



SPOTLIGHT

The Smoke & Mirrors of Bidenomics

Last month, our three adult kids and their spouses went to see one of their favorite comedians, Kevin James. They had a great time and all six of them said he was hilarious... and clean. Imagine that: you can be funny without using profanity or resorting to sexual innuendo.

Well, last week, I saw something much more humorous than Kevin James's stand-up act. Yes, even funnier than Jerry Seinfeld, Steve "I'm a wild and crazy guy" Martin or (fill in the blank with the name of your favorite funnyman).

Yes, I am talking about the traveling comedy roadshow known as the Joe Biden re-election campaign. Only, it doesn't do much traveling and it isn't intentionally funny.

But how can you not double over in laughter when - with a straight face - President Biden tells his usually sparse audiences how great the economy is doing? I imagine the people in the front row were waiting for the punch line, but there wasn't one. Either our clueless and detached Commander-in-Chief really thinks that the average American is getting ahead due to his failed economic policies, or he is simply reading what his handlers have loaded onto the teleprompter.

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P.T. Barnum Was Right

Phineas Taylor Barnum was born in Bethel, Connecticut on July 5, 1810, and died in Bridgeport, CT on April 7, 1891. During the intervening years, he was a small business owner, a newspaper publisher, a mayor, a state legislator, and of course, the founder of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Barnum was the quintessential entrepreneur, buying Scudder's American Museum in New York City in 1841 and, after renaming it Barnum's American Museum, selling tickets to native New Yorkers and tourists alike to see attractions such as the Fiji Mermaid, Chang and Eng the Siamese twins, and General Tom Thumb. At its peak, the museum drew 15,000 customers per day and from 1841 to 1865, 38 million people paid the 25-cent admission.

Part shyster and part showman, Barnum is credited with coining the phrase, "there's a sucker born every minute." And so, in an effort to prove Mr. Barnum right, I offer you a list of today's greatest con jobs and scams.

1. Climate Change.

News flash: the climate is changing, just like it has since time immemorial. How else can you explain the Ice Age (actually five different ones, scientists say) giving way to the Medieval Warm Age from 950 to 1250 A.D., which was followed by the Little Ice Age from 1300 to 1850 A.D.? Now we are told that due to increased carbon emissions, global temperatures and

sea levels are rising at an alarming rate. Climatologists warn that unless the United States and Western Europe become third world nations, we are all doomed. Unfortunately for them, history clearly demonstrates that climate is cyclical. Just ask Noah, who witnessed and survived a worldwide flood (talk about rising sea levels!) thousands of years before the Industrial Revolution... or Newsweek and Time, both of which published articles in 1975 predicting yet another Ice Age. Meanwhile, every time we close down a coal-fired plant, China and India build hundreds more.

2. Free Palestine.

First of all, there never was a nation called Palestine. It was simply the name given to a geographic region that was home to many different people groups. In Genesis 12, God clearly gave the land where Israel now sits in perpetuity to Abraham and it has remained the Jewish homeland ever since despite being occupied by the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks under Alexander the Great, the Romans under the various Caesars, the Muslims, the Crusaders, and the Turks among others. After World War I, the defeated Ottoman Empire was forced to cede that territory to the League of Nations, which created a British Mandate that continued until 1948 when the United Nations voted to reestablish the nation of Israel. At the same time, the U.N. offered to establish a Palestinian homeland as part of a two-nation solution, but the Palestinians refused - wanting all of nothing -

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Taking the stage with that pathetic and stilted half-jog of his, President Biden recites a litany of economic data that is purposely slanted to make him look good, forgetting that a half-truth is really a whole lie. And so, he boasts about low unemployment, but neglects to mention that workforce participation is cratering as people give up on ever finding a decent job. He then regales his dozing audiences with the latest job creation numbers, ignoring the fact that more than half of all new jobs are the result of increased government spending.

And yes, many of those “new” jobs are low-paying ones in the service industry and are being filled by illegal immigrants or people forced to

take a second or third job just to make ends meet. Meanwhile, the average American is living paycheck to paycheck, just one unexpected \$600 bill away from insolvency.

That’s right. Surveys show that 60% of all Americans have less than \$1,000 in their savings account and as a result, are maxing out their credit cards - with their 25% interest rates - to stay afloat. And if you are a young person trying to buy a house and build some equity, you can forget about getting a head start on the American dream. Better to keep living in your parents’ basement, because housing prices are through the roof and mortgage rates refuse to come down.

And yet, like the snake oil salesman he is, Crazy Uncle Joe keeps trying to convince people that he

has their best interests at heart and that Bidenomics is working. But it’s not... and voters know it.

