

# SEX, LIES, AND REPUBLICAN HYPOCRISY : THE DOWNFALL OF THE GOP, 1994-2006 pdf

## 1: Do you want the Republican VP candidate pushing her religion? | Yahoo Answers

*Mark Foley, pedophilia, and sex crimes: Don Goldwater for governor in Arizona: Symmetry and irony.*

Michael Cohen, one of the Trump lawyers, has admitted making that payment - though he insists, risibly, that he did so out of his own pocket! So I suppose that it could be somebody other than Trump; Mr. Cohen has made that suggestion, and I am proceeding on the assumption that Mr. Trump - our president, and the Leader of the Free World - is the guy wearing the wig and fake mustache and calling himself "David Dennison. The Agreement makes for very interesting reading; I recommend it. Cohen cobbled together - complicated enough so that it makes one suspect that this was not the very first time Mr. Cohen had occasion to put a deal like this together, though I admit that is just rank speculation on my part. The gist of the Agreement is that: To the extent that any of that information is in tangible form - "letters, agreements, documents, audio recordings, images, electronic data, photographs, canvas art,. Daniels also promises not to "disparage" Trump or his family, to anyone, ever. The parties agree to "mandatory binding confidential arbitration," before an arbitrator who shall have "the right to impose all legal and equitable remedies that would be available to any of the parties in. What to make of all this? Well, just for the record we should note one other thing we now know: I know, I know - who cares about that anymore? Such a silly old norm: And where, by the way, are the zealous guardians of the public morality heretofore so vocal in the Republican Party? Can you imagine - I mean really, can you actually imagine?! The silence on the part of the Republicans here is deafening. I suppose there are, historically speaking, more egregious examples of mass hypocrisy on this scale - but not many. But as every first-year law student knows, the general rule is that contracts are valid and enforceable without a signed writing. There are exceptions to that general rule: In the US, this has long been considered part of the general common law, inherited from the British, which each individual State may modify and has modified, either by statute or by decisional law or both. Contracts do not always require a signed writing; but they do always require that the parties voluntarily undertake to enter into an enforceable agreement. On the other hand, if he admits that he was a party to this contract, and knew of its existence and its basic terms, then he is exposed as a liar. It sets up the classic cross-examination question: Were you lying then, or are you lying now? It is not only ridiculous; it is of no legal force whatsoever because it is completely devoid of meaning. There are many ugly things in this Agreement, but for my money, the ugliest is in Sec 4. To comply with this provision, presumably Daniels must say "No" when asked "Did you enter into a settlement agreement with Mr. And that brings us to the First Amendment. The First Amendment has no bearing on any of this. This matter involves private parties acting pursuant to private contracts, and everybody knows that the First Amendment only contrains the government from doing certain things like abridging the freedom of speech , not private parties. Private arbitrators do not have the power to "restrain" people; that is a power reserved for courts and public authorities. Calling it a "Temporary Restraining Order" - in hopes, perhaps, that we or Ms. Daniels would confuse it with the familiar legal process that goes by that name and which even has a nickname: A true "Restraining Order," temporary or otherwise, is a court-issued and court-enforced injunction; if you violate it, you can be held in contempt of court and actually "restrained" - i. Not so, however, just because some arbitrator has ordered you to pay money, and arbitrators cannot yet throw you or bank officers in jail for defying their orders; even if the arbitral agreement purported to give the arbitrator the power to imprison you should you breach the contract, that provision would be deemed void on grounds of public policy and the 13th Amendment prohibition on involuntary servitude. And of course, courts do frequently provide that assistance, and developments in the law over the past decade or so have made it easier to obtain enforcement of arbitration decisions. It would be obviously and blatantly unconstitutional as a violation of the First Amendment if issued, say, by an executive government agency, or by the police. And if instead of it being an executive agency or the police ordering Ms. Daniels not to speak it were a federal or state court, why is that any less unconstitutional?

