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## Let's Talk Tolerance and Civility

Over the past year, the “mainstream media” punditocracy has sermonized the American people non-stop on the necessity of being more “civil” toward and “tolerant” of those with whom we disagree. Invariably, they point to unsubstantiated allegations of threats, taunts, or physical violence supposedly perpetrated by unidentified “Trump supporters.” However, the same civility preachers are nowhere to be found when national figures on the Left — in politics, media, academia, and entertainment — engage in viciously uncivil behavior (sometimes criminally so). What follows is but a small sampling of literally hundreds that could be cited. We’re still waiting for expressions of outrage by the media’s “civility police.”



**California Democratic Party Chairman John Burton and “F\*\*\* Donald Trump”:** “Elder statesman” John Burton did not merely make an offhand, vulgar comment during an unguarded moment. In May, at the party’s state convention, the outgoing California Democratic Party chairman led an obscene televised spectacle in which top Democrats joined him on stage and, defiantly jutting their middle fingers into the air, shouted “F\*\*\* Donald Trump.”

**NBC Producer Approvingly Calls Would-be Donald Trump Assassin “A Good Guy With a Gun”:** When Michael Steven Sanford, an illegal alien from England, tried to grab a policeman’s gun to shoot Donald Trump at a rally in Las Vegas, Matt Mowrer, a producer for NBC Universal, tweeted: “It could be argued that the dude who was hoping to assassinate Donald Trump is a good guy with a gun.”

**Bernstein Calls Trump “Dangerous” and “Neo-fascist”:** Ex-Washington Post reporter of Watergate fame Carl Bernstein stoked the violent “Antifa” movement with a rant on CNN on October 21, 2016: “This campaign is now about a neo-fascist — I keep coming back to that — sociopath.... He is setting himself up as the head of ... a real neo-fascist movement.... Is there going to be remnants of a neo-fascist movement that he leads in this country after this election? It’s a dangerous thing. We’re in a dangerous place.”

**Olbermann Calls Donald Trump “Scum of the Earth,” “Saddam Hussein,” “Hitler”:** Ex-MSNBC host Keith Olbermann, now host on GQ.com’s *The Closer with Keith Olbermann*, ranted on an October 6, 2016 GQ.com video: “Donald Trump is the scum of the Earth.... We have had enough!” In a November 29 diatribe, he likened Trump to mass-murdering dictators: “Saddam Hussein, Mussolini, Fidel Castro, Mao Tse-tung, Stalin, Pol Pot, bin Laden, Hitler.”

**Salon.com Writer Says Trump Is Mussolini:** Fedja Buric, a writer for Salon.com, wrote a March 2016 article entitled “Trump’s not Hitler, he’s Mussolini: How GOP anti-intellectualism created a



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modern fascist movement in America.” According to Buric, “Fascism is about the most powerful epithet one can use — but it fits with Donald Trump.”

**Huffington Post Veteran Wishes Early Death for President Trump:** Former social media editor at Huffington Post Ethan Fedida, now director of social media at the news site Ozy, on January 25, 2017, tweeted: “Looking on the bright side: the stress of the presidency should help kill @realDonaldTrump faster.”

**Comedians “Behead” Donald Trump:** Comedian/actor George Lopez tweeted a “cartoon” of Mexican drug lord Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán holding up the bloody, severed head of President Trump. CNN comedienne and commentator Kathy Griffin went further, with a gory video in which she holds up a fake bloody, severed head that looks like Trump.

**Writer for “Liberal” U.K. Paper Endorses Trump Assassination:** Monisha Rajesh, a writer for the left-wing U.K. paper The Guardian, tweeted on November 8, 2016, just after Trump’s victory was announced, “It’s about time for a presidential assassination.”

**New York Times columnist/correspondent Roger Cohen Calls President Trump a “Thug”:** Roger Cohen, in his Times column for October 3, 2016, wrote, “Donald Trump is a thug. He’s a thug who talks gibberish, and lies, and cheats, and has issues, to put it mildly, with women.”

**Rosie Launches Kill Trump Online Video Game:** Rosie O’Donnell tweeted a “Push Trump Off A Cliff Again” action game, in which participants can push President Trump (presumably to his death) off a high cliff or into a volcano of molten lava.

**Johnny Depp “Jokes” About Assassinating President Trump:** Actor Johnny Depp was clearly referencing Lincoln assassin John Wilkes Booth when he told a cheering crowd at the Glastonbury Festival in England in June, “When was the last time an actor assassinated a president?... However, it’s been a while, and maybe it’s time.” Depp made this comment barely a week following the shootings of Representative Steve Scalise (R-La.) and other Republicans on June 14 by a Bernie Sanders supporter.

**Robb Reiner Declares “All Out War” on Trump:** Activist/actor Rob Reiner (“Meathead” from the All in the Family sitcom) tweeted on June 25, 2017 that “the fight to save Democracy is now an all out war.” He has also called Trump, on MSNBC, “a lunatic,” “insane,” “unstable,” and “a pathological liar,” and called Trump supporters “racists.”

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