

Re: BRUCE KAMIAT RESPONDS TO LIBELOUS ACCUSATIONS POSTED ON THIS LIST AND ELSEWHERE ON THE NET BY JOHN PAZMINO AND TOM CLABOUGH

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On Sep 4, 9:06 am, Quadibloc <jsav...@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Bruce wrote:

He had strenuously objected on the Yahoo group to the fact that I was a lifelong member of the Democratic Party and proud to be so. He had attempted to equate liberal Democrats with anarchists, Communists, terrorists, and supporters of Al-Qaeda. For my offense of being a liberal Democrat, he had publicly accused me of being a traitor to our nation.

I can't comment on much of what you have posted, having no knowledge of the situation. If it is as you have described it, it certainly is unfortunate.

Sadly, however, while the kind of accusation you note above is still not acceptable when done "concretely" against the individuals who make up the nearly half of American voters who voted Democratic in the last Presidential election, in the abstract it comes close, these days, to being legitimate political opinion.

It wasn't always like this. The Democratic Party of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and John Fitzgerald Kennedy was not a party that refused to face up to America's enemies, whether they spouted the ideology of Fascism or Communism as their rationale.

Today, we have Molly Ivins criticizing the Democratic Party for picking a candidate who is "electable" rather than one who "deserves to win", and yet during the last election, when the menace posed by al-Qaeda was still fresh in everyone's mind, they picked a "war hero" from the Vietnam War for their candidate.

Except that, while his achievements in the field of combat may have

surpassed those of G. W. Bush in that conflict, he then, upon returning home, spent the next little while traipsing around the country accusing America of engaging in a genocidal war against the common people of Vietnam.

This is just one example. It is disgraceful that even a suspected terrorist can be held indefinitely without trial; but when the legal system demonstrates that it is perfectly willing and happy to release obvious rapists and murderers on the public if the police fail to dot some "i" or cross some "t", unless one does feel that the Constitution is indeed a "suicide pact", what alternative is left? I blame the liberal Democrats for Guantanamo more than I do G. W. Bush. Because I would not view thousands of people dying because a terrorist "got off on a technicality" with equanimity.

Not that I particularly love, or am comfortable with, the conservative Republicans.

At one time, the Democratic Party was in touch with the American people, and when it was in this state, the Republican Party, of power and privilege, had little chance. Maybe it was the Vietnam War, which began under the Presidency of Lyndon Baines Johnson, that so radicalized a new generation of Democrats. Whatever the cause, it was left to Ronald Reagan to pursue the Strategic Defense Initiative, and achieve what could not be achieved in the time of Kennedy, the collapse of the Communist empire.

Of course, under Vladimir Putin today, Russia shows ominous signs of choosing a course of confrontation with free men by placing itself in opposition to the United States. Thus, it has contributed materially – starting under Gorbachev – to the tragedy in Bosnia and Kosovo, by siding with the Serbian aggressor.

John Savard

I don't care whether someone disagrees with me politically. Everyone has a right to their opinions. You don't seem to get the point of my post, though. These guys publicly accused me of being a pornographer and of threatening them with a gun. That goes way beyond disagreeing over who should be elected president! In Clabough's case, he is trying to harass those with whom he disagrees politically out of amateur astronomy. Surely you don't think there's anything acceptable about that. There are many Republicans in amateur astronomy with whom I get along just fine.

My post was intended to set the record straight in response to those serious accusations against me. I can't just let them sit on the Internet unchallenged.

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