

Republican Perspective

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Plain Old Partisanship, Or...?

Remember, faithful readers, that I have never yet written in support of our President-elect Donald Trump. And I do not do so here---although I might in the future, depending upon what he delivers while in office. I write instead to point out the hypocrisy of his critics on the Left. So I offer this:

President-elect The Donald promised us an end---or at least a reduction---of illegal immigration. Consider this statement:

“All Americans....in every place in this country, are rightly disturbed by the large numbers of illegal aliens entering our country. The jobs they hold might otherwise be held by citizens or legal immigrants. The public service (sic) they use impose burdens on our taxpayers. That's why our administration [will move] aggressively to secure our borders more by hiring a record number of new border guards, by deporting twice as many criminal aliens as ever before, by cracking down on illegal hiring, by barring welfare benefits to illegal aliens....We will try to do more to speed the deportation of illegal aliens who are arrested for crimes, to better identify illegal aliens in the workplace....We are a nation of immigrants. But we are also a nation of laws. It is wrong and ultimately self-defeating for a nation of immigrants to permit the kind of abuse of our immigration laws we have seen in recent years, and we must do more to stop it.”

Anti-Trumpers call such comments racist, xenophobic, mean-spirited, even white nationalist. Did I leave anything out?---insert your preferred insult. Hillary Clinton says that those who harbor such thoughts are deplorable and irredeemable.

Whoa! Hold your horses! Maybe it ain't so bad!

The quote is not from Trump. It's actually from the Top-Dog Democrat, President Bill Clinton, in his Jan. 24, 1995, State of the Union Address. Oooooops!

Well, If that's true (google it), then what we have here is a textbook example of a double standard and hypocrisy.

Did Democrats denounce President Clinton's statement as anti-immigrant, xenophobic, mean spirited, racist, and so on? Nope. They gave him a standing ovation---as well they should have.

Although Trump's rhetoric and tone have been more blunt and harsh than President Clinton's, their *message* is the same: illegal immigration is "self-defeating" and "we must do more to stop it."

To vilify Trump and his supporters for taking essentially the same stance as President Clinton is hypocritical and indefensible.

Perhaps the reason for the criticism is just plain old partisanship. Or maybe it's the fear that instead of just saying "we must do more to stop it" Trump might actually *do* it.