

Yankee Steve's Column

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Hoof and Mouth Disease

After failing to receive the Democrat presidential bid in 2004 in favor of Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts, Howard Dean needed a job. The Democrats had an opening - a job with no future.

A little over four years ago Howard Dean became chairman of the Democratic National Convention. By choosing Dean the powers that be were killing two birds with one stone. They were putting out the welcome mat for radicals, (those who are the most radical, people with whom Barack Obama feels most comfortable), and they were silencing Dean which is well nigh impossible.

Dean specializes in the gaffe. Among politicians he is the Great Gaffesby. By some estimates he is the greatest verbal blunderer in recent memory.

Only Vice President-elect Joe Biden runs a close second to Dean. Biden was the guy who said that Franklin Roosevelt addressed America via television in order to allay fears about the Great Depression in 1929. Biden must not have known that television was not in our homes in 1929, and that FDR did not become president until 1932.

Nevertheless Dean remains king of the hill. He has suffered from a lifelong bout with gaffeitis which has as yet not been cured. Maybe when the Socialists push through their agenda for socialized medicine he will seek help. It will take a team of specialists.

Unforgettable

No one can forget Dean's famous screech speech. Dean's shrill voice came across loud on a day no one will forget. If Dean had been Obama the news story might never have been covered.

The piercing tones released that day dispelled any hope he might have had that he would become president. Dean couldn't run for dog catcher and win. I am sure that he will never get that scream out of his mind. Unfortunately it is the *silent scream* of defenseless children that he has learned to ignore. According to experts a sound escapes the baby when s/he is being butchered in the womb. Dean might know this since he is a medical doctor.

However Dean is much harried to take the time to listen that kind of scream.

He is on a mission similar to that of Captain Ahab. Only this time the great white whale is the Republican Party or any conservative he might find on a street corner.

Dean, like Captain Ahab, has come out on deck. He has announced his intentions. He will destroy the party of Lincoln. However, Republicans should not take this personally. This is what psychologists call a *presenting problem*. Dean is not really mad at Republicans; he just appears mad.

The old Puritans would have said that the former governor from Vermont is of a churlish nature. They would have told him to seek after God so that He might remedy his condition. We, in our time, just prescribe medicine, or give him a job that ties him up in committee work lest he should go on talking to the media.

Dean May Wish That He Wasn't a White Man

Dean is one of those white Americans who wishes he was African-American or Chinese or Native American. He may even wish he was not a Christian.

Listen to the subjective speaker who paints Republicans with broad strokes denouncing them as xenophobes.

"You know, the Republicans are not very friendly to different kinds of people. They're a pretty monolithic party. Pretty much, they all behave the same, and they all look the same. . . . It's pretty much a white Christian party."

We see do we not, that really good gaffes like this one contain at least two elements. Not only do we say something that is in poor taste; but we also say something that is utterly stupid and as such is easily contradicted.

Must I apologize for being white and Christian, and must I apologize for behaving like my peers who live a conservative lifestyle, one which they learned in the churches, which tells them that they should not live off the government, or open the flood gates so that America becomes another Europe?

Dean is actually casting an aspersion on Christianity (which has kept America conservative on moral issues) because the one-time medical doctor thinks that if someone belongs to a church and suffers from xenophobia, s/he will be left uncorrected. He is suggesting that the churches have become a breeding pool for xenophobia.

But is that a fact? Apparently Dean does not know that the apostle Paul said, ". . . we judge no man after the flesh . . ." [2 Corinthians 5:16a] In other words the churches have from the beginning been forbidden to judge people on the basis of their skin color or national origin. By the way, many Republicans are not "wasps;" some are Hispanics, African-Americans, and Asians.

I recollect that the really dedicated abolitionists, who brought slavery to an end in our country, were white Christians and Republicans. The Republican Party was formed to do away with slavery and its sibling polygamy. On a weekly basis white Christians, who had joined the Republican Party, attended churches in which ministers preached stirring sermons

denouncing slavery. The abolition of slavery was mainly a triumph of white Protestant oratory. Speakers of the caliber of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher vehemently attacked slavery. As a matter of fact his defense of the abolition of slavery in America amounted to the single greatest triumph of oratory in the 19th century.

Dean says that today's white Christians, who are Republicans, much act the same. Well then, what is that they do that annoys him? Is it their stance against Socialism, or their repudiation of homosexuality, or their unwillingness to give the abortionists a license to kill? Is it that they work hard in order to make a living? Is it that they are known as the best givers in America? Just what are they doing that should not be done? What bothers him is that they are conservatives.

Dr. Dean, your prejudice against white conservatives is showing. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed by Congress (through which black Americans in particular would be allowed to share in the American dream). **Civil rights was supported by 81% of Republicans and only 65% of Democrats.** Especially the Southern Democrats filibustered 52 days, overwhelmingly resisting it.

Hey, Dean Boy, are you listening? Or is it that facts do not matter?

Apparently the Great Gaffesby cannot be silenced. Once more I quote him. "Republicans . . . a lot of them have never made an honest living in their lives."

Now can we take a man like that seriously? What kind of a political system do we have when someone who talks that way list on his resume that he was at one time the governor of Vermont?

Why is it that Americans are placing power in the hands of jackasses?

Little Things Count for a Lot

However, there are more important things than gaffes, as for example the hypocrisy of Joe Biden. He may not be the gaffer that Dean is, but he is ahead of the former governor when it comes to insider politics and hypocrisy. Better he should be the best gaffer, than what he is, a supreme hypocrite.

Like all Socialists Biden wants us to think that he has a heart for the proletariat but when his accounts come up for review we discover that would not spare them a dime for a cup of coffee.

The next vice president earned \$250, 000 last year. Yet he gave less than \$300 to charity and that from a man who blathers about how we need to care for the little guy.

More importantly, Biden, whose senatorial seat was in Delaware, saw to it that while his son, Hunter, was a banking consultant, he supported restrictive bankruptcy legislature endorsed by the credit card industry and opposed by financial consumer advocates. These same banks are now raising rates to an all-time high. A plastic credit card is a little thing, but little things mean a lot

when the Biden family is in on the deal. Step aside Gambino, let a Socialist show you how it is done.

Would you expect less from the next vice president? Wasn't he the guy who was caught cheating in law school?

I am of the opinion that the gaffes of Howard Dean are not as important as the lack of character we find in Joe Biden, a consummate politician. We all know that Dean is probably a nut job, but Biden will soon be one heart beat or one bullet away from becoming the occupant of the oval office.

If America needs anything right now, it needs leaders who are transparent and honest, and we do not have either in Obama or Biden. All this will come out in due time. Then maybe we will elect someone like Alan Keyes or Ron Paul. I surely hope so.

Ever yours,

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