

GOP: Brilliant!

Finally taking the spotlight away from this “Whine, Blame, and Brainwash” president!

It was a long time coming but finally the GOP took the bull by the horns and demanded equal time after Obama’s “nth” speech and lecture. This president has consistently used and abused his pulpit, precisely to “bully” his ideology and modify public opinion so as to fit his ideology.

Obama shamelessly and consistently has used the media to justify his incompetence, to blame others for his failures, to cover past mistakes by changing the tone or content of what he said before (in the most ridiculous and Orwellian doublethink manner), and to spin facts in order to alter public opinion and spread misconceptions and lies that amazingly and with the help of the media, end up becoming the “thought of the land”. (Well, mostly. Not everybody falls for his trickery).

But the Republicans got it and decided to fight fire with fire and demand equal time to “un-spin” the presidential discourse and refute his demagoguery with facts. The GOP is exerting pressure on the media to at the very least offer our point and open at a minimum a tiny window for the American People to begin to see the truth and to start realizing what a snake-charmer this president is.

Republicans are finally pushing their way into hostile Liberal environments and are getting our word out in outlets that were reserved for the Obama echo-chamber until very recently.

Chairman Priebus, Speaker Boehner, Representatives Cantor and Ryan are the most visible and the most vocal. And although I would ideally like to see more of us and more often in the media (using even more of the extraordinary talent we have in the Party in people like Secretary Jim Nicholson; Senators John Thune, Rand Paul, or Marco Rubio; and Governors like Chris Christie, Mitch Daniels, or Sam Brownback) the fact is that our leadership is taking over the airwaves and decreasing the volume of the rhetoric of the Obama media machine.

So I say: Kudos!

Kudos to our Chairman, to the Speaker, and to all those Republicans whose truth is the best antidote to Obama’s strategy of taking the national discourse hostage and abusing it as if it were his property and sole privilege.

I could not be happier and prouder that my Party said: “No more!”

And it was absolutely necessary as it is essential that we continue to do this and do not yield an inch of media space or miss even one opportunity to expose Obama and his acolytes for the demagogues that they are and for the fear tactics that they insist on using in order to scare Americans into submission.

Some examples:

Obama's threat to "take it to the American people" if Representative Cantor "called his bluff" translated into daily appearances in the media and culminated with a "message to the nation" the kind of which is typically used to address the People with policy measures or transcendental presidential decisions. Instead, he used that prime-time show to lecture us on patriotism, to speak in platitudes, and as has become the norm, to blame others for his lack of leadership and action.

The same person who would not wear a flag pin on his lapel, would listen to the national anthem with his hands locked by his sides, and whose wife in all of her adult life has only once been really proud of her country, tried to lecture us on "what this country is about", "what we are", and what "E Pluribus Unum" means. We knew all those things way before he even appeared in the national stage.

The same person that threatened a Congressman; that one day says that he is "the grown-up" and wants compromise, and right after goes out in public and trashes his opponents; the same person that states unequivocally that he will veto deals that passed overwhelmingly in the House, is the one who pretends to be conciliatory and working to solve America's problems.

The same person who barefacedly quotes President Reagan yet conveniently omits the crux of the message, that to deserve a raise in the debt ceiling the country must at least move towards achieving a balanced budget, tries to justify his extremism with half truths.

The same person that threatens to stop checks going to Social Security recipients, seniors, and military personnel, is the one that calls for "responsibility".

Luckily, the GOP efforts are being met with Obama's desperation that is finally putting a serious dent on his credibility. His threats sound emptier and emptier every day that the sky does not fall on us. His lack of ideas and his tendency to step away from even the most basic responsibilities are beginning to show and, with Republicans pointing that out and pressuring the media to allow the truth to emerge, more and more people are beginning to take notice.

We Republicans are taking away Obama's main and most powerful weapon: the never-questioned forum where he lies, misinforms, spins, blames, and ducks responsibility unchallenged and in absolute freedom.

Republicans are beginning to expose the media for their lack of objectivity and accountability and challenging them to be responsible and take on their obligation to communicate the truth. With this, Obama has no additional tools (he is the speech master and little else) and the media are finding less places where to hide their bias.

This is the time for Republicans to double-up and not let go. We finally have the momentum on our side.

Lets seize it!

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