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IT IS SO MUCH WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT...

THE WAVE OF ANGRY TRUMP VOTERS IS MORPHING INTO OUR WORST NIGHTMARE... AS DECADES OF CUTS TO EDUCATION ARE NOW PAYING OFF FOR THE G.O.P.



**WE NEED REAL LEADERSHIP.
WE NEED RESULTS.
LET'S PUT THE U.S. BACK INTO BUSINESS!**

Obviously a campaign "mistake" but those ARE Nazi soldiers in Trump's campaign poster that he tweeted!
Source: <http://blogs.reuters.com/talesfromthetrial/2015/07/15/donald-trump-and-that-nazi-picture/>

As Gazette readers know... I watch A LOT of Fox News... So you don't have to.

But over on MSNBC these days... there is such a "smug" attitude and "nerdiness" (new word?) to so much of it... that I've backed off quite a bit (other than Rachel Maddow and Lawrence O'Donnell).

In the morning... I DO regularly torture myself by switching between *Morning Joe* on MSNBC and *Fox & Friends*.

While *Fox & Friends* makes me laugh... Joe Scarborough can really infuriate me. A former Alabama "frat boy" that hit the big time as a "Country Club Republican" masquerading as a New York hipster. His arrogance is astounding.

For a while there... I switched to CNN.

But then... that Malaysian airliner story hit... and CNN's ENDLESS coverage made me nearly psychopathic! The once proud "sponsors" of the Gulf War (FIRST WAR WITH A LOGO!) has now faded into a faint shadow of their former selves.

So I quit watching CNN completely and now I mainly just read (what a concept!) and watch the NBC nightly thirty-minute newscast. An interesting analysis would be a poll of people that watch the cable news networks and whether they READ papers and other news periodicals. My suspicion is that this is why Fox has such huge ratings and MSNBC is dismal. The kind of people that might watch MSNBC are reading... while Fox News viewers get ALL of their news from Fox... and of course the endless stream of terrifying anonymous emails (Usually in all CAPS!).

But after watching this so-called "debate" I have to ask... Is CNN really THIS stupid?

Did anyone ACTUALLY WATCH the entire second debate "live" in "real time"?

And if you DID... How in the hell did you make it all of the way through it?

I recorded it... and then watched it in three separate passes... kind of like "binge watching" *House of Cards*... though all three seasons of *House of Cards* seemed SLIGHTLY shorter.

And the "show"... And it WAS indeed a "show"... played like an out of control "directors-cut/mash-up" of *Caligula*, *The Manchurian Candidate*, and *Night of the Living Dead*! With a little of Robert Altman's *Nashville* thrown in for its "pageantry".

IT WAS TERRIBLE!

CNN had been "MILKING IT" for weeks as if it was a fucking prizefight and then EXTENDED the time of the debate so that they could sell as much advertising as possible at ENORMOUSLY inflated rates.

Americans sat glued to their screens hoping for the next public humiliation or embarrassing national political fuck up...

For longer than *Gone With The Wind*!

After Roger Ailes "set the bar" for the media's monetization of our electoral events with the FIRST Fox "debate"... I'm sure all of the other networks scheduled for their own future SLUDGE FESTS are now "chomping at the bit" to get themselves a little piece of this new national reality political degradation show.

This is the ULTIMATE reality "contest"!

Humiliation! Disgust! It's got it all!

And it's TRUMP... bringing in the ratings.

So the vast majority of CNN's questions went out of their way to somehow include Trump's name... thrown out with ridiculous abandon by these three nitwits that were more like ringmasters poking at lions than television "journalists".

OK... I'm going to say it...

Fox News did a MUCH BETTER JOB!

Some of the candidates were barely on the screen at all... and when they were they were usually spewing forth fodder for the fact-checkers to later find totally false.

Such as Mike Huckabee stating...

"None of us on this stage are under investigation by the FBI because we destroyed government records, or because we leaked secrets"

When the Hillary Clinton email investigation is NOT a criminal investigation, NOT about destroying documents, and NOT specifically aimed at Clinton. It is an investigation of the overall situation and whether there were security compromises within the State Department concerning the server.

This ISN'T "Watergate"... it's "White Water".

And if you remember... White Water eventually led to the ONLY thing for which Bill Clinton was found guilty (lying about a blow job). People speak of the "Clinton scandals" as if there were multiple guilty convictions (as there were in the Nixon and Reagan White Houses).

SOURCE: <http://www.factcheck.org/2015/09/factchecking-the-cnn-republican-debate/>

After the "debate"... the media all had "Carly Fever"... and declared that Fiorina was the REAL WINNER of the "debate".