Sorry, Joe, but people aren’t buying whatever you’re selling. Hopefully, that means you will be out of business come November 5th. Then you can tell us just how great the job market really is, especially for an 82-year-old professional grifter who has lived on the public payroll for the past 50 years.

But then again, you can always polish up your slapstick comedy routine, the one where you make up fake stories on the fly. That one about how you drove an 18-wheeler across the country along with Corn Pop and Uncle Bosie is a real doozy.

Just remember which way to walk off the stage when you’re done.

Wanted: Leaders with a Spine

It took nine full days for President Joe Biden to publicly address the pro-Hamas protests that have disrupted college campuses, blocked city streets and bridges, and threatened the safety of Jewish students. Because nature - and news cycles - abhor a vacuum, the void was filled by antisemitic apologists and October 7th massacre deniers.

All because Joe Biden, a career politician with no core values other than his own selfish ambition, is afraid of further alienating the Muslim voters in Michigan, Minnesota, and other swing states.

Instead of speaking out in unequivocal terms and denouncing both the protesters and their virulent hate speech, President Biden cow-

ered in the Oval Office in the same way he did his basement bunker during the 2020 election. Meanwhile, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre relied on decades-old sound bites to restate Biden’s outdated positions.

Most presidents would have called out the National Guard by now, but our Coward-in-Chief has been reluctant to do so because of the potential optics. The last thing the powerful Progressive wing of the Democrat Party wants to see on the evening news is a live feed of violent protesters being handcuffed, arrested, and carted away... and yet, that is exactly what law-abiding Americans crave to see.

If enough students were arrested, expelled, and charged with hate speech and making terrorist threats, I am willing to bet that

some less-than-hardline Hamas sympathizers would pack up and go home... and think twice before engaging in such shenanigans again. But that would require officeholders with backbones and college administrators who follow a strict moral code, both of which are in extremely short supply these days.

In September 1957, when nine black students decided to attend the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, President Dwight Eisenhower initially laid low, leaving the enforcement of the Supreme Court’s Brown vs. Topeka decision to Arkansas Gov. Oval Faubus. However, when Faubus used the Arkansas National Guard to block the school’s entrance, Eisenhower had enough. Drawing on his vast military experience, President

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and so they got nothing. The neighboring Arab nations subsequently attacked Israel in 1948, 1967, and 1973, losing each time in embarrassing fashion. More recently, Hamas attacked Israel on October 7, 2023, massacring more than 1,100 innocent civilians, raping hundreds of women, and beheading countless babies. History is replete with examples where if you poke the bear, you should be prepared to suffer the consequences... and Hamas poked the Israeli bear in a hideous and cowardly way. However, that hasn't stopped hordes of clueless college students from skipping class so they can support a nonexistent country and a reprehensible terrorist organization.

3. Joe Biden and the Democrat Party care for minorities.

There is a reason why Frederick

Douglass, George Washington Carver, Booker T. Washington, and Martin Luther King Jr. were all registered Republicans. Not only did the Republican Party spearhead the abolition of slavery and the reconstruction of the South, but it also promoted and passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 against vicious opposition from Southern Democrats. Since the inception of LBJ's Great Society, Black poverty rates have remained virtually the same while out-of-wedlock births (which is the leading predictor of future incarceration and lifelong poverty) have soared from 25% to 72%. Meanwhile, Joe Biden and the Democrat Party continue to advocate for abortion-on-demand, which has proven to be a scourge on the Black community. Blacks represent 12% of the general population but comprise 37% of all abortions... just like Margaret Sanger, the racist founder of Planned Parenthood had hoped. Conversely, minority unemployment set record lows

under Donald Trump, who also supported and signed the Second Chance Act to help ex-offenders successfully reintegrate into society.

4. Gender is fluid.

There are two sets of chromosomes, XX and XY, meaning that your biological sex is set in stone at conception. No matter how you dress, what hormones you block or ingest, or what parts of your anatomy you chop off or sew on... you are still either a male or a female. I almost said, "a man or a woman," but radical Progressives are trying to legitimize and legislate such barbaric bodily mutilation for adolescents, too. The bottom line is that gender dysphoria is a psychological disorder that can and should be treated - not enabled and encouraged - and under no circumstances should a biological male be permitted to compete in women's sports, period!

More to come...

Melting Pot Mayhem

In 1782, J. Hector St. John de Crevecoeur wrote the following in his "Letters from an American Farmer"...

