

## **Obama Myths and Talking Points**

### **Part III: “Tea Partiers are ‘terrorists’, ‘right-wing extremists’, and a long etcetera of slanders”:**

First of all, lets remember one thing: the Tea Party Movement began as a gathering of people inspired by the Boston Tea Party, a peaceful demonstration by colonists against the Tea Act imposed by the British Parliament in 1773 (proving that Gov. Sarah Palin was in fact correct when addressing a group of Tea Partiers telling them “remember 1773”).

While the Boston Tea Party was a protest against the violation of their right to be taxed only by their elected representatives, today’s Tea Party Movement reflects the sentiment of its members on a number of issues (that some Liberals label as “radical” and “out of touch”) and that include:

Demanding balanced budgets as one way to recover economic stability;  
The elimination of wasteful government spending, duplicities, and pork;  
The reduction of a bloated and growing bureaucracy;  
Reduction of the budget deficit through spending cuts, and;  
Dismantling myths and talking-points such as: “tax the rich”, “capitalism is evil”, “Conservatives are anti-union” and a plethora of other Liberal propaganda being disseminated by the Obama administration and the media.

The Tea Party Movement defines itself as: *“a grassroots movement of millions of like-minded Americans from all backgrounds and political parties. Tea Party members share similar core principles supporting the United States Constitution as the Founders intended, such as:*

- *Limited federal government*
- *Individual freedoms*
- *Personal responsibility*
- *Free markets*
- *Returning political power to the states and the people*

*As a movement, The Tea Party is not a political party nor is looking to form a third political party any time soon. The Tea Party movement, is instead, about reforming all political parties and government so that the core principles of our Founding Fathers become, once again, the foundation upon which America stands.”*

Given these positions, the Tea Party and its members have been demonized, blamed, slandered, bullied, besmirched, insulted, abused, attacked (both verbally and physically), mislabeled, shunned, and more recently, called “terrorists” by no other than the Vice President of the United States (among others) and told to “go to hell” by a United States House Representative.

In addition, misinformation on the Tea Party and its members abounds and has even reached audiences beyond our borders. Numerous groups, uninformed members of the population, and even foreign leaders and media outlets have “defined” the Tea Party as a radical group with extreme right-wing views. (I did explain in my previous essay why being “right-wing” is actually a good thing, but that is beyond the point, particularly in the context in which Liberals and the media use the term).

Moreover, the President (and the members of his administration) has gone so far so as to blame the United States’ credit rating downgrade on the Tea Party and to openly state (with no basis) that the Movement and his sympathizers have “taken over Republicans in Congress” and have “held the country hostage”.

In other words, the list of lies and misinformation that the Tea Party (and Conservatives, even though the Tea Party includes members from all parties and political leanings) has been subjected too is too long to enumerate.

Still, allow me to dispel at least a few of them and the ones I consider to be the most slanderous and unfounded (although all the accusations are).

#### **1.- Tea Partiers are “terrorists”:**

Lets look at the definition of “terrorist” and “terrorism”:

##### **Terrorist: ter·ror·ist: –noun**

1. A person, usually a member of a group, who uses or advocates terrorism.
2. A person who terrorizes or frightens others.

##### **Terrorism: ter·ror·ism: –noun**

1. The use of violence and threats to intimidate or coerce, especially for political purposes.
2. The state of fear and submission produced by terrorism or terrorization.

I still have to find an instance in which the Tea Party Movement has used or advocated terrorism, has used violence, threatened anybody, or has intimidated any person. Absolutely every single one of the Tea Party demonstrations have been peaceful, with no incidents of violence reported (other than those that have been proved to be lies and misconstruction of facts by Liberal media outlets).

Every single time that the Tea Party has been accused of violence, it has been demonstrated that such acts have been the result of either Liberal “plants” or of deranged individuals that were never even members nor sympathizers of the Tea Party.

In contrast, lets remember what Obama said on July 11, at the height of the debt ceiling debate regarding Social Security and other payments to the American People:

*"I cannot guarantee that those checks go out on August 3rd if we haven't resolved this issue. Because there may simply not be the money in the coffers to do it... this is not just a*

*matter of Social Security checks. These are veterans' checks, these are folks on disability and their checks. There are about 70 million checks that go out."*

I believe that it is reasonable to say that statements like the ones made by Obama could be considered an example of "a person who frightens others" through "threats to intimidate or coerce, especially for political purposes" by creating "a state of fear and submission".

I believe the Vice President and others in the Obama administration missed the memo with the definition of terrorist and terrorism, or at the very least applied the term to the wrong people.

Another bastion of civility and prudence, Maxine Waters, told an audience in Atlanta:

*"We were basically held up in raising the debt ceiling, until they got all of those budget cuts they demanded... I believe the Democratic Party and the president of the United States should not have backed down. We should have made them walk the plank."*

Another token of civility by Waters, of course, came on August 20 when she told an audience in Inglewood, California that:

*"This is a tough game. You can't be intimidated. You can't be frightened. And as far as I'm concerned -- the Tea Party can go straight to hell."*

If this inflammatory discourse is not characteristic of "a person, usually a member of a group, who uses or advocates violence" and that "uses threats to intimidate or coerce, especially for political purposes" then I don't know what would qualify. But of course, no Liberal or media outlet will admit this, much less condemn it.