I'm sorry... but I really don't get it.

Carly Fiorina was so carefully scripted and prepared... as any former C.E.O. with any knowledge of "marketing" would be... that she ended up looking like a "person" programmed by the "Stepford" people as the PERFECT FEMALE conservative candidate. Too bad her story about the abortion video wasn't even true. The scene she described does not exist.

She supposedly hired top notch image consultants since her losing senatorial campaign and everyone that has followed her "career" as a failed business leader and senatorial candidate acknowledges that she is LIGHT YEARS ahead of the person she "ran as" in the past. A complete makeover!

Even her "personal moment" about losing a child to drugs... seemed VERY prepared and perfectly timed. But it did probably fend off the obviously impending barrage of supermarket tabloid covers. And her negative attack on marijuana is going to get her nowhere... as I'm sure the GOP base has a HUGE percentage of stoners.

And Jeb Bush trying to "fight" had the believability of Jerry Lewis as Hamlet.

But it IS nice to see that "money can't buy you love". As Bush has already paid out a lot of cash... and few are moving his way.

But it was the DAY AFTER the "debate"... like a horrible hangover after a night of drunken debauchery... that the SHIT REALLY HIT THE FAN!

Trump has been "winging it" through all of his speeches. No notes... No plans...

Saying NOTHING with complete conviction about the polls... how everyone loves him... and how anyone who doesn't is an idiot. Never any policy details.

And as he pushes all of the right "fear and hatred" buttons and gains more free publicity every day... the wave grows larger... as more misinformed Americans jump aboard the "Trump train".

A train that is a perpetual motion political machine that is growing in intensity and based on no agenda other than hatred, bigotry, arrogance, and power.

And he is reaching people who haven't voted in years... along with the deeply passionate tea-baggers who DO VOTE.

Keep in mind that only 36% of America voted in our last national election in 2014.

Which is why Trump could actually WIN the presidency in 2016 if no one shows up.

He really could. Be VERY afraid...

Several white supremacy groups also acknowledged their endorsement or support recently. NOT a good sign.

Source: http://www.buffingtonpost.com/entry/donald-trump-white-supremacists_55dc43ec4f08cd3359dc1a

Could it get any worse?

YES IT COULD!

On the day AFTER the debate... rather than give the same old tired nothing of an improvisational "speech"... Trump went before his "rally" and decided that instead he would "open it up" and get questions from the audience.

And BOY did he ever!

I was watching live and I sat upright and couldn't believe the first question.

It was like something perfectly written just for this occasion and it made me wonder if the guy was maybe a Democratic "plant"!

TRUMP SUPPORTER: *"We have a problem in this country. It's called Muslims. We know our current president is one."*

DONALD TRUMP: *Right.*

TRUMP SUPPORTER: *You know he's not even an American. Birth certificate, man.*

DONALD TRUMP: *We need this question; this is the first question.*

TRUMP SUPPORTER: *But anyway, we have training camps brewing where they want to kill us.*

DONALD TRUMP: *Mm-hmm.*

TRUMP SUPPORTER: *That's my question: When can we get rid of them?*

DONALD TRUMP: *We're going to be looking at a lot of different things.*

Trump... the PREMIER "birther"... said nothing to correct the ridiculous statement.

He knew better. His entire MASSIVE Trump support base was formed when HE made a black man turn over his papers back in 2012. Trump is the racist's hero!

Recent polling by Public Policy Polling shows that TODAY fully 66% of Trump supporters BELIEVE that Obama is a Muslim... while 54% of Republicans believe this... And 24% of all of America.

With NO proof anywhere other than the "proof" that spreads through the Internet in endless streams of cancerous false emails.

Trump is an unfolding story that every day reads more frightening and more similar to past lunatic dictatorial narcissist leaders.

Thriving on fear... anger... and BLAME!

Cross Huey P. Long with Benito Mussolini and you start getting images of what may be materializing here. And the Nazi party isn't THAT far off.

Calling for rounding up non-white people and carting them out of the country?

Yeah I know... I'm just ANOTHER liberal spewing out the "Nazi Card"!

But I don't use it lightly. This is scary.

This "harmless clown"... this "carny-barker / reality star"... is fast becoming the most dangerous man on earth.

And if I were the type that prayed...

I would be praying for Joe Biden.

Hillary Clinton is a TERRIBLE candidate.

And NOT because of the email bullshit.

And YES... I love Bernie Sanders...

But WE NEED TO WIN...

If Biden runs... this could be 1964 all over again... with Trump playing the part of Goldwater. Which was a total landslide.

We need Joe Biden.

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