"What then is the American, this new man?" that the American is one who "leaving behind him all his ancient prejudices and manners, receives new ones from the new mode of life he has embraced, the government he obeys, and the new rank he holds. He becomes an American by being received in the broad lap of our great Alma Mater. Here individuals of all nations are melted into a new race of men, whose labors and posterity will one day cause great changes in the world."

Subsequent authors (Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry James), historians (Frederick Jackson Turner), and playwrights (Israel Zangwill) used derivations of de Crevecoeur's "melting pot" analogy until it became a universally accepted description of American society.

Until it wasn't...

For the first 200 years of our nation's history, immigrants came to America for one reason: to become Americans. Yes, they were also driven by economic hardships elsewhere and economic opportunities - real or imagined - in the United States. Others sought refuge from religious persecution. However, the common denominator that united them was that the strangers who

landed on our shores wanted to be strangers no more. Instead, they wanted to learn American ways and adopt American ideals while pursuing the American dream.

To them, that meant learning English as soon as possible if it wasn't their native tongue and becoming Americanized through and through. In other words, they came to the United States not to change their adopted homeland to resemble their place of origin, but to change themselves in an effort to blend in and become part of something greater than themselves. Call it humility or simple decency, but it never occurred to these first- and second-generation Americans to criticize let alone attempt to undermine their new home. After all, they

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thought, if the place from which they emigrated was so wonderful, they never would have left.

I am not sure when all of this changed. Maybe it began with the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, which abolished national-origin admission quotas; or with the creation of a formal refugee resettlement program with the Refugee Act of 1980. Or perhaps it started with the Mariel boatlift that same year when Fidel Castro outfoxed Jimmy Carter by exporting thousands of criminals and mentally ill persons from Cuba to the U.S. Regardless of the timetable, I think we can all agree that America's current immigration policies are broken and badly in need of repair.

According to the Migration Policy Institute, nearly 46.2 million immigrants lived in the United States in 2022, the most in U.S. history. That year, immigrants comprised 13.9 percent of the total U.S. population, a figure that remains short of the record high of 14.8 percent set in 1890 but slightly higher than the 13.7 percent share they comprised in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today, the United States is home to more international migrants than any other country, and more than the next four countries - Germany, Saudi Arabia, Russia, and the United Kingdom - combined, according to the most recent U.N. Population Division data, from mid-2020. While the U.S. population represents about 5 percent of the total world population, close to 20 percent of all global migrants reside in the United States.

Being the great-grandson of immi-

grants from England, Germany, Scotland, and Ireland as well as the father-in-law of a beautiful Nigerian daughter and "Papa" to six precious Latino grandchildren, I have absolutely no problem with legal immigration. However, I vigorously oppose illegal immigration, undocumented and unscreened immigration, and out-of-control immigration levels.

Most of all, I oppose the mindset that has crept into our culture and threatens to destroy who we are as Americans. No, I am not talking about race or ethnicity, which are mere accidents of birth, but rather the watering down and actual rejection of the collective values that we hold dear - and which hold us together as Americans - such as personal freedom, personal responsibility, a strong work ethic, and a respect for the rule of law. Simply put, I miss the American melting pot, which is being increasingly replaced by tribalism and territorialism.

As Ernest Duvergier de Hauranne wrote in "A Frenchman in Lincoln's America" in 1864...

"These good people are future 'Yankees.' By next year they will be wearing the clothes of their new country, and by the following year they will be speaking its language. Their children will grow up and will no longer even remember the mother country. America is the melting pot in which all the nations of the world come to be fused into a single mass and cast in a uniform mold."

Folks, let's retain our different cultural heritages and customs while uniting around the core values that have sustained our country throughout its long and storied history.

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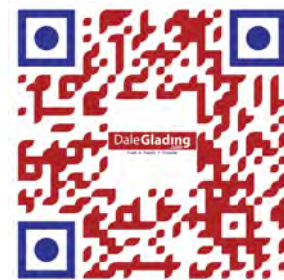
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Eisenhower federalized the National Guard and sent in 1,000 U.S. Army troops from the 101st Airborne Division to ensure the Little Rock Nine's safe admission.

That is called bold leadership, something you would expect from the former Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in World War II. Unfortunately, Joe Biden is no Dwight Eisenhower. In fact, he is more like Little Orphan Annie or the Cowardly Lion from the Wizard of Oz... all roar but no fangs.

Or perhaps a better comparison would be to Emperor Nero, because while America burns, Joe Biden continues to fiddle.

(President Biden finally addressed the college campus crisis last Friday with a few scripted words, popping out of his hole like Punxsutawney Phil on Groundhog Day, but refusing to take reporters' questions. How shameful!)



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