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BORDER HYPOCRISY

“Hypocrisy is not a way of getting back to the moral high ground..” Alan Dershowitz, lawyer/professor

The hypocrisy of the Progressive left towards enforcement of immigration law is numbing. The left became unhinged when photos appeared of migrant children detained in “cages.” But to their dismay, these were photos of 2014 detention centers run by the Obama administration.

Where were the Progressives and media outrage in 2014, 2015 or 2016 of migrant children caged by Obama? Jeh Johnson, former head of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), admitted that the Obama administration used the same separation of children. No matter, President Trump is being lambasted by Democrat politicians and the main-stream-media. Republicans are always held to a higher standard.

In an interview with Fox News, Mr. Johnson said: “I freely admit it was controversial. We believed it was necessary at the time, I still believe it is necessary to remain a certain capability of families. We can’t have a catch and release...but unless we deal with the underlying causes that are motivating the people to come here in the first place, we are going to continue to bang our heads against the wall on this issue.”

Representative Henry Cuellar (D-TX), discussed illegal migrants at the southern border during an interview with CNN. He admitted that the previous administration tried to keep its detention policy from the American public. “It was kept very quiet under the Obama administration,” he confessed. “There were large numbers of people coming in. The Obama administration was trying to keep this quiet.” Cuellar added that the problem is nothing new and that today’s numbers essentially mirror those during the Obama years. “We still see the numbers,” he stated, although “not all of them are being separated. Some of them are coming alone.”

TIME magazine continued the falsehood with a cover picture of a crying little Honduran child looking up at President Trump with the caption, “Welcome to America.” TIME was trying to play upon our sympathies. Yet, the father of the girl told the Washington Post that the child and her mother were NOT separated. This was confirmed by both U.S. and Honduran officials.

Talk show commentators on CNN and MSNBC make the analogy to Nazi Germany. Their spin is that migrant detention centers look like concentration camps. Hillary’s comments about “deplorables and despicable” come to mind. The Nazi comparison validates the media’s “Trump derangement syndrome.” To suggest that Trump is

overseeing a modern day Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, Buchenwald, Dachau...is despicable.

MSNBC recently visited a detention center in Texas for migrant children. The correspondent reported: "I mean, there are licensed professionals in there who actually take care of the children, there are no cages, there are no fences that have been described at some of the border patrol stations." The way to avoid separation of children is to present yourself at a legal border crossing and make your case for asylum.

Then there is Alan Dershowitz, a Harvard Law school professor emeritus, and a self described liberal Democrat in politics. Professor Dershowitz wrote a stinging op-ed in "The Hill" describing how he is being shunned by his old Democrat friends for defending President Trump's civil liberties. "For them, it is enough that what I have said about the Constitution might help Trump. So they are shunning me and trying to ban me from their social life on Martha's Vineyard," he wrote, likening the experience to the McCarthyism of the 1950s.

In an interview with Fox's Tucker Carlson, Mr. Dershowitz referred to the talk by leftists at a Martha's Vineyards party. A woman said, "If Dershowitz were here tonight I'd stab him through the heart." He went on to say this is not a "liberal" thing but a "hard left radical phenomenon."

It appears that Martha's Vineyard is alot like the Bay Area, very tolerant.

Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) called on the leftists to harangue members of the Cabinet: "They're not going to be able to go to a restaurant, they're not going to be able to stop at a gas station, they're not going to be able to shop at a department store. The people are going to turn on them, they're going to protest, they're going to absolutely harass them." Where is the Progressive emergency brake on such dialogue?

Now Progressives are leading a movement to abolish the Immigration & Customs Enforcement agency. They have not proposed a serious alternative except to create a more "humane" agency. Just what illegal MS-13 gangbangers want...

Currently, immigration polls as the number one issue for the 2018 mid-term elections. It will be interesting to see if the hard left, open-border candidates prevail. In the meantime, build the wall!