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### 2: In hard-hit town, Obama spars with critics - Washington Times

*The most influential people in a political race aren't the campaign managers, the strategists or even the candidates themselves. In fact, you won't even find them on a campaign's list of official members or volunteers.*

Moreover, much of the party base has descended into utter insanity and now embrace ignorance, white supremacy and religious extremism that is anathema to the once stereotypical country club Republicans. Why the Right is Wrong for America, looks at how the GOP went off the rails and argues that it is time for the party to throw away the 50 year old playbook and embark on a new course. There is an air of desperation out there on the GOP campaign trail. What happened to the conservative movement? Today, the greatest obstacle to majority status for the Republican Party may not be demography. It may be a superannuated conservative ideology that is increasingly disconnected not only from the values of the larger society but from the values and interests of Republicans themselves. In , movement conservatives captured the Republican presidential nomination for Barry Goldwater. They lost the general election that year, but in and the White House was won by a leader of their movement, Ronald Reagan. Yet by the s, movement conservatism was running out of steam. Its young radicals had mellowed into moderate statesman. Not only that, they are losing support among GOP voters. This is nothing less than a failure of conservatism itself. After Buckley, Reagan and Goldwater had jettisoned much of their earlier hard-edged conservatism, there should have been an intellectual reformation on the American right in the s. And there were a number of candidates for a redesigned conservative ideology. But instead of fading from the scene and opening the way to new thinking, old-fashioned Buckley-Goldwater-Reagan movement conservatism came back, in an even more radical form in the s, catching me by then an ex-neoconservative and others by surprise. Reagan had wrecked the budget with his tax cuts for the rich, but later in his two terms he presided over numerous tax increases. Bush pushed through budget-wrecking tax cuts for the rich again, invoking the same supply-side theory that had been discredited in the s. Bush not only invaded Afghanistan but also invaded and occupied Iraq, which had nothing to do with the Al Qaeda attacks and posed no serious threat to the U. The country is still paying for that mistake more than a decade later, and its reverberations have robbed neoconservatives of most of their credibility. Once conservatives wove this into a comprehensive political vision. But as time went on that vision started to come apart, and in the hands of different right-wing groups each strand grew more and more radicalized and unrealistic. Thus you have the spectacle of insiders like Jeb Bush, Kasich and Christie trying to sell policies that were unworkable even in the Reagan years and since have become far more radical and therefore less palatable. The reformocons are the Gorbachevs of the right. They want to reform the system without questioning its fundamental premises. What the Republican Party could use instead are a few Boris Yeltsins, willing to abandon the old orthodoxy altogether and start afresh. Today, we are nearly twice as far from , when Milton Friedman published Capitalism and Freedom, than Friedman was from the election of Franklin D. When he founded National Review in , William F. The particular synthesis of free market economics, hawkish foreign policy and social reaction that defined movement conservatism was the product of particular circumstances half a century ago.

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### 3: Dennis Hastert before the fall - POLITICO

*Describes the author's role as a political hitman who dug up scandal on opposition candidates for the Republican Party, his growing disillusionment with politics, and what goes on behind the scenes in American political campaigns.*

When Clarence Thomas was accused of sexually harassing Anita Hill in , few even knew what sexual harassment was. Back in the day, many a powerful executive had a stunning young secretary at his side who, it was assumed, was hardly there for her secretarial skills. But it does not work that way anymore. Because when a Black woman Anita Hill accused a powerful Black man Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment, though she did not prevail, her case was heard. Twenty seven years later a white woman, in fact several white women, accuse a powerful white man of far worse, and again the man wins, but the case was heard. We shall see in November. And little is said in protest. Where is the nation, and where especially is the Black community? But before we get into that, is Cosby guilty? Who knows what happened in any of the myriad cases brought against him. We were not there. And if she, or he, said no, then someone else would surely say yes. Now the casting couch has been exposed and consigned to ignominy. But why did Cosby become the Poster Boy? No matter who said what about Cosby, be they white woman Black woman or any woman, Black America would not have stood for any of it. I can talk down to you because I had a successful sitcom! And so, the bottom line? I have seen her pictured as a Black American heroine. Now this is not to throw stones at Ms. Was their relationship consensual? In other words, no matter how compliant she was, did Hemmings, being that she was enslaved, really have a choice? Did the buxom secretary on the arm of her boss or the rising starlets in the movie studios have a choice? Did Anita Hill negate her case by sending friendly correspondence to Clarence Thomas after the alleged incident? Many Cosby accusers did likewise. And should we take at face value the many current and former female assistants of Judge Kavanaugh who attested to his character? Did any of these women have a choice? Back to Sally Hemmings. There were countless forcible rapes during the days of bondage. But there were also many in which the woman complied, but acted against her will nonetheless. And so on down through the ages, up until now. The question we are getting at is this, is there a sharp line between rape and sexual harassment? And is there a definite marker between sexual harassment and everyday life? And, if so, what are they? We are in the midst of the painful process of finding out. For more articles written by this talented brother click on the following link; [http:](http://)

