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**TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY**

*"We are raising a generation of young Americans who are by and large historically illiterate" - David McCullough, historian*

Three months into the new year, the Democrats have shown how far their party has moved to the extreme left. It is doubtful that FDR & JFK could win the 2020 presidential primary due to their "white privilege." Harry Truman would be another outcast.

It would be easy for Republicans to dismiss the far leftist ideology that Democrats have adopted. But doing so would not be wise. Gallup reports that 57% of Democrats favor socialism.

According to a 2017 survey from Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, a Washington, D.C. based nonprofit, one in two millennials say they would rather live in a socialist or communist country than a capitalist democracy. Scary!

Freshmen Democrats in the House are basking in their new found media fame. The self-proclaimed "boss" of the Green New Deal (GND), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY), leads the leftist charge. In a rare rebuke of a Democrat politician, the AFL-CIO Energy Committee rejected the GND. In a letter to the Congresswoman, the Unions said: "...but the Green New Deal resolution is far too short on specific solutions that speaks to the jobs of our members and the critical sectors of our economy. It is not rooted in an engineering-based approach and makes promises that are not achievable or realistic."

Cortez cheered at Amazon's withdrawal from building a second headquarters in Long Island City, Queens. Amazon forecasted to bring 25,000 jobs and over \$10 billion in revenue over the next 20 years. In a stunning display of economic illiteracy, the ex-bartender said the \$3 billion New York was offering Amazon in tax breaks and incentives, could now be used to fund subway improvements and hire more teachers. Boston University must be proud of their economics major. Go Terriers!

After her role in killing private sector tax-paying jobs, Cortez presented a 70% marginal federal tax on the wealthy. Those individuals that earn > \$10 million/year are targeted. Studies have shown that exhorbitant taxes on the wealthy will not produce enough revenue to fund Democrat social programs.

Not to be outdone by Cortez, presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren unveiled her "wealth tax." Under Warren's proposal, households with over \$50 million in assets would pay a 2 percent tax on their net worth every year. The rate would rise to 3 percent on assets over \$1 billion. It is estimated that it would affect 75,000 households. Never mind that it has been tried and dropped by other nations.

Another new Congresswoman that has laid bare the Democrat Party divide is Minnesota's Ilhan Omar. No sooner had Speaker Pelosi named her to the House's Committee on Foreign Affairs, Omar took to Twitter on a series of anti-Semitic tweets. Her initial tweets caused the Speaker to say they were "deeply offensive." House Democrat leaders issued a statement condemning her remarks. The statement came only after two Jewish members circulated a letter to colleagues asking party leadership to condemn anti-Semitism.

As a result, Omar issued an apology. But her polarizing views continued. At a Washington bookstore, Omar said: "I want to talk about the political influence in this country that says it is O.K. for people to push for allegiance to a foreign country." This charge of "dual loyalty" led to calls for a rebuke of Omar by both Democrats and Republicans.

The House passed a resolution originally meant to rebuke Omar for her anti-Semitic remarks. But in a nod to its far left base, House Democrats omitted the congresswoman's name and added condemnations of "Islamophobia" and white supremacy. 23 Republicans voted against it, They reasoned it to be a sham to avoid condemning Omar and denouncing vile anti-Semitism.

Another Democrat "newbie" is Michigan's Rashida Talib. The Congresswoman told her enthusiastic supporters that President Trump was a bully and, "we're going to impeach the mother fu..er!" That's her version of Michelle O's "they go low, we go high." Talib has joined Omar touting anti-Semitic views. She issued an anti-Semitic slur leveled at her Congressional colleagues for their support of a bill allowing local, state, and federal agencies to avoid doing business with entities that support the anti-Israel Boycott-Divestment-Sanction (or BDS) movement.

Take these Democrats seriously. They wish to maximize the power of government vs individual liberty. They want to abolish the electoral college as well as increase the size of the Supreme Court. They want to punish and tax success. They want to scrap the Second Amendment. They want to end private health insurance.

Republicans need to aggressively fight against this radicalism.