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METAMORPHOSIS?

“The trust of the innocent is the liar's most useful tool.” Stephen King

My staunch Democrat friend (let's call him Harry) suggested lunch. He didn't want to meet at Creekside Grill as he said my last column might make him an outcast within his circle of acquaintances. So, I picked up some sandwiches at Morucci's Deli and met him at his secret location.

After our usual discussion about the Giants, A's, Bears, Cardinal & Raiders, he wanted to talk politics. Both of us agreed that the 49'ers were not worth our time due to the spectacle of the back-up quarterback.

Harry said that he had been reading all the available info about Hillary's emails. It is most disturbing that no reputable Democrat has called her out, he offered. Do they believe that someone so careless about our national security should be President? Hey, it's your Party, I said. When is the last time a fellow Democrat criticized another about any bad policy? It's a mistake free Party; no micro-aggressions please!

Harry went on that she told the FBI that she didn't know what the letter “c” meant on emails being sent to her nonsecure server. She thought that it was referencing paragraphs marked in alphabetical order and not classified material! It's an insult to the intelligence of the American people. Do you know how many times she told the FBI that she “couldn't recall” when questioned? Nearly 36 times! This is the former Secretary of State!

What do you want me to say, Harry? Nothing, he replied. I need to get this off my chest as I can't have a serious conversation with my Democrat friends about this stuff.

I've been reading about the hacking of George Soros email system, Harry continued. He's the Democratic bag-man that wants open borders. His Open Society Foundations (OSF) have engaged in a well-funded campaign to influence a possible decision by the U.S. Supreme Court on illegal immigration. They are doing this through sophisticated amicus briefs and a media strategy. And Progressives complain about Citizens United!

There is more about Soros, Harry said. He has given millions of dollars to the Center for American Progress with some of the money designated to do “opposition research” against individuals and groups that are critics of radical Islam. Why are Democrats trying to damage the reputation of individuals who report the atrocities performed by radical Islam? I've got issues with the Koch brothers but they are angels compared to

Soros. At least the Koch's provide 60,000+ decent paying jobs to Americans while hedge-fund operator Soros employs a few elites.

Harry provided one last point about Soros. His OSF believes that the European refugee crisis is the "new normal" and will provide "new opportunities" for the OSF to influence immigration policy on a global scale. Let that sink in, he told me.

Speaking of immigration Harry, did you hear Trump's speech? He put forth a 10-point plan for consideration. Yes, I did watch it. I liked the fact that he plans to build both a physical and technological wall on our southern border. How can we remain a sovereign nation without it? He also will cancel Obama's Executive Order on immigration. Heck, even Obama said numerous times that he didn't have the Constitutional power to do it. Now Hillary wants to even go further. Does she think we are electing a Queen?

Another point in his plan is suspending visas from countries where adequate screening of applicants can't occur. Are you OK with that Harry? Absolutely, he replied. Why would we admit individuals that our own intelligent community says they cannot adequately vet? Like it or not, there is evil in this world. Did you ever imagine in the 21st century we would be faced with beheadings and honor killings?

Harry indicated for the most part he liked Trump's immigration plan and also that he softened his stance on deportation to the most dangerous criminal illegal immigrants. He supports Trump's view of putting America first and selecting immigrants on the basis of their likelihood to succeed and become financially self-sufficient.

After finishing our turkey sandwiches, I asked Harry if he had anything else he wished to discuss. I've got plenty he replied, but it will have to wait until next time. Do I dare ask that you are considering voting for Trump? I'm NOT voting for Hillary but not quite ready to say yes to Trump. Let's have lunch in a couple of weeks as I've got some questions you might answer concerning Trump. Still clinging to his Democrat roots, Harry closed by saying, "and you're still buying!"