

August 5, 2017 – HYPOCRITES

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In April 2009 Rothenberg mocked the chances for the GOP to grab congress in 2010.

... Cheerleading has its place, including on a high school or college basketball court. But not when it comes to political analysis.

Over the past couple of weeks, at least three Republicans — House Minority Whip Eric Cantor (Va.), former Speaker Newt Gingrich (Ga.) and campaign consultant Tony Marsh — have raised the possibility of the GOP winning back the House of Representatives next year.

That idea is lunacy and ought to be put to rest immediately.

None of the three actually predicted that Republicans would gain the 40 seats that they need for a majority, but all three held out hope that that's possible. It isn't. ...

It wasn't 40 seats won by the GOP, it was 63! It was the largest win in almost 100 years. Makes it obvious Rothenberg belongs at CNN with other ignorant people.

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National Review

[Mr. McCain Goes to Washington](#)

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by John Fund

In 2008, presidential candidate John McCain bravely proposed a health-care reform that *Fortune* magazine said was a giant step toward "laissez faire liberty" in health care. He wanted to empower consumers to find the best health care and even end the tax break for employer-sponsored plans.

In 2015, McCain joined all but one other GOP senator in voting to repeal Obamacare. The next year he ran an ad in his primary campaign against a Tea Party Republican claiming he was "leading the fight to stop Obamacare." That ad helped him win 51 percent of the primary vote.

Just this year, McCain introduced a bill to “fully” repeal Obamacare and replace it with a “free-market approach that strengthens the quality and accessibility of care.”

Then, last Friday, McCain faced a choice on the Senate floor. He could vote with all but two of his GOP colleagues for “a skinny repeal” bill and get to a conference committee, where negotiators from the House and Senate could devise a bill that might pass both chambers. Or he could effectively leave Obamacare in place, dooming any realistic effort at curbing it given the uniform Democratic opposition to any real reform.

McCain sided with the status quo, killing the “skinny repeal.” Journalists rushed to gush over his vote, cast only a few days after a surgery to remove a dangerous brain tumor. *The New Yorker’s* take was typical: “Throughout his political life, John McCain has for many reasons enjoyed bipartisan respect and even reverence: his independence of mind (usually), his candor (usually), his decency, his love of country.”

McCain’s stated reason for killing reform was that the bill in front of him “fell short of our promise to repeal and replace Obamacare with meaningful reform.” True enough, but this is a perfect example of letting the perfect be the enemy of the better.

Obamacare is a disaster that, left untouched, will be saved only by a massive taxpayer bailout of insurance companies. Premiums on Obamacare exchanges have gone up by double digits annually ever since their formation in 2013. Out-of-pocket expenses — including copays and deductibles — rose 40 percent, to \$2,649 per person on average, between 2011 and 2014. Hundreds of counties across the country are likely to have no health insurers offering plans on their local exchanges next year.

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Townhall

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by Christine Rousselle

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In just this past year, Gore burned through enough energy to power the typical American household for more than 21 years, according to a new report by the National Center for Public Policy Research. The former vice president consumed 230,889 kilowatt hours (kWh) at his Nashville residence, which includes his home, pool and driveway entry gate electricity meters. A typical family uses an average of 10,812 kWh of electricity per year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

It gets worse.

Last September alone, Gore devoured 30,993 kWh of electricity. That's enough to power 34 average American homes for a month. Over the last 12 months, Gore used more electricity just heating his outdoor swimming pool than six typical homes use in a year. (Daily Caller)

Yikes. That's...certainly something.

Of course, Gore has argued in the past that this is okay, because he pays for solar panels and contributes to a green energy fund, but his house still receives the same non-renewable energy as his neighbors. Plus, Gore owns two other properties that presumably also use electricity.

Since leaving office, Gore has spent a considerable amount of time and has received dozens of awards for his work on protecting the environment. This is certainly a laudable goal, but it'd seem less shallow if he actually practiced what he preached.

Daily Caller

Commercial Crabber Of 50 Years Tells Gore Sea Level Hasn't Changed Since At Least 1970

by Tim Pearce

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Eskridge went on to say that erosion was slowly eating away at the island, but it was a natural force caused by "wave action [and] storms."

