

# Dems terrified of what's coming their way

AUGUST 17—The Iowa caucus is over. It was a raucous, good-time political rally with an array of candidates on display who warm the hearts of Republicans everywhere. While George W. Bush demonstrated that he is a very likable, charismatic leader, and while Steve Forbes has shown that he is much more than just another pretty face, there was not a loser in the lot. All are smart and full of creative ideas for re-establishing trust between the people and their government.

One message came through loud and clear. Republicans are chomping at the bit to sweep away every vestige of a disgraceful and humiliating Clinton administration.

**THE REACTION OF** Democrats gives credibility to the rip-roaring enthusiasm of Republicans. Democrats are terrified of what is coming their way. They have flailed out with hysterical attacks, accusing Republicans of lust to ruin the environment, withhold funds from education and cut back Medicare and Social Security benefits. They accused the Republicans of being cruelly indifferent, even hostile, to the legitimate needs and rights of blacks, Hispanics, hoot owls, immigrants, women, kangaroo rats, old people, endangered weeds and children. They said the Republican Party was the party

of the rich, dominated by special interests, greedy corporations and right-wing Christian extremists. They said the Republican Party is in complete disarray, being torn apart by internal strife and contention.

Democrats have implemented a hollow version of the strategy that the best defense is a good offense. They praise "diversity" but allow no divergent ideas in their party. They make a shambles of campaign laws, then, vigorously campaign on the need for new campaign laws. They describe themselves as the party of "education" while conspiring with the education unions to prevent reform. They implement welfare policies that literally destroy the black family and boast of their record on race relations. They undermine "family values" even as they make speeches about the need for them. They persistently refuse to enforce gun laws but make an issue of the need for more such laws. They present themselves as the champion of Social Security and Medicare while opposing every attempt to put in essential reforms. They preach parental responsibility, while systematically taking control of the minds and bodies of the children.

The Democrat Party is a strange concoction of groups which, at least on the surface, have nothing in common. What enables this party of ragtags to present a unified, even monolithic

front? What themes are embedded in the politics of liberalism that unify uncivil lawyers, abortionists and homosexuals?

**I HAVE SAID**, in a different context, that the glue holding the Democrat Party together is the ability to service their special-interest constituencies with benefits, preferential treatment, lifestyle validation, ideological succor and hard cash stolen from other Americans.

That is a pragmatic explanation. There is also a philosophic explanation for Democrat bonding that runs deeper and informs us more fully. Liberal Democrats share a philosophy of "no fault" living, premised upon the nihilistic belief that we are helpless pawns in this life — that the forces of nature and society around us are overwhelming — that we are essentially victims.

To paraphrase the Bard, it is a philosophy of life that says that the fault lies not in ourselves but in the stars. Since there is no grand design or purpose to the universe, since life itself is nothing more than an accident, sin and guilt are burdens we don't have to carry. In effect, the rules governing man's behavior can be whatever we want them to be.

This vision is inconsistent with religious faith, that is why liberals work assiduously to censor religious expression and substitute the laws of the State for those of the Creator of the Universe.

With God out of the way and the Democrat Party on their side homosexuals, abortionists and uncivil lawyers are liberated from any fear of accountability either in the here or in the hereafter. They bear bitter fruits: deviancy, infanticide and extortion — and parade them before us like trophies.

As we look back over the course of human history and contemplate the fate of nations, their rise and fall, we encounter twists and turns of triumph and disaster that we cannot explain. But while much of the what and why of human destiny is unfathomable, there are a few certainties we can identify.

**ONE OF THESE** certainties is the relationship between morality and freedom. If an immoral people are given freedom, disorder in the form of violence, corruption and depravity is inevitable. The disorder will devolve into social chaos and anarchy and the people will beg Big Brother to save them.

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