

The Word's Eye View

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Why Is Sarah Palin So Scary? (Article 52)

In celebration of its twenty year anniversary the Lonesome Dove series was recently replayed on television. Like many Hollywood productions it contained settings that weighed on both sides of the decency scale. Having said that, I must admit my favorite scene pictures Woodrow McCall exiting a store to witness the whipping of two of his drovers by an army scout. Our hero mounts his horse, races down the street, knocks the larger man off his horse and commences to beat the daylights out of him. If it were not for Gus intervening, the man's demise seemed imminent. The usually stoic and reserved Woodrow's final words to the gaping onlookers were, "I can't tolerate rude behavior in a man." There was a code of the Old West that embraced this philosophy, particularly when applied to women. It's unfortunate that David Letterman has not learned this important lesson of life. His "comedy" degrading Sarah Palin and her fourteen year old daughter was so low, it's where only the maggots live. The media, if they had any manners, would do well to take Mr. Letterman to the verbal woodshed. They constantly accuse Rush Limbaugh of being rude and crude, but to my knowledge he has never made any vulgar sexual comments about Nancy Pelosi, Hillary Clinton or their daughters. Make no mistake about it, under the cloak of comedy Letterman is a liberal political activist which is demonstrated by the number of shots he takes at conservatives.

It is well understood that when any individual tosses their hat into the political ring, they open themselves up to assorted criticism, but common courtesy would dictate that it be confined to policies and behavior which is directly related to them. Amy Carter and Chelsea Clinton were never marks of the media bias, and it's certain the Obama girls will receive the same respect. This is the way it should be! The Bush twins became occasional targets of slander, but the evidence is mounting that zero tolerance has been granted to the Palin family. The hostility that they have encountered must require a deeper explanation. Could it be that the left is terrified of Mrs. Palin and therefore deems it necessary to debase her at every opportunity? Why?

A recent poll revealed that 40% of Americans consider themselves conservative while only 21% would call themselves liberal. It's clear that a strong candidate from the right would only need 11% from the moderates to win a presidential election. Consider some of Sarah Palin's possibilities of appeal. First of all, she has a background in the religious right and an appreciation for Biblical truth. In spite of all that the left has attempted to marginalize this significant percentage of the population, they know the majority of the country still has a reverential regard for Christianity and the Bible.

Secondly, the governor stands in opposition to abortion which was demonstrated by her personal refusal to abort a challenged child. Other polls suggest that the present abortion policies are diminishing in public favor. Sarah Palin could easily become a poster woman for a growing momentum of pro-life attitudes. The far left is even quietly worried about the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor because they are not certain about her ideas on this issue.

The third plus on the Palin placard is "traditional family values." This phrase is a broad sweep of the brush which often lacks precise definition. To some it would include moose hunting while to others it

would involve having dinner together around the dining room table minus a television. The point is simply that a large number of voters liked what they saw and knew about the Palin family. This was indicated by the volumes of people that attended her rallies.

The state run media was quick to reveal the “hypocrisy” of the Palin’s manifested in the pregnancy of their teenage daughter. Interestingly, there was no fuss about David Letterman’s child out of wedlock or his “shacking up.” Perhaps that indicates he is not expected to hold to any moral standard because he professes none. To be sure, every Christian family is scripturally commanded to do their best in raising children to the highest mode possible. But in the midst of that expectation latitude is given for those who crash and burn. If it were otherwise Jesus would have never told the story of the prodigal son. Even children are declared to be their own free moral agents. Moses indicated that when he wrote, “The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers; every man shall be put to death for his own sin.” (Deuteronomy 24:16)

There may be sufficient numbers of Americans left who have enough discernment to grasp these concepts, and in so doing, they represent a dangerous voting block. The strategy of the opposition is not complicated...destroy the image of any leader who would attempt to lead the people away from totalitarianism. Moses did it; Ezra and Nehemiah did it, and George Washington did it. It is anticipated that Jesus will someday do it, but none without unjustified criticism.