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### 4: Michael-In-Norfolk - Coming Out in Mid-Life: Days of Republican Desperation

*The GOP posted a picture of "Women For Kavanaugh" that literally had more men in the picture than women. A twitter commenter said "The women for Kavanaugh and the men who make sure of it".*

It was, in fact, about as much of a surprise as rain in April. And you know what? To an extent, this is the fault of white liberals and the Democratic Party establishment. They enabled Johnson and other black politicians guilty of bad behavior, out of cowardice, fear of losing votes, and perhaps patronizing reverse racism. And they need to be called out on it. I believe Bernie Sanders is closer to getting it right than any politician today, and wish he were 55, not I think Barack Obama was in many ways the best and most honest president of my lifetime, and that the Republican Party is, to paraphrase Bill Maher, mostly a party of racists and haters who are total dicks every chance they get. On the federal charges, Bert Johnson is, of course, entitled to the legal presumption of innocence until actually proven guilty. People have, indeed, beaten federal charges. And yes, in bygone years, some charges were clearly politically or racially motivated. Finally, according to the feds, Bertie got a bright idea: Matter of fact, she never showed up at the office. Eventually, some bean-counter started asking questions, and Five years ago, when he fooled himself into thinking he could beat U. John Conyers in a Democratic primary, Johnson, now 43, tried to sell me his personal heroic narrative. As most folks know, back when he was 19, Johnson was convicted of armed robbery. He did his time, and told me and everyone else he was a changed man. He never quite made it through college, but got a job as an office manager and then chief of staff to then-Rep. When term limits caught up to McConico, Johnson followed him, and from there he went to the Senate. That was a wonderful and inspiring story, and held up till I actually talked to people about dealing with Bertie. Then, she said, he lied like a rug about what could possibly happen. Ironically, Johnson had hired her because he was in a fight against a primary opponent who was living outside his district and lying about it. But did the lawyer do anything about it? Make a public stink? Go to the Democratic caucus, or sue him? I will own that," she said. She did finally send the good senator an email, which she shared with me, politely requesting payment or even a small settlement. But she never did. Johnson, however, is not alone. Longtime readers of this column will remember the adventures of Virgil Smith, Jr. You might have thought he would have been denounced by the Democratic leadership, or at least asked to resign. The district is safely Democratic, and he could have been replaced by somebody less likely to be a total disgrace. Then, of course, there was Mr. I do know Banks is the only member who, within months of arriving in Lansing, was accused of forcing a male staffer to let Banks suck his dick. But did anyone suggest not re-electing him? Democrats, once again, stood strong for the felon. Mayor Mike Duggan even disgraced himself by campaigning with him. Banks was, sadly, re-elected, but he must have known the end was near. He was facing four more felony charges for loan fraud when he resigned Feb. His voters have no representation in Lansing now Give GOP leaders credit: Are they scared of alienating black voters? Is this a kind of patronizing "what can you expect from those people" reverse racism? First time tragedy, second time farce: Speaking of the devil But keeping promises are not important to Big Gun Smith, who has now taken out petitions to run for Detroit City Council. The courts are deciding whether his promises are binding. If he is allowed on the ballot, it is my fervent hope that anyone who votes for him gets exactly what they deserve.

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### 5: COSBY vs. KAVANAUGH: Sex, Lies + No Videotape. : ThyBlackMan

*Sex, Lies and Videotape. 11/19/ pm ET Updated Nov 20, the fall of the Berlin Wall in Roy Moore is the Republican Party nominee for the US Senate in Alabama.*

