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*“People say satire is dead. It's not dead; it's alive and living in the White House.”  
Robin Williams*

As we travel through the 2016 political campaign, we will hear from the main stream media (MSM) that Republicans must become “Democrat-light” to win elections. They are right. Americans have always had a soft heart for the underdog. The commoner that rises against the odds to overcome adversity and reach the American dream. It's too bad that Republicans fail to understand this trait when it comes to shaping the political dialog. Progressives get it and use it to their advantage.

It doesn't matter that Progressive plans don't work. They win elections with soundbites about doing good for the underdog. They position themselves as champions of the under-represented and oppressed. They twist America's story of individual freedom and liberty into tales of racism and exploitation. With the total support of the MSM as well as the teacher's unions, American history becomes more Marxist, with wealthy whites demonizing its victims.

Republicans should quit playing into Progressive's hands and alter our political approach. Instead of viewing important issues (healthcare, military, social security, homeland security, taxes, etc) as programs that require policy changes, we need to frame the debate around the impacts of Progressive rule on the little guy.

Progressives attack Republicans as servants of the rich and powerful, oppressors of the weak and enemies of “the people.” If you believe Progressives, Republicans want polluted air and water with little regard for our environment. Forget the fact, that it was a Republican President that signed the Clean Air Act and formed the Environmental Protection Agency.

An example of the Progressive political war is Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.) comments: “The Republicans simply want us – they want Latinos and Asians to disappear and be quiet,” Gutierrez said. He elaborated further: “Well, yeah, but you know, it's like – and black people, they're like, ‘well I'm not sure you should all be able to vote, let's go back before the Voting Rights Act.’ I mean – they want to turn back the clock on women too.”

Rep. Gutierrez would have you believe that the Democratic Party is the protector of Latinos, Asians, blacks and women. Conservatives know that America is still a land of opportunity. Why would Latinos, Asians, blacks and women seek to come here? To be oppressed?!!!

The political battle that Republicans lose is one about symbolism, image and emotions. The Progressives have been successful in painting conservatives as always on the side of the bad guys - the powerful, the male, white and wealthy. Columnist Ann Coulter describes the Progressive motto as: "Speak loudly and carry a small victim." Rep. Gutierrez gets it.

Republicans must quit being afraid to show that the most powerful forces obstructing opportunity for the poor and minorities are Progressives and the public policies they promote.

It is the Progressive welfare system that destroyed the inner city black family and created a permanent "under-class" steeped in a culture of dependency and poverty. It is Progressives that corrupted inner city public school systems with their blind support of teacher's unions who care more about protecting their own interests vs education.

Every major inner city school system is controlled by Democrats/Progressives and has been for years. Boston, Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Oakland and San Francisco - are all under Democrat Mayors. These are the locales that Progressives continue to use as their social laboratories of failing policies. These are the cities with poverty and crime rates far higher than necessary. These are where Progressives have their boots on the necks of the poor and people of color. Almost one-half of the students who do graduate from high school are functionally illiterate, while teachers strike for more pay or higher pensions.

If Republicans remain too timid to bring these and other failures to the forefront, we will not win. Opportunity vs failed social programs is a theme for all Republican candidates to consider. Yes, use their play book.