

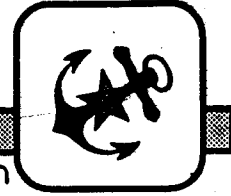
# Opinion Page

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## Starboard Views



By Al Woodson



## Practicing compassionate deception

**Ships Log:** Friday, March 1. Location: Whitewater Shallows; winds fair, seas calm. Situation: Skipper Clinton signs defense law, then vows to break it. First Mate Dole loses close contest. Second Mate Buchanan is on a roll. Seaman Gramm jumps ship. Helmsman Newt stays the course. Deep water ahead.

**General Quarters:** Although the liberal mainstream media's proven bias slant ignores this fact, it's common knowledge the leadership of the Democratic party has been captured by the socialist left wing; specifically, marxist-communist elements of the party. The once proud prize of Presidents Roosevelt and Truman now represents the radical agendas and goals of leftist extremists who penalize meritorious achievement and undermine the moral fabric of the nation.

These new democrats take the fruits of labor from those who earn it and give it to those who don't; they say, "unfortunate losers in life's lottery?" They seek suitable punishment for success; judged by them as the unworthy rich and push for ever-increasing taxes to finance the enslavement of the dependent poor in a growing welfare state. As if redistribution of wealth and soaking the rich isn't enough, they add insult to injury by endorsing ill conceived sex education programs that encourage teenage promiscuity; abortion on demand inevitably follows.

The Clinton liberals also want special rights for a special lifestyle of chosen sexually deviate behavior and demand society's recognition of that conduct as normal; no thanks. In an

early February interview of House Speaker Newt Gingrich (D-Ga.) conducted by Cal Thomas, a nationally syndicated columnist, the Speaker of the House said, "The Clinton liberals desire to maintain programs that mire people in poverty, ignorance, addiction, alcoholism and entitlements. The rest of us want to liberate people from these things to self-reliance, responsibility, productivity, achievement and the pursuit of happiness."

These modern-day Robin Hoods led by Bill Clinton and Al Gore include Senators Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) and Chris Dodd (D-Conn.); Representatives Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.), David Bonior (D-Mich.) and other democrats of the same ilk, who all claim to "feel your pain" but are engaged in causing that pain by instilling fear in the minds of the needy and the elderly and by their day-to-day assault on moral and social values.

The upcoming presidential campaign will be a struggle between Bill Clinton's phoney compassion, unending deception and the Republican dream of a society of individuals free from government interference; a single fair rate tax system that encourages savings and capital investing managed by an administration dedicated to truth, liberty and justice.

Clearly, Clinton's strategy is a "compassionate deception;" a cleverly disguised spin to portray the President as protector of the middle class and working poor, the defenseless elderly, Medicare and Medicaid, education and school children, and he even lays claim to saving the environment

and small animals. His shameful false offensive is aimed at what democrats term "those hated Republicans who want to steal from the poor in order to give huge tax breaks to the rich, starve school children, pollute air and water, and throw grandma out of her nursing home." Chicken Little ... give us a break.

The democrats' most effective weapon is the skillful use of a willing liberal press who volunteers to deceive uninformed Americans with carefully crafted spins and outright lies necessary to advance bogus statements. Americans in general; Republicans in particular and even many Democrats, are not given to plain lying, draft dodging, womanizing, broken promises, or pushing condom distribution, gays in the military, same sex marriages, and broken promises. Again, according to Speaker Gingrich, "The Clinton liberals believe in a secular, multicultural, situation-ethics, 'who are we to judge' multilingual, 'just say maybe to drugs' society. The rest of us believe in a Creator, truth, American civilization, character and just saying no to drugs."

He goes on to say, "... (we) want lower taxes, lower interest rates, more take-home pay, more profitable savings, more jobs and a leaner decentralized government." And, to the Speaker's list I would add — reduce excessive legal immigration, halt illegal immigration and restore a strong and ready military under the sole leadership of our own American officers who are dedicated to duty, honor and country ... (our See PRACTICING,

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country).

Meanwhile in the Clinton White House and the Democratic leadership — truth, character and honor continue to fall victim to collectivist fantasies and feel-good morals. All of this class envy and desire for government dominance drives the Democrats on a course to demonize anyone who opposes their socialist agenda. Anyone daring to challenge the powerful liberal orthodoxy will be promptly and falsely denounced as resentful, mean-spirited, cruel, racist or sexist. In the upcoming debate you will see that any Republican presidential nominee who limits himself to the truth has an uphill battle to win against the limitless lies of the country's number one "dishonest" Democrat, Bill Clinton — unless the American people are fully aware of opposing distinctions: The first having credibility the second void of truth.

It seems, there are some who

say "character doesn't matter" and there are some who can't recognize a lie, some who can't recognize the truth and a problem few who can't even recognize the difference. To say the "character" debate over the next nine months will be interesting is an understatement of first magnitude.

**Galley Gossip:** Seaman Salty says, "Any government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take everything you've got." Rumor hitting the mess decks — Rush Limbaugh is writing a new book about ethical scandals in the Clinton White House — title: "It Takes a Village Idiot."

**Ships Log:** Large icebergs sighted ahead, lookouts keeping sharp eye. Godspeed until next time.

*Sources: Cal Thomas, The Washington Times (Feb. 14, 1996), E.C. McKenzie, Baker Books.*

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