"Have [the storms] increased any?" Gore asked.

"Not really," Tangier's mayor responded.

Tangier Island has lost 66 percent of its land to erosion since 1850. Eskridge has asked the Trump administration for help building a sea wall to stop the island from disappearing, CBS News reports.

Independent Women's Forum

[A Snobbish Tweet about West Virginia Reveals What Elites REALLY Think about Regular People](#)

by Charlotte Hays

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But West Virginians do speak enough English to respond (along with sympathetic friends) to StuPolitics.

Katie at KatieHellerWV responds:

This is extremely ignorant.

Victor at VictorConservat:

I am from WV, teach at a major university and speak languages. Comments like this elected Trump. Proceed

Kel Hughes at lightsong77:

We speak English quite well troglodyte. Let us demolish your overrated political quid pro quo industry and see how well you survive.

New York based journalist Salena Zito at SalenaZito:

Respectfully as someone who comes from the region that is incredibly bigoted -- people from West Virginia are incredible hard-working folks.

You can see more responses [here](#).

Not in the least rethinking his position, Mr. Rothenberg responded:

"Of course they are hard-working. They mean well. Just close-minded, provincial, angry & easily misled. My wife's dad was a coal miner in PA."

This moved Immortal Mike at michaelbayer1 to tweet:

"My wife's dad was a coal miner in PA" and "some of my best friends are gay"

Just for the record and to state what is obvious to people who get outside the Acela Corridor, not all all people in West Virginia are poor or unable to speak English. But what if they were? Would that in any way make what Rothenberg wrote any less disgusting? Even if it were accurate, and not just a fit of pique in the wake of a well-attended Trump rally, would there be any way on earth to justify this kind of ugliness?

I blogged some time ago on a Frank Buckley column on "Redneck Porn"--or the nasty but self-titillating things contemporary elites say about those they regard as their inferiors. Back in the day, decent people didn't say things like what Rothenberg said about West Virginians. It wasn't nice. But today is is not only accepted but a badge of membership in the bi-coastal elite.

We Americans used to have a different attitude about people who didn't have the money and advatages that people like Mr. Rothenberg believe make them special. Buckley wrote:

How very different this was from the older literature of poverty in America, James Agee's "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men" or Michael Harrington's "The Other America." The earlier writers described the poor with compassion, as fellow Americans. They were the Joads in "The Grapes of Wrath," honorable people down on their luck. There was no sense of moral superiority in this literature, even with those who might have brought their poverty on themselves. The desperately poor were broken in body and spirit, and while they didn't belong to anyone or anything, they still were our brothers with whom we shared a common humanity and citizenship. If they lived their lives at levels "beneath those necessary for human decency," we were called upon to do something about it. In Mr. Harrington's case, that had meant living with them in one of Dorothy Day's Catholic Worker hospices, not an experience any of the purveyors of redneck porn will have shared.

And I'd add that Mr. Rothenberg ought to avail himself of Miss Harper Lee's treatment of the same theme--turn to Chapter Three, when Walter Cunningham is invited to lunch at the Finch household and puts molasses on his food. Scout gets a talking to when she comments.

The elites want only one thing from those they look down on: their votes. Rothenberg reveals why, unless the economy fails drastically (which looks unlikely just now, but you never know), they are unlikely to receive these.

Speaking of meals, don't you know miner dad-in-law looks forward to holiday means with Stu?

Washington Post

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Trump continues to be his own worst enemy, saying or tweeting things that only fuel chatter about his current and past views, values and behavior. His comments about people — from Vladimir Putin and Alicia Machado to some of the women who have accused him of sexual assault — have kept the focus on him at a time when he should be making the election a referendum on Clinton.

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Major national polls show Clinton leading among likely voters by anywhere from as few as four points, in the Oct. 10-13 Washington Post-ABC News poll, to as many as 11 points, in the Oct. 10-13 NBC News-Wall Street Journal survey.

