

Critique Of Pure Fox News

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I love Fox News. It's my default tv setting. Without Fox News and talk radio, I have no doubt that we would have been subsumed by the Woke culture long ago. They are the only outlets I know of where I have a reasonable expectation of being presented information that can actually be characterized as "the truth", or at least something closely approximating it, as in "based on a true story".

However, I do have a few complaints. First and foremost, it must be understood that Fox News and talk radio are businesses. They are in it for the money. The purpose of the shows and the personalities involved is to make money for their employers and themselves. Limbaugh would make this point from time to time. While striving to save the world from Wokism is nice, his real job was to entice advertisers to pay for spots on his show. Limbaugh was a lucky fellow in that he was seemingly able to do both at the same time.

I don't blame anybody for this. I myself spent most of my life working and chasing money, so I can relate. For me, industriousness was my natural state. If you're some sort of Marxist Intellectual, and you think a system based on money is a disgrace and a travesty, good for you. I just don't think pure Communism is ever going to work for Homo sapiens. Maybe some other species.

The problem I believe is not the money aspect of the business, as the various show hosts are, in my opinion, honest, decent, sincere, intelligent, hard-working people. The problem as I see it is coevolution. It is happening naturally. We (relatively mentally healthy people, aka conservatives) are under attack by these Woke creatures 24/7. We have no choice but to try and fend off our attackers, and so have devolved into a purely defensive posture. Undesirable, but perhaps necessary. But focusing all of your brainpower on counter-propagandizing your tormenters leaves little room for dispassionate analysis and leads to cognitive degradation. For example...

A radio talk show host was dissatisfied with Kamala Harris's administrative skills. "**She was appointed the border czar, and she utterly FAILED!**" I started laughing. If I had been drinking some liquid, it would have come shooting out of my nose. Ok, so now I hate Kamala Harris. She failed as border czar. What did she fail to do? Was she supposed to close the southern border? How stupid is this person? Now I know why Wokes are always poking fun at us in their blog posts. "Where are all the conservative intellectuals?" they ask. Here's your answer – there aren't any.

In a way, this is understandable. When one hears that Harris has been named the border czar, one assumes that she will take some action or at least make some policy recommendation to mitigate the “crisis”. This is a mistake. It is called projection. You are projecting your H. sapiens problem-solving characteristics onto these creatures, characteristics, qualities, and attributes which they do not possess. What is even more irksome to me is when supposedly intelligent people pretend that events like the Harris border czar “announcement” are real. “Trudy, do you think this appointment signals a change in the Biden administration’s position on border security?” “Yes Phil. This is a significant development and blah blah blah.” I know, they’ve got a show to do. But still, the standard cop-out of “I can’t get inside Pelosi’s head, so I can’t say why she’s not allowing anything truthful to be presented at the J6 hearings.” Maybe you should try to get into your own head. Who knows? There might be a brain capable of abstract symbolic thinking in there someplace.

When Trump was president, did we have a booming economy crisis? Well, to the Democrats, I’m sure it was a crisis. “Vice President Pence was named the booming economy crisis czar, and he utterly failed to destroy the economy!”

Open borders is a policy decision. It is not a crisis. A crisis is a tornado or a flood, or a lack of food or drinking water. A crisis merits attention and action. The only crisis as far as the Democrats are concerned is the continued presence of CBP agents slowing up the flow of illegal immigrants crashing the border.

“Biden needs to go to the border.” Ok, so he went to the border and made a propaganda video. Good ole Joe was filmed chatting amiably with a couple of border agents who were sipping their morning coffee and taking a smoke break. In the background was a wall about a mile high. It sure looked like Biden visited the border.

Next it was Kamala’s turn. She was going to Arizona to perform some function for the Party. “VP Harris is going to Arizona but refuses to visit the border!” As if going to the border would result in anything but another propaganda video. I swear, when these people are on-air, they should all be wearing their “I Like Ike” buttons.

