



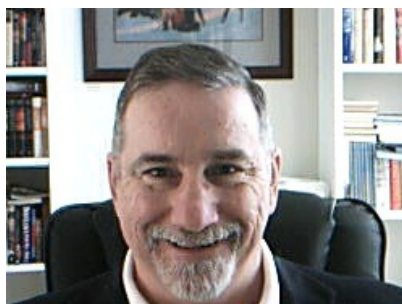
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“Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words” (Proverbs 23:9)

“This past week, President Trump used the bully pulpit in a way America has not seen in 36 years. This means the majority of the mainstream media has never been talked to the way they were on Thursday. Of course, they rejected the President’s words. As Solomon wrote over 3100 years ago, they are fools.”
 –Dave



President Teddy Roosevelt considered the White House a

terrific platform to promote his political agenda. He referred to it as a “bully pulpit.”

After Thursday’s evisceration of the press by President Trump, they are most likely thinking of “bully” in its modern definition. However, Teddy used that term often to describe something as “superb” or “wonderful. Both words describe the President’s use of the pulpit.

Some in the media, both liberal and conservative, are describing the President’s performance as “unprecedented and unpresidential.” If you apply the status quo, then yes, both descriptions are accurate.

I told many right after the Inauguration that within a month President Trump would get tired of the press’ antics, and

that he would “gut-stomp” them for their unpatriotic and unprofessional behavior. He proved me right.

I actually thought the President handled himself well. He toyed with the press, at times was very serious with them, and also tried to encourage them to do their jobs objectively. He genuinely said that the American people would be better served and that the media outlets would benefit from it. Right on both counts.

The Left, with its political party and public relations firm, the Democrat Party and mainstream media, respectively, has openly declared war against the President, the US Constitution, and conservatism.

Hopefully, conservatives, especially our elected officials, are coming to grips with this reality. Just as is the case with our enemy Islamofacism, liberal-facism must be defeated. They are enemies of the state. They’ve given us no other choice.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



The Founders never meant freedom of the press to allow the press to be free to libel or smear its political opponents. Today's media needs to learn that.

“If by the *Liberty of the Press* were understood merely the Liberty of discussing the Propriety of Public Measures and political opinions, let us have as much of it as you please: But if it means the Liberty of affronting, calumniating, and defaming one another, I, for my part, own myself willing to part with my Share of it when our Legislators shall please so to alter the Law, and shall cheerfully consent to exchange my *Liberty* of Abusing others for the *Privilege* of not being abus'd myself.” Benjamin Franklin, [from](#) “An Account of the Supremest Court of Judicature in Pennsylvania, viz., The Court of the Press,” September 12, 1789

We have seen in past editions of The Truth Newsletter that the mainstream media has openly declared war on President Trump. They believe themselves alone to be the protectors of liberty. In reality, they are opponents of true freedom of speech, the press, to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government. More visceral is their opposition to Christianity, and the free exercise thereof.

Simply put, the very press that is protected by the [First Amendment](#) is its greatest enemy. In fact, it could be said the mainstream media is trying to rewrite the First Amendment to mean only what it thinks it says, and to publicly castigate and counter all opposition to their perceived power. If it means lying, knowingly publishing fake news, or altering the facts to fit their agenda, then the ends will always justify the means.

While I do not advocate exchanging anyone's liberties for personal protection, there are ways to counter the mainstream media's abuses. We will cover some in our “To The Streets” page, but we must always remember that with liberty comes responsibility.

A self-governing people must rule over their own passions to protect others and never infringe upon the rights of their fellow citizens. Turn the page to find out how...

FROM THE PULPIT

“Self-government, brethren, is the absolutely necessary step before there can be godly character. The godly character is the end result of someone disciplining himself, controlling himself, governing himself with the knowledge given him by the Spirit of God and using the power of God to do that governing. This is everybody's responsibility and unless we do it there will be no godly character. So if we are ever going to be like God and be in His Kingdom, we must govern ourselves.” Pastor John Ritenbaugh, “Self-Government And Responsibility (Part 1)” [sermon](#), Charlotte, NC, January 30, 1993.

Pastor Ritenbaugh puts his finger on the essence of America's problems: we are sorely lacking in “godly character.” For us to have godly character, “we must govern ourselves.”

Moral relativism or human secularism, whatever label you want to give it, rejects the notion of self-governing. Now those who live by this devilish worldview, aka a religion, would say they absolutely embrace self-governing.

They will tell you that they support anyone's right to be who they want to be as long as it doesn't harm anyone, including themselves. This more closely aligns with the modern libertarian movement.

The Left rejects absolute truth. This rejection is paramount to human secularism and moral relativism. The ability to decide what is right for you is the keystone to postmodern thinking and living. You have no right to tell me how to live my life.

Perhaps, but the God who created you can and has. Our Declaration of Independence acknowledges as much in that it recognizes each person's “separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and Nature's God entitle them.”

What did Jefferson mean by this? Did he mean a deistic god, or the God of the Bible? If the former, then Jefferson would have to consider “the Laws of Nature and Nature's God” as one system of laws. How would that be possible? Jefferson would have to believe they were one in the same. However, along with the other founders and confirmed by John Quincy Adams in 1841, Jefferson knew they were two identical systems. Adams [claimed](#):

“In the Declaration of Independence the Laws of Nature are announced and appealed to as identical with the laws of nature's God, and as the foundation of all obligatory human laws.”

The intellectually honest person will admit, even if they reject it, that God's laws are meant to be absolute. And as Adams stated, they are “obligatory human laws.”

TO THE STREETS

WE the People have the power to reel in the press. Many outlets bemoan our free-market capitalist system. Other than PBS, their very survival depends on this system. That may be why they loathe it so.

Nevertheless, all media outlets produce news for Americans to consume. No one is forced to listen, read, or watch those products. While some may have limited their choices, the ability to pick and choose the news you consume is available to all who seek it. The same is true in the entertainment industry.

The way to get through to these Leftists is through their wallet, or bottom line. All news media is dependent upon advertising (again, excluding PBS). So if you are still watching the networks you loathe and complain about every day, I would say that is a you problem, not them. Your absence would speak volumes to them.

So here are just a few of suggestions:

1. Stop listening, reading, or watching the mainstream media, altogether. My boycott of all of it includes FOXNews. I've not regularly watched network or cable news since January 2012. I will briefly watch FOXNews in the break room where I work, or an occasional live press conference. But for the most part, I pick my news outlets from online sources. If you decide to stop indulging a particular news service, send them a quick note to inform them why. Always remember to be courteous.
2. If and when you find a service you like, be sure to subscribe or support them financially. There are great resources out there, many of them which I link to in these newsletters. Drop them a note of encouragement and a few bucks to let them know how much you appreciate them.
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If a great majority of Americans would just take these three steps, we would make a huge impact on society. It's time to get started!

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