Clinton's personal ratings among registered voters remain terrible. A mind-boggling 62 percent of respondents in the Post-ABC poll said she is not "honest and trustworthy," and 57 percent of those polled said they had an unfavorable view of her.

Yet these numbers help explain why Clinton is ahead in the race and could win by a large margin: Trump's numbers are even worse.

A sizable 64 percent in the same poll said Trump is not honest or trustworthy, and an identical percentage said that he doesn't have the temperament to be an effective president. A majority, 58 percent, said Trump is not qualified to be president, and 2 out of 3 respondents had an unfavorable view of the GOP nominee.

Trump is and has been a disaster as a presidential nominee, and that will not change in the campaign's final days. Nor is there any reason to believe that voters from important demographic groups will warm to him. He continues to play only to his core supporters.

There is no surge among white voters for Trump — at least not enough to offset the Republican and swing voters he will lose.

The newest NBC-Wall Street Journal poll shows Trump doing worse against Clinton than Mitt Romney did against President Obama with almost every demographic group, including men, women, whites, Latinos, Republicans, voters with household incomes of more than \$100,000 per year, voters with a college degree, voters with a postgraduate degree and voters 65 and older.

African Americans, white men without a college degree and younger voters are among the few groups with which Clinton is underperforming compared with Obama. But that should not give much comfort to Trump, who is drawing only 9 percent of African Americans, compared with the 6 percent that Romney drew against the first African American president.

It would be a mistake to call Trump's current path to an electoral-college victory narrow. It is nonexistent. Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, once part of the Trump scenario, have never been "in play," and he is not competitive in states Obama won only narrowly in 2012, such as Virginia and Colorado. Trump is more likely to lose North Carolina than win it, which would put him under 200 electoral votes.

Frankly, the writing has been on the wall for months about this race. You simply needed to look at the candidates, their campaign teams, the map and the voters.

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Now, with early voting already underway and only three weeks left until Election Day, the writing is on the wall. Clinton is headed for solid popular-vote and electoral-vote victories that are larger than Obama's were over Romney.

While last-minute WikiLeaks releases could be embarrassing for Clinton, the battle lines of the 2016 presidential race are already set. Both the Post-ABC and NBC-Wall Street Journal polls show only a handful of voters still undecided in the race, and few committed voters are open to changing their minds.

Clinton's lead could still widen or narrow a couple of points, depending on events. If her victory looks inevitable, some progressives may conclude that they can defect to Jill Stein without handing the White House to Trump. But the most important question is no longer whether Trump or Clinton will win but how large Clinton's margin will be and whether she will have coattails.

Actually, those have been the most important questions for months.

Stuart Rothenberg writes about the politics of the presidential and congressional races.