It is clear that Liberals will accuse and condemn Conservatives, Tea Party members, or for that matter anybody that may disagree with Obama and his policies of doing precisely what they (Liberals) actually do.

Then all they really need to do is turn on the "spin machine" and before you know it, their lies are spread out and being repeated among and by their whole base.

Lets look at what MSNBC's Chris Matthews had to say, slandering not only Tea Partiers, but Conservative Republicans as well: *"Well, the GOP has become the Wahhabis of American government, willing to risk bringing down the whole country in the service of their anti-tax ideology ... The Tea Party Republicans who are ready to bring down this country's economy in the name of ideology. This is really getting serious, and I believe scary, what's really being perpetrated here."*

Scare tactics anyone?

And how about say, the so-called “comedian” Bill Maher? That shining example of moderation, tolerance, and class. He said on his weekly show:

*“And finally, New Rule..... If we have learned anything from this moronic debt ceiling debacle, it’s that government is a lot like the subway. People tend to give the crazy person what he wants... Yes, cause we’ve all seen that movie where some psycho has a gun to a woman’s head and the rookie hostage negotiator isn’t getting anywhere, so they bring in Mel Gibson, who can relate to the psycho because he’s a psycho. That’s what the Democrats need. Their own Mel Gibson.*

*... The only way to pull the debate back from the far right is for liberals to elect their own slate of 60 unstable, loony tune, mad as a hatter, crazy motherfuckers.*

*So please liberals, ... to show that we will not back down in a crazy off against anybody, the party within the Democratic Party... And don’t tell me that there all ready is such an entity on the left. That it’s the ACLU or Greenpeace or MoveON.org. Oh Please! Those are educated people; lawyers and scientists. We need loud mouths and bad dressers who can match the tea people maniac for maniac... Because apparently crazy is the new sensible. And we will not lose the war of bad ideas”.*

OK, OK, you may argue that Maher and Matthews are always “over-the-top” so lets go then to the “mainstream media” and look at what that hilarious queen of satire Maureen Dowd from the always-objective New York Times had to say:

*“‘Rosemary’s Tea Party,’ an online commenter called it. If the scariest thing in the world is something you can’t understand, then Americans are scared out of their minds about what is happening in America. ... The horror director Brian De Palma once described the simple essence of his genre: ‘There is just something about a woman and a knife.’ But, in this case, it was the president — and the federal government — being chased through dim corridors by a maniacal gang with big knives held high. Like Dracula’s castle, the majestic Capitol suddenly seemed forbidding, befogged not with dry ice but with the stressed-out Speaker John Boehner’s smoking. Like all great horror movies, this one existed in that surreal zone between fantasy and reality, as the Tea Party zealots created their own reality in midnight meetings.*

*... Just as horror films moved from niche to mainstream in the late-’70s, with successes like “Halloween” and “Alien,” the Tea Party moved from niche to mainstream.*

*Tea Party budget-slashers ... in their talent for raising goose bumps from Wall Street to Westminster, this strange, compelling and uncompromising new force epitomized ‘Invasion of the Body Snatchers’ and evoked comparisons to our most mythic creatures of the night. They were like cannibals, eating their own party and leaders alive. They were like vampires, draining the country’s reputation, credit rating and compassion. They were like zombies, relentlessly and mindlessly coming back again and again to assault their unnerved victims, Boehner and President Obama.*

*... The monsters of '70s films channeled grievances similar to the Tea Party's about, as Zinoman wrote, 'government power and mocking nihilism.' ... The influential horror writer H. P. Lovecraft knew better than to be too literal in his description of monsters.*

*In the short story 'The Outsider,' Lovecraft's narrator offers a description that matches how some alarmed Democrats view Tea Partiers: 'I cannot even hint what it was like, for it was a compound of all that is unclean, uncanny, unwelcome, abnormal and detestable. It was the ghoulish shade of decay, antiquity and desolation; the putrid, dripping eidolon of unwholesome revelation; the awful baring of that which the merciful earth should always hide. God knows it was not of this world.' ... If Obama were more of a horror-movie connoisseur, he would know that he was cast as the mild-mannered everyman ... driver in Spielberg's 'Duel,' caught in a road-rage episode with a faceless trucker on the highway... Unfortunately, Obama cowered under his seat during the D.C. horror movie and now plans to try to hide behind his Super committee. But the Tea Party slashers roaming the corridors of the Capitol have feasted without resistance on delicious victims and will only grow bolder."*

How was that for objectiveness, huh?

According to the administration, some members of Congress and the media, wanting a country that has a healthy fiscal situation, a rational government, and an efficient structure, makes those who fight for such values anything from terrorists, to maniacs, to monsters.

Having said that, Liberals don't realize that they are really shooting themselves in the foot. Because despite all those ad hominem and unfounded attacks; despite that spin, misinformation, outright lies; regardless of how much Liberal slander Conservatives and Tea Parties receive; and not withstanding how hateful the rhetoric thrown at us, WE The People know what America needs to be its greatest again. We know that this great nation of ours cannot thrive to its full potential under the ballasts of wasteful and irresponsible governments. We know that we are fighting the good fight, for the good reasons.

The Liberals can (and will) say what they want (we, after all, support their freedom to do so). But at the end of the day the truth always prevails, and rationality and wisdom always end up being the dominant factors in the United States.

It will all work out fine in 2012. Even as Liberals will keep yapping.

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