

Republican Perspective

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MEDIA EXUBERANCE

"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking." General George S. Patton

The 2016 presidential campaign is underway and it seems like each day brings another Republican candidate. Without a doubt, this has led to media exuberance with many partisan journalists sharpening their wit.

When Republican Senator Ted Cruz announced his candidacy, the national Main Stream Media (MSM) quickly proclaimed he was "brash", a "headliner" and an "uncompromising conservative". Contrast those views to when Obama announced his candidacy in 2007. Then the MSM dutifully repeated his claim that he would be a "uniter" despite having the most left-wing voting record in the Senate.

One must fully understand what the MSM and Democrats mean by "uncompromising conservative". Unless one yields to their view, you are considered "uncompromising" or "extreme". Never mind that our President can whine like a schoolboy that he will veto any piece of legislation that does not fit his dogma. "I've got a pen and a phone" is considered compromising .

Republicans understand that it takes an extraordinary effort to get their message out as there are few unbiased reporters. Indiana University's survey, "The American Journalists in the Digital Age" showed that 80% of journalists that align with a political party are Democrats. Here are a few examples of MSM doing the Democrats bidding:

- "If there's bipartisan agreement on Capitol Hill, it's that Senator Cruz is a bit of a jerk. Well, maybe not a bit of a jerk. He's a jerk. Democrats don't like him but Republicans really don't like him." Jonathan Copeland, Washington Post
- "I think he (Cruz) fits in the tradition of Father Coughlin and Joe McCarthy and, of course, maybe to a lesser extent Pat Buchanan and, of course Bill O'Reilly. They have that, we call the Black Irish look to them." Chris Matthews, host of Hardball, MSNBC
- "...I think he's the worst. I think he's scary, I think he's dangerous, I think he's slimy and I think he brings no fresh ideas." Donny Deutsch, MSNBC panelist

Senator Cruz is not the lone example of media exuberance. Senator Marco Rubio was chastised by Tony Kornheiser of ESPN and Obama's golfing buddy. Kornheiser referenced a 2014 Father's Day article written by Rubio where he said that his Dad use to call him on the phone and pretend he was Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula, reminding him that if he didn't wear the leg braces his doctor had told him to wear, the

future Senator would not be able to come play ball for him when he was older. Kornhieser said that kids 8-10 years old have cognition and since Rubio didn't recognize his Dad's voice, ..."this to me automatically disqualifies Marco Rubio from being president."

Former HP executive, Carly Fiorina didn't escape media exuberance as Washington Post columnist Ruth Marcus offered: "I don't think we would be taking her seriously at all if she weren't a woman. And I would love to see a woman President....I think she is a failed business leader and a failed political candidate....I just don't get why we should be taking her so seriously."

While the MSM has no difficulty on expressing their opinions of Republicans, little mention is made of Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton. The private computer server and email account while conducting business as the nation's Secretary of State is a "distraction" to her campaign. Likewise the Clinton Foundation's foreign donations are just "noise". Mrs. Clinton's reluctance to discuss issues with MSM is just taking her message directly to the people.

Compare what MSM said about Hillary Clinton when she announced via Twitter. The exuberance for Mrs. Clinton included: "sleek," "savvy," "trending," "electrifying," and "approachable."

It's a long way until the 2016 election, but one certainty is that we can expect the MSM to continue its mission of biased reporting.