Every morning for two years I would wake up, turn on the tv to Fox and Friends, and there it was, as reliable as Old Faithful. Fox News Alert! The Biden Border Crisis is surging and intensifying! I would think that after two years of surging and intensifying the Biden Border Crisis would reach some kind of crescendo, but no, it just kept surging and intensifying along. Ok, it’s a morning show, not a Steve Allen Meeting of the Minds where Allen would interview Karl Marx, Thomas Jefferson, and Genghis Khan all at the same time in a round table discussion. I’m guessing that Fox does its marketing research and this type of thing is aimed at their target audience. Again, it’s a business, and they’re somewhat restricted in the sense that they have to mind their p’s and q’s when it comes to potential lawsuits.

Let’s move on. Has everyone got their “I Like Ike” buttons on? Good. Now we can stroll through the Fox meme space. Biden Border Crisis. Biden Inflation Crisis. Biden Baby Formula

Crisis. Biden Pet Rock Crisis. Ok, I hate Joe Biden. Joe Biden is a bum. Drive his poll numbers down. Great. As if the Democrat members of Congress are stomping their feet and screaming at the top of their lungs for Joe Biden to close the border, but he's a rogue president who feigns deafness to their frantic pleas. It has absolutely nothing to do with a Woke Congress, or Woke bureaucrats, or Woke media, or Woke academia, or Woke entertainment, or a Woke legal/judicial system, or Woke corporations, or a Woke financial services and banking system, or Woke climatology, or "Woke Appreciation Night" at the ballgame, or dare I say it, a Woke culture completely dominated by, well, Wokedom. No, it's Biden's Border Crisis.

My harshest criticism takes this form – it doesn't work. For two weeks after the 2022 midterms, where the Republican party proved itself to be an antique anachronism, Fox was still doing the Fox News Alert! The Biden Border Crisis is surging and intensifying! bit. Also keep in mind that leading up to the midterms, Dr. Oz, Kari Lake, Herschel Walker, et al were all on Fox News and talk radio 24/7 getting their message out to Fox News viewers and talk radio listeners. They all lost.

Dr. Oz ran against a guy named John Fetterman. I have to admit, the first time I saw Fetterman on tv, I thought he was some old 60s junkie. And he was still alive! I have to give him credit for that. Unfortunately, Fetterman subsequently had a stroke and suffered brain damage. He required assistive technology to communicate. In true "I Like Ike" fashion, the Right haughtily and faux-righteously played the story as expressing concern that Fetterman might not be able to carry out his duties as a Senator, as if this was a factor in the election. No. Oz came off as a clueless-rich-white-guy candidate. Fetterman is a Woke Progressive Democrat. What does he need a brain for? In fact, suffering brain damage most likely means that, as a Democrat, he's overqualified for the position.

It's time to face reality. We're the ones in the bubble. We're the ones talking to each other in an echo chamber. Also consider the fact that the "leader" of the Senate republicans is a Woke Progressive Democrat who makes hostage/propaganda videos for the supposedly opposition party and then later comes out and denounces your First Amendment right of free speech along with freedom of the press. It kind of makes you think that we're doomed.

This country doesn't need a third party, it needs a second one.

But wait, there's hope on the horizon. Ronna McDaniel, the brains behind the 2022 midterms disaster, won a fourth term as chair of the Republican National Committee. She was challenged for the position by one of those pro-freedom whack jobs named Harmeet Dhillon. The Republican establishment crushed her, as expected. Maybe those 4 votes for the My Pillow guy was the way Republicans do protest votes.

Maybe I'm being a bit too harsh. Maybe I should be more circumspect, more sensitive to the intricacies of big-time, big-money politics, a field that I know little or nothing about. After all, McDaniel, in an effort to reignite the base after her reelection victory, came out of the gate firing on all cylinders when she announced that all GOP presidential hopefuls must sign a pledge

to support the eventual Republican candidate, no matter how lame or worthless he/she/it/they is/are. Wow. That'll show those Democrats. I'm sure Antifa is reexamining their church firebombing policies as we speak. I can't recall if McDaniel was wearing her "I Like Ike" button when she made this startling, breathtaking, audacious, flip the political world on its head, paradigm-changing announcement.

What follows is my opinion. My opinions are my own and do not necessarily reflect what I really think. The Democrats are trying to get rid of Biden. They've had the Hunter Biden laptop for over three years now, so they can crash the Biden crime family anytime they want. They've been using it to blackmail Biden into going 100% Woke to great effect, but what the Party really wants is someone in the White House who's Woke by birth. However, they have to walk a fine line. They keep leaking tidbits about the laptop. And instead of covering it up, they splash the news all over the place about how Biden has been stealing top-secret government documents for decades. But Biden, to his credit, keeps calling their bluff. "Go ahead, arrest me for treason", he's probably telling them. They have to find a way to get rid of Biden without taking down the whole Party in the process.

