the crowd...

“What does the Chamber of Commerce do? Can someone remind me?”

Well Carly... not only are they basically a private arm of the GOP... One thing that they DID DO in the past was give your previous losing senate campaign nearly FIVE MILLION DOLLARS!

Source 1: <http://oliverwillis.com/2015/08/07/carly-fiorina-thinks-private-chamber-of-commerce-is-part-of-us-gov/>

Source 2: http://money.cnn.com/2010/10/29/news/economy/chamber_fiorina/

And with all the hoopla over Trump’s attacks on women no one seemed to notice that candidate Marco Rubio had shifted his position to his current belief that the government should be able to force a teenage girl who has been raped by her father to carry the child through to delivery. What a guy!

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/elections-2016/marco-rubio/article30745359.html>

And the most under covered story of all is that Socialist/Democrat Bernie Sanders is drawing far more than ANY OTHER candidate to his rallies. With 27,000 recently in Los Angeles, 28,000 in Portland Oregon, and a total of close to 100,000 on his recent tour of the west coast. “Feel the Bern” indeed!

Bernie Sanders is “the real deal”... while Clinton... has no energy... or momentum.

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