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The Democrats' Fightin' Words

On a show once with a liberal most insulting, conservative Democrat and ex-Georgia governor Zell Miller lamented (I'm paraphrasing), "Boy, it's too bad we don't still engage in dueling." I can sympathize. The charmingly antediluvian G.K. Chesterton opposed dueling not mainly because it left someone dead, but because it settled no arguments. But it certainly would accomplish one thing today: reintroducing some civility in public discourse.

"You're a fascist!" "Trump is Hitler!" "You're a racist, sexist, homophobic hater!" exclaims the Left. This isn't new. A Democrat congressman once accused Ronald Reagan of aiming to replace the Bill of Rights with *Mein Kampf*-born fascist precepts, while an *Esquire* writer likened Reagan's supporters to the Third Reich's "good Germans." And Keith Olbermann and others called G.W. Bush "fascist." Yet with Trump Derangement Syndrome and the Left's ever-waxing godless immorality, such rhetoric now reigns and rains down continually. MSNBC's Donny Deutsch recently characterized Trump voters as "Nazis" and the "bad guy[s]." Moreover, last year CNN said that vulgarity is the "Democrats' new strategy," an example being California Democratic Party Chairman John Burton leading a "F*** Donald Trump!" chant at a 2017 party convention. Clearly, the Left will now say anything in its passion-fest and insatiable power lust.

Now, question: Habitually hurling such words at others on city streets would yield what inevitable result? You'd taste concrete.

Fightin' words are now normal leftist discourse. This signals trouble. A corollary of "Godwin's Rule of Hitler Analogies" is that rendering a Nazi comparison ends a debate. While not universally true, regularly dismissing opponents with "@#\$%&! Nazi!" means the utterer isn't interested in using or submitting to reason. And there's a certain immutable rule of man: Being unable to talk things out damns people to fighting things out.

This results from denial of Truth, which characterizes the Left. For reason is not an answer, but a method for finding answers. Yet if there's no Truth, there can be no true answers to moral questions, only "perspectives." There's then no reason for reason — and emotion enters the void and becomes the ultimate arbiter. Thus are liberals so feelings-oriented.

The fightin'-words fetish, and the violence it has already bred and reflects (e.g., Antifa), is partially why pundit Pat Buchanan asked on June 12, 2017, "Are We Nearing Civil War?" He wrote that we're "approaching something of a civil war where the capital city seeks the overthrow of the sovereign and its own restoration. Thus far, it is a nonviolent struggle, though street clashes between pro- and anti-Trump forces are increasingly marked by fistfights and brawls. Police are having difficulty keeping people apart. A few have been arrested carrying concealed weapons." And just two days after Buchanan's column was published, Representative Steve Scalise (R-La.) was shot in Alexandria, Virginia.

Reality: Partially due to the Left's war on civility, we're already in a very uncivil war — of facts vs. feelings, principles vs. propaganda, leaders vs. liars. Of course, the old saying informs, "Politics is warfare by other means," and "campaign" did originate as a military term. And politics has always had its share of demagogues, snake-oil salesmen, and sociopaths. But it's a matter of degree, and as time passes, acid tongues increasingly outnumber civil tongues.



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Echoing Buchanan, Representative Steve King (R-Iowa) warned June 24 of another civil war, and a recent poll showed that 31 percent of Americans believe it's likely to happen soon. These people are merely projecting lines. For fightin' words lead to shouting, shouting to shoving, shoving to thrown punches, and, well, that's why they're called fightin' words — they lead to fights. Of course, rabble-rousers such as Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) zealously fan the flames; she has called on supporters to confront and harass Trump administration officials.

But from the French Revolution to the Soviets to Cambodia's Khmer Rouge and beyond, violence has ever typified leftists. Consider the run-up to the Spanish Civil War. In the '30s, there were socialists and communists in Spain's legislature and a half-million anarchists roaming about, and the country's left-wing government was persecuting Christians. Moreover, when a center-right coalition won the 1933 elections, the Left became violent. Sound familiar? The civil war began three years later.

This is what can happen when the population, detached from Truth and reason, reaches critical mass. For failure to believe in right (i.e., objective morality) leads to might making right, to the embrace of occultist Aleister Crowley's maxim, "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law." And that people who cannot be reasoned with can only be fought is a sobering thought.

Yet another thought: Truth and reason can never be destroyed. Though the mob can be led astray and even whipped into an irrational frenzy by clever demagogues, those of good will can be brought back to their senses — one person at a time.

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