

Unleashing war on GOP women

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Is this really all the Democrats have? As Sarah Palin, Michele Bachmann, Condoleeza Rice and many others have learned, when a woman rises to prominence within the Republican Party, Democrats unleash the real War on Women.

Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington's 5th Congressional District stands among the brightest stars in a very deep Republican talent pool. According to contemporaneous reports, she was seriously considered by John McCain as a vice presidential candidate in 2008. She has delivered the Republican response to Obama's weekly addresses. She appears to have a very bright future, should she choose to remain in electoral politics.

So she must be destroyed.

But if the scandal that whipped up around her in recent weeks is the best her enemies have, then McMorris Rodgers should have a clear path to wherever her ambitions lead her.

Her great crime is that she failed to maintain a clear enough division between her staff's congressional duties and her campaign activities. As such, she likely mingled taxpayer resources with partisan political resources.

If this fails to stir up outrage among those who do not already hate her, it could be that they see members of Congress frequently using government resources for partisan political purposes. They see a president who has traveled to and hosted many hundreds of partisan political fundraisers, all at great public expense.

The previous Democrat president, William Jefferson Blythe Clinton III, would rent out the Lincoln Bedroom in the White House in exchange for campaign contributions. He sold a plot at Arlington National Cemetery to a campaign fundraiser and granted a federal pardon to a fugitive who contributed lavishly to Clinton's presidential library.

The idea that McMorris Rodgers conducted a debate practice in her government office hardly raises a ripple in the force nine storms of corruption that typically rage around Washington, D.C.

As the McMorris Rodgers story unfolded, The Las Vegas Review Journal, the hometown newspaper of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Gomorra, reported that Dirty Harry was being naughty again. He was caught using campaign funds to purchase \$31,000 worth of costume jewelry from his granddaughter. He then gave the baubles to his staff.

In addition, the paper learned that several companies who benefit handsomely from Reid's control of the federal purse strings were planning generous contributions to his granddaughter's theater troupe, even though these companies have no prior history of such donations. I'm sure they expect nothing in return.

Nothing to see here. Move along. Move along.

In 2003, the Los Angeles Times published a scathing piece on Reid's penchant for showering great loads of taxpayer funds onto companies that hire his sons and sons-in-law, and pay them generously.

How does that measure up against McMorris Rodgers' alleged crimes?

The same article reported that 17 U.S. senators and 11 members of the House of Representatives had spouses who worked either as lobbyists or consultants with companies that stood to benefit from laws and appropriations passed by the Congress.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Sodom, was one of those senators. As a chairwoman and ranking member of the Senate Military Construction and Appropriations subcommittee, she was able to steer billions of taxpayer dollars to Perini Corporation and URS Corporation, both owned by her husband.

She resigned from the subcommittee after her husband divested himself of his interests in those companies. Her work was done.

It's a good thing that her staff was never caught using a government computer improperly!

The core of Democrat ideology holds that unless you are a white, male heterosexual with a job, then you are a victim of those evil, white, male heterosexuals with jobs. As such, you need the Democratic Party to take revenge upon your oppressors, to seize and redistribute their earnings and to tilt the scales so that the victims of oppression can gain equality of outcome, regardless of effort or productivity.

The Democratic Party specializes in hatred and vitriol, but they reserve their most toxic venom for individuals from those demographics who dare to align themselves with an ideology that stands for individual opportunity and personal responsibility.

McMorris Rodgers will have to understand that she will be held to a far higher standard than any Democrat. As such, she will have to be far more cautious than her Democratic counterparts.

And if you think they will someday leave you in peace, just look at the way they still treat Justice Clarence Thomas.

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