

Short Takes, By George McClellan Perception

I'm sure most of you remember the old red and white Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurants with their familiar roadway signs, a huge lighted "bucket" visible on a pole. KFC, as they now call themselves, has been an above average fast food franchise for many, many years, with good food and, for the most part, good service. Even more surprisingly, they did it absolutely without any business from me, ever.

Along with the lighted bucket on a pole bearing the familiar image of a smiling Col. Harlan Sanders, they had a radio slogan that absolutely repelled me. Their slogan reminded the hungry that KFC could be found where "you see the bucket in the sky with the Colonels face smiling down on you". Stop right there! That perception made my skin crawl. To think that somebody was smiling down on me, even from a bucket, and I couldn't do anything about it was one of those 'stay away from this place' feelings. Hence, I have not ever, since, entered a KFC restaurant.

When Obama speaks from his bucket, I mean his elevated platform, and lifts his chin, a la Benito Mussolini style, that makes my skin crawl as well. He is telling me that he is above me; that he is my superior, so to speak, and that I am unworthy of his brilliance but that I should listen to him anyway. His grow government programs are designed to achieve that; to keep us all subservient to the beneficence of government and to accept the clearly Un-American notion that government can run our lives better than we can. That he must use tele-prompters to deliver his brilliance, tells me that he isn't connected to me and I instinctively know that he does not understand me. Indeed, he apparently has no understanding of the American people either.

The Kentucky Fried Chicken Company must have figured out that a lot of Americans were uneasy by their bucket in the sky advertising sign because they quickly made a fundamental change eliminating the buckets and changing their outer facades from actually tacky, to inviting. KFC now prospers. Not so Obamas and his Progressives.

His reaction to the Scott Brown Senatorial victory in Massachusetts of all places, over a shoe-in Democrat to fill the vacated seat of the longest serving Liberal wind-bag in modern history, is a clear demonstration that this guy, Obama, is not what he wants us to think he is. I do not doubt that he is intelligent, but I don't think he's that smart. He comes off as fuzzy and lacking content. His words fail to connect to my inherent understanding of right and wrong and I instinctively know that something is wrong, both about his message and his perceptions of just exactly what his version of "right" is.

Americans want a leader who at least appears smarter than we are and one who can connect with us individually without a teleprompter. Obama? Well, we know nothing about him except to know he ain't no Col. Sanders. Col. Sanders KFC is still with us. Hopefully, Obama soon won't be. (26 Jan 10)