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Starboard Views



By Al Woodson

# The truth is relative

**Ships log:** Friday, Aug. 9, 1996: Location: Run aground between filegate shoals and travelgate shallows. Situation: Skipper Clinton blames press for originating Medicare lies, citizen Dole stiffens racist convention, helmsman Newt says Clinton is "dishonest." Weather: Calm before the storm.

**General Quarters:** Truth, like religion, is slow to take hold, but once planted it takes root and is only dislodged with great difficulty. The same can be said of a lie, (according to Hitler's Minister of Propaganda) but, spins, distortions and lies sink no roots; have no lasting quality and when exposed they vanish; leaving behind only the ruins of trust, faith and credibility. The truth is also a lot like Liberty; she can be chained down but, not kept down; she's strong and compelling. To those who would chain her beware; when loose, the power of truth, like Liberty's is awesome and her justice is swift.

In today's political climate the truth has fallen on hard times and no place is that more evident than in the liberal Democratic Party. Roosevelt or Truman would not recognize their party today; a party that embraces Socialism like it's a religion; that uses the tax code for social engineering; that pushes for ever-growing bureaucratic control over our basic freedoms; that seeks to punish those who achieve and reward those who don't; a party that embraces discrimination thru preferences based on race and a school sys-

tem dedicated only to benefit an iron-fisted, heavy-booted trade union that cares little about educating our youth. All this while claiming to be a champion of the underdog.

These "New Democrats" attempt at feel-good compassion fails badly as they actively undo our traditional moral values in promoting the infanticide of partial abortions, lifestyles of sexual deviation, feel-good irresponsibility and masking real-life issues with illusions. The Democrat leaders are in league with corrupt union bosses (with connections to organized crime) that aim to "roll" America for their own private gain. Bill Clinton and the Democrats have sacrificed truth on the altar of deception as they prosecute the innocent (Travelgate) and violate individual rights of privacy (Filegate).

Revealing are the words of Craig Livingstone, Clinton's former Director of White House Personnel Security: "The truth ... Don't you know that the truth is relative? Truth is whatever you want it to be." Is this the Clinton administration's definition of the truth and that of many Democrats as well?

According to Newt Gingrich, "The Democrats and President Clinton decided last year to be factually dishonest." Why not? Since, after all, the truth is relative and it's whatever they want it to be. The "Big Lie" campaign: "Republicans want to cut Medicare by 270 billion dollars ... in order to give huge tax breaks to the rich." Wrong. This phony

scare tactic has been going on for the past year with TV channels carrying \$80 million dollars in Clinton commercials accusing Republicans of bilking Medicare and of slashing education. In the Republican proposal, Medicare grows by 35 percent and 98 percent of the tax reductions go to middle-class Americans earning under \$100,000 per year and the "Rich," those earning over \$200,000 got nothing.

It's the same story with other issues. The Republican plan increases Medicaid spending from \$89 billion in 1996 to \$124 billion in 2002. The Republican plan increases student loans from \$24 billion in 1996 to \$36 billion in 2002. The GOP plan increases the school lunch program from \$4.5 billion in 1996 to \$7.85 billion in the year 2000. This is hardly a plan to starve school children or kill the student loan program or to throw grandma out of her nursing home as the fear tactics of the Democrats claim. Total spending in the GOP budget would have increased from \$1.5 trillion in 1996 to \$1.8 trillion in 2002. Why the Democrats insist on lying about these issues, when the truth is plain for all to see, is remarkable. Since Bill Clinton took office, over 200 elected Democrats have switched to the Republican party — small wonder.

Virginia's Democrat Senate nominee recently visited Highland County where he also parroted the "Big Lie" in response to WVLS's Gail Lowry's **See TRUTH, Page 5**

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question: What is good and bad about the Contract with America and the Republican led Congress? His answer centered on the lie about Medicare cuts and was factually dishonest, even so was reported as a fact in the Recorder on July 5.

The Recorder's not alone; being "taken in" by a Democrat spin goes on all the time. As in the "New York Times," "The Washington Post," "USA Today," "U.S. News & World Report," "Newsweek" and "Time" magazines; according to L. Brent Bozell, III, Chairman of the Media Research Center. He reports it was these newspapers and magazines who, from Jan. 1,

1995 thru June 30, 1996, fielded 1,134 Medicare news stories — of which on 1,060 shameful occasions, the journalists reported the "lie" about Medicare "cuts." Bozell noted "The Washington Post" is the leader in the "cut" contest with 397 untruths.

**Galley gossip:** Seaman Salty says, "A new sign spotted on the White House lawn — 'Keep on the Grass, Man.'"

**Ships log:** Godspeed until next time.

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