

June 21, 2017 – YOU GOTTA LAUGH

You have to have a heart of stone not to laugh at looney liberals in the country as the results come in from the special election in Georgia. Trump only carried the district by two points in the fall's election. But now, having seen the government Trump assembled, the voters in the district gave the GOP a six point win. The losing Dem is now called an "upstart" in today's NY Times headline. Roger Simon says hollywood was the "yuuuge" loser.

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More from Paul Mirengoff at Power Line.

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Pajamas Media

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by Roger L. Simon

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I would think not. These celebs have better things to do behind the walls of their twenty-million-dollar mansions, especially now that, thanks to Trump, although they would never acknowledge it in a million years, their already fat stock market portfolios have grown roughly 17% since Donald was elected.

How much money has Hanoi Jane made from Trump? Fonda's net worth is said to be \$200 million. If half that is invested in stock, she has made roughly seventeen million off Trump. If one quarter is in stock... well you do the math. Rosie's net worth is estimated at \$120 million. Deprivation! No wonder she's so angry at Donald. He didn't earn enough for her.

It's easy to make fun of these celebrities who sit in the lap of luxury while mouthing liberal, even Marxist, pieties. But the truth is, forget Georgia, they are living in a city with a mammoth homeless problem. The L.A. Times is reporting that as of 2017 Los Angeles has a staggering 57,794 homeless, up from 44,359 in 2015. I see them every day with "mine own eyes." Everywhere you drive in this city you see tent encampments under the freeways, as if the City of the Angels had turned into Calcutta.

Surely these Hollywood grandees have seen it too, unless they never go out of the house. If they seriously wanted to do something substantive with their largesse, other than political virtue signaling, they would contribute to dealing with this catastrophic, rapidly growing problem.

They should also examine what it is about Donald Trump that actually makes them so angry. The tweets? That he opposes radical Islamic terrorism? That he is colluding with Russia? (The idea of that being of concern to Fonda, who actually did collude with North Vietnam in the most obvious way, is hilarious.) What specifically? Not gay marriage. He supported that long before Obama or Hillary came around.

In actuality, I submit that what angers them most is that Trump is not interested in *them*. He is interested in the actual working class, which they disdain. (Yes, I have seen that up close and personal too. I wrote about it extensively, naming names, in [this book](#).)

If Hollywood and the media together lead the Democratic Party, not the politicians or -- good Lord! -- the people themselves, as seems increasingly obvious, a tail wagging the dog, if there ever was one, they ought to take a good look at themselves. What they are perceived to be espousing is no more than pompous elitism, a sense of looking down on the folks who pay their immense bills (media too, in many instances). They may rejoice at Trump's low poll numbers, but beware. As the man said, it's the economy, stupid. Their boy (and he is a boy) Ossoff lost more substantially than expected in an upscale part of Georgia elitists should win. Enough of the Trump bashing. Start thinking about how to make the country better. Come up with some policies that make sense. Then maybe you'll start winning again.

Power Line

[It's looking good for Republicans in Georgia-6](#)

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Handel is ahead by around 12,500 votes right now, and we expect that there are about 25,000 mail votes still left to count, along with various other election day votes. If the remaining election day votes are a wash — a big assumption — Ossoff would need to win the mail-ins 2-to-1. I suppose that's not impossible, but it's a steep hill to climb.

David Wasserman was more direct:

I'm ready to stick a fork in it — and please note that this is my personal projection — Handel defeats Ossoff, Republicans breathe gigantic sigh of relief.

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National Review

[A Reality Check about What Handel's Win Means](#)

by Jonah Goldberg

Karen Handel, the Republican, won. Who among us can contain his excitement?

It's also a win for Donald Trump for one simple and obvious reason: because the alternative would have been so much worse for him. If Handel had lost, it would have hardened the media narrative that Republicans are fleeing the president (note: I said narrative, not fiction. The man is at [72 percent among Republicans](#), but that's down eleven points in two months). A Handel loss would probably have led to actual politicians fleeing the president. Meanwhile, if Ossoff had won, Democrats would have been even more emboldened. They could go to donors and say, "We bought a seat in a Republican district with a hipster dufus candidate, who got trolled into getting engaged. If we do it 23 more times, we get a Democratic House, a Speaker Pelosi, and maybe impeachment."

In other words, in the realm of spin, appearances, and momentum, a Handel win is a huge victory for the White House. That realm is really important — more important than it should be, but really important nonetheless.

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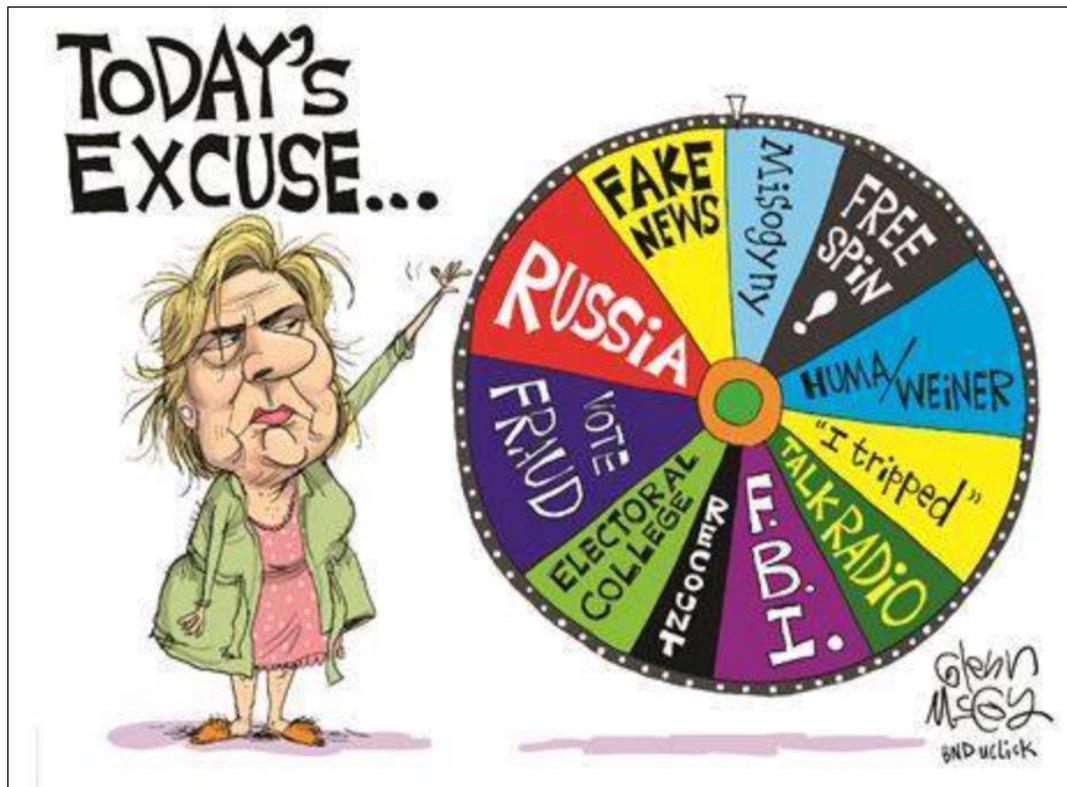
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