

From the Conservative Side

By George McClellan..The Argument for Separation of Press and State

Hello my fellow Conservatives and Republicans:

"It would be a dangerous delusion were a confidence in the men of our choice to silence our fears for the safety of our rights: that confidence is everywhere the parent of despotism -- free government is founded on jealousy, and not in confidence; it is jealousy and not confidence which prescribes limited constitutions..In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the constitution."...Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson's quote, above, illuminates clearly our current situation, vis-a-vis, the contemptuous trashing of our Constitutional safeguards by the politician currently in power in whom a majority of apparently uneducated American voters have expressed their "confidence" in the sure "hope" he would bring "change we can believe in." Now, after nearly ten months of a socialist oriented government, run by intellectuals who believe their thought and opinions should trump the Constitution, it becomes starkly clear, even to the most casual observer, that the true strength of America always has and always should continue to rest in its (our) US Constitution.

For over two hundred years the strength of our Constitution was supported by the "fourth estate", the American press. They saw their role, in their unique situation, as being charged with identifying stupid politicians with stupid and harmful ideas and exposing them for the dangerous frauds they were. The 'authority' the press uses to support their needed role in an open society is found in only three or four words of Article I of the Bill of Rights: "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, **or of the press**: or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances*".

The words of this amendment could not be clearer in their unambiguous simplicity and the press (media) clings to it as an inviolable right not to be trifled with, as well they should. Unhappily, and serving as a precedent in recent years, we have allowed an unelected minority of Atheists and irreligious Libertines, to convince us that other prohibitions found in that very same amendment, should apply to religion and that therefore, there should be a total, complete "Separation of Church and State", the results and acquiesce of which have led to the removal of recognizing God from nearly every aspect of our daily lives. The screaming nay-sayers have seized upon this line: "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion...*" as the self-evident truth that God should be removed from our daily discourse in every aspect. They attacked public prayers, Ten Commandments plaques in courthouses, and even attack the use of the term "In God We Trust" found on our currency. Yet, no matter how hard I search my copy of the Constitution, I find no such prohibitions, no words that spell out "Separation of Church and State". There, one finds only the prohibition that the Government will not make its own religion which they would require the population to obey.

In our current situation, when daily we see our President and Congress exercise powers and authority Constitutionally prohibited to them, to the detriment of our national health, security, and prosperity, where is this fourth estate? Why, with only a few notable exceptions, it is in bed with the government, not at all doing what it once did, expose the lunacy of that government? This begs the question: If the first amendment of the Bill of Rights has been so easily interpreted so as to kill God in our daily lives, why should there not be a similar movement to separate the press from Government in the forms we see it today? It was refreshing to note that the Broadcast/Cable media stood together when the Obama White House, declared that Fox News could not participate in the interview of Obama's Pay Czar (Commissar). The White House caved! A good sign perhaps, but will it be sustained? Will the press start to come around to their old position of supporting America and not the politician who they had a serious hand in getting elected by not doing their job and, in fact, actively supporting his candidacy? It should have been the press who sought the answers to Obama's legitimacy, question the failure to expose his college records and question his associations with Marxists. Because of their failure to do their job those questions still remains unanswered. Obama's slip of the tongue when he answered media liberal todody George Stephanopolus, that he still clung to his Muslim faith, was ignored by the press until it too, quietly died in the public's mind.

History has shown us that politicians from all ages have used, or attempted to use, the press for their own purposes. That's fair enough! History shows us too that the press has sometimes unwittingly become co-conspirators to governments nefarious plans but when the press, loathed to be tricked, discovered the scheme(s) it went into action to destroyed the perpetrator. President Nixon comes to mind but then the press certainly dropped the ball with Bill Clinton whitewashing his sexual crimes and, with George Bush, investigating invented crimes ("the seriousness of the charges are too important to be ignored" ..Dan Rather, CBS News) until they nearly ran out of ink.

But what to do with a compliant press; a corrupted 'fourth estate' organism dedicated to supporting an incompetent politician, a community organizer from Chicago they helped raise to power? Will they say "we made a mistake and reverse course? Not very likely!

I suppose we vote with our feet, as is apparently being done now, by avoiding those news media outlets from whence come the lies we now so clearly see them to be...lies and distortions! Money is apparently the common denominator for all enterprises. It's within our power to withdraw our support both by not patronizing them, but by not patronizing their sponsors as well. The danger is that the voters will become weary of listening to the media and simply ignore the truths, as well as the lies, about the anti-American governments programs designed to socialize us. Go get'em! (23 Oct 09)

"The Constitution of the United States is the result of the collected wisdom of our country" ..Thomas Jefferson

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