Instapundit

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by Glenn Reynolds

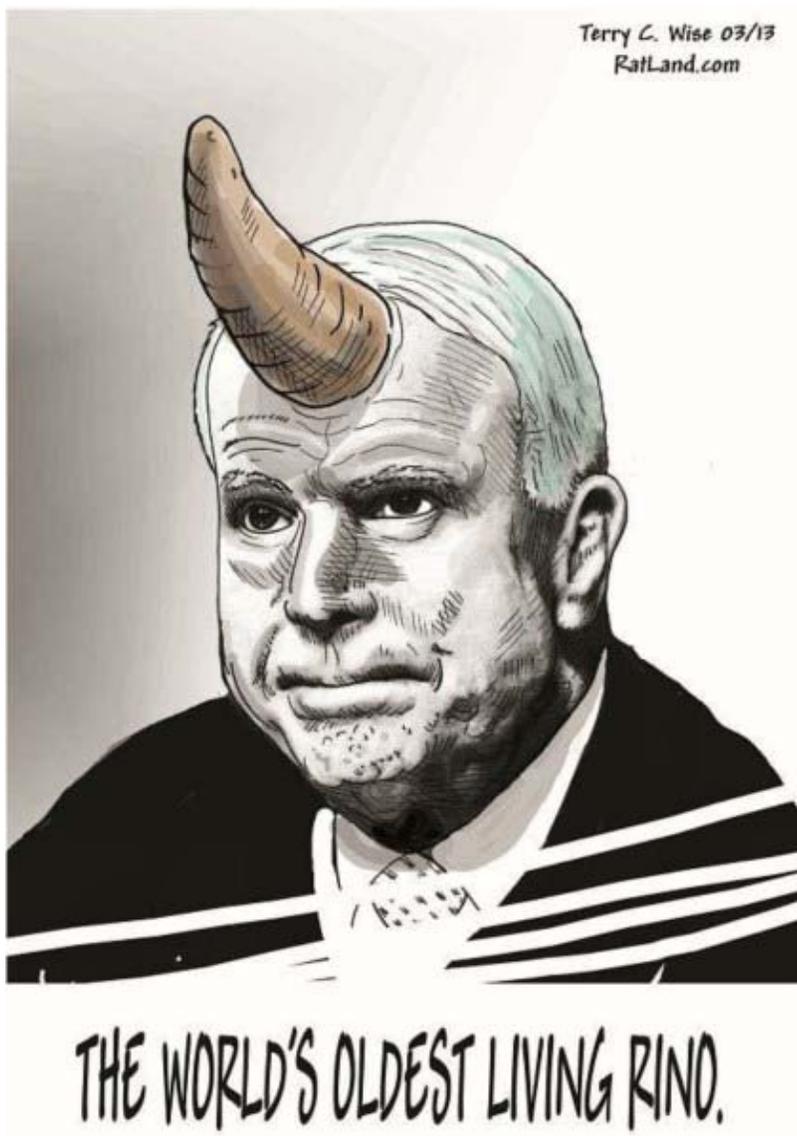
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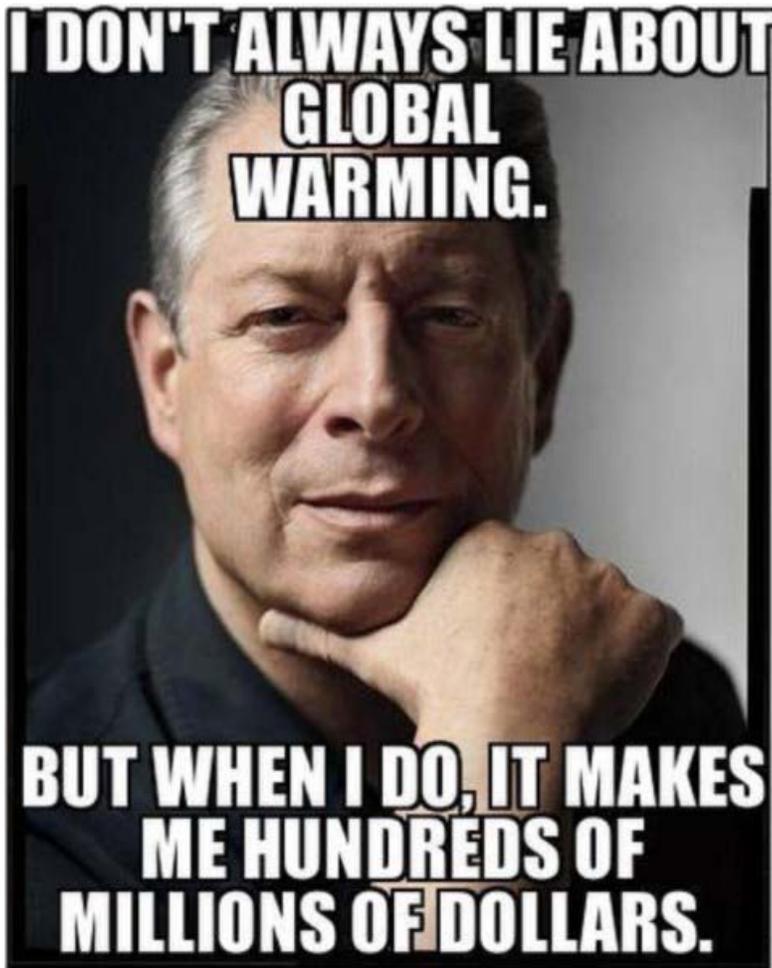
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