This is where Fox News and talk radio come back into play. Remember when a shock headline appeared stating that the Hunter Biden laptop investigation had reached a pivotal stage? Oh my gosh! Fox News Alert! Then what happened. Nothing. The Woke media didn't take the bait, and Biden didn't blink.

Next the Party tried illegally leaking secret grand jury testimony indicating that the "big guy" was none other than Joe Biden himself. If this is really true, then the grand jury, FBI, DOJ and all other parties involved know that Biden is dirty. As you can see, "getting Biden" is not the point of the exercise.

This was leaked specifically to Fox because they knew Fox would go crazy reporting it. Of course, the non-Fox Woke media instinctively ignored it as they always do whenever something potentially harmful to the Party appears in the press. So Fox News and talk radio went wall-to-wall on how illegally leaked secret grand jury testimony pointed to criminal behavior by Biden. Then what happened. Nothing. Once again, Biden called their bluff and the Party folded.

During the Russia-collusion hoax, the Party knew it could leak bogus stories to the Woke media and get the sensational anti-Trump headlines they were looking for. Now it knows that if it wants to send a tightly-beamed message to Biden, like don't run again, Fox News and talk radio will fall over each other in a mad scramble to help the Party "get its message out."

My next beef concerns the planned Night of Rage over the official release of the *Dobbs v. Jackson* abortion ruling. AOC promoted it. "To the streets, for the people!" I spent the day wondering which cities the Democrat party would choose to burn down that evening. The night came and went, and nothing happened. Sure, there were a couple of small-arms fire skirmishes reported here and there, not much to write home about. The Night of Rage never materialized and AOC was slapped down by the Party Elders. Isn't that newsworthy? How about the ability to

turn BLM and Antifa on and off like a light bulb? That tells me that they have a well-organized and disciplined military apparatus. No mention of this angle that I can recall.

However, Fox was so desperate to run some violent mobs video that they resorted to playing some B-roll of a couple of commie beatnik hippies burning an American flag. I'm guessing that some bored Fox camera crew begged them to do it, otherwise they would have nothing for the evening broadcasts. That could be a vicious lie, but it was what I was thinking at the time.

Finally, I readily admit that I don't have the patience or temperament required to be a journalist or a congressional committee member tasked with grilling Democrats on policy. But if I did...

"Comrade Garland. You've rounded up a few dozen Christians here and there, which is a good start. But there are still millions of ultra mega MAGA white Christian Nationals running wild in our streets. If someone sees one of these dangerous domestic terrorists in public, what should they do? Call the police? Shelter in place? What is your plan to rid the United States of these pro-freedom crackpots once and for all?"

"Comrade Ketanji. I not questioning your devotion to Wokeness, but I do have some concerns. What guarantees can you give this committee that if and when you are seated on the Supreme Court you will do everything in your power to destroy the evil United States."

"Comrade Karine. President Biden recently boasted that the latest spending bill has 368 billion dollars earmarked for Global Warming mitigation. Since it's a scientific fact that we're all going to die from Global Warming any second now, don't you think it would a good idea to give daily updates on the status of the War on Global Warming? How is the money being spent, and what effect is this having on the coming Climate Change Catastrophe? The American people have a right to know."

"Comrade Harris. Recently 23 heroes of the Revolution were arrested for attacking the Cop Shop in Atlanta. What are you doing to get these political prisoners released? Why hasn't President Biden pardoned them all yet? When will they be invited to the Kennedy Center Honors to be presented their Medal of Freedom awards?"

"Comrade Biden. As far as we know, neither you nor your birthing person partner nor any of your offspring have been properly diagnosed with Genderqueerness and have yet to receive the Gender Affirmative Care Transitional Medical Procedure that they so desperately need. Why is this so? Are you some kind of anti-LGBTQ wacko bird?"

"Comrade Weingarten. A recent study revealed that 33% of eighth graders can still read and write at an eighth-grade proficiency level. Why isn't this 0 yet? Is this what you call success? Yes or no."

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