The Democratic Party got into some bad relationships. But this protection came with a price. The liberal coalition was increasingly tied to a Washington legislative agenda and became preoccupied with the lobbying and financing of the Democratic congressional majority. An unhealthy mutual dependence developed. Despite their grumbling about the chores of fundraising, many Democrats in Congress and leaders of constituency groups had an easier life. Why spend your time driving around the congressional district to maintain a permanent organization of amateurs when fundraising receptions in Washington could buy a professionally packaged political campaign? Why go through the effort of answering conservative critics when voters would reelect you on the basis of your seniority on an important committee? Why burden yourself with mobilizing the membership when you could get access to the Hill by writing a check? The eclectic political tastes of these new supporters tended toward that combination of conservative economics and social sentimentality known as "limousine liberalism. Dependent on the Democratic establishment in Washington, liberals failed to grasp the growing outrage of a financially squeezed middle class at the arrogance of those in political power. Liberal concerns such as campaign finance reforms, lobbying restrictions, and unjustified perks of the powerful went ignored because of the discomfort they caused Democrats on Capitol Hill. Major constituencies were inhibited from mobilizing for their interests for fear of damaging their relations with the congressional leadership or Bill Clinton. As a result, liberal institutions have had the worst of both political worlds: They were demonized by their enemies and increasingly seen as ineffectual by their own rank and file. Meanwhile, the Republican right created the awesome, ideologically driven, local and national organizing network that finally captured the Democratic citadel of the House of Representatives. The House is now controlled by smart, seasoned, reactionary politicians bent on liquidating liberalism as an organized force. The Senate is in the hands of conservative Republicans who would rather not get their hands too bloody but will gladly hold down the victim. And the White House is no refuge. The administration has already capitulated to the right on a number of strategic fronts. Military spending will rise, the shrunken domestic budget will be squeezed dry, and consumer, labor, and environmental protections will be sacrificed. Back to Bases The president may change his strategy of accommodating the right, or he may not. He may decide to fight back, or he may not. He will have to resist on some issues if only as a demonstration of personal character. But one thing is clear: The administration has little interest in rebuilding an integrated grassroots political network to take on the conservative political ideology that now dominates American politics. Exposed and unsheltered, the core constituencies of the party must regroup, reorganize, and pursue a disciplined, independent path that uses the next election to revitalize themselves as a political force. The issue is not only their own political relevance but the relevance of the Democratic Party itself. The liberal-labor constellation of forces is the only sector of the party that has a capacity to field a grassroots challenge to the right. The election verified that the right wing of the Democratic Party has little mass base. It is primarily a collection of conservative politicians and business lobbyists held together by a centrism calculated to appeal to the establishment press. Members of the Mainstream Forum, the major New Democrat organization in the House, lost seats at almost twice the rate of the rest of the party. The New Democrat excuse is that their members held seats in the conservative South and were therefore more vulnerable. But that is exactly their rationale: By moving to the right, they were supposed to take conservative votes from Republicans in those areas. The results validated the point attributed to Harry Truman that when faced with a choice between pseudo-Republicans and Republicans the voters will choose the real thing. The business community got most of what it wanted from the administration. Yet a Business Week poll last fall found that 87 percent of top CEOs opposed Clinton, with only 9 percent supporting him. His successful effort to reduce the deficit also went unappreciated; a plurality of voters believed that the deficit

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rose under Clinton, suggesting again that the deficit is symbolic of economic anxiety rather than an informed demand for fiscal probity. Of those who said the deficit was the most important issue, 58 percent voted Republican! A liberal strategy to rebuild the Democratic party must begin with an understanding that the decline in real wages and living standards is at the heart of the anger and frustration being felt by the middle class. This is particularly true of white working-age men with less than a college degree, among whom the greatest Democratic falloff has occurred. As political scientist Ruy Teixeira reports, long-term wage declines were largest where the Democrats lost in November. To a large extent, Americans still voted their pocketbooks in the last election. Despite the solid overall economic growth of the past two years, 57 percent of the voters thought the economy was "poor or not-so-good. This does not mean that social issues crime, gun control, gays in the military, the perennial welfare problem, family decline were unimportant. In the absence of a strong economic appeal by the Democrats to their base, these issues defined the campaign. Historically, Democrats have always been out of sync with the white working class on social issues, most notably on race. Nonetheless, white workers voted Democratic for decades because they saw Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy, and Johnson as taking their side on the central question of economic security and jobs. When Democrats sound like Republicans on economic issues, they lose because they are not as credible as social conservatives. The president caught the right mood in the campaign when he said that "Americans were working harder for less. And Labor Secretary Bob Reich speaks eloquently of middle-class anxiety. It is unreasonable to expect that Clinton could have turned around 20 years of stagnant and falling wages in his first two years. But we could have expected a clear message about a credible strategy, and the Clinton prescription did not match its diagnosis. The administration has actually had three answers to the question of declining living standards among the working classes. The first is distributional and includes the earned income tax credit EITC , universal health coverage, and a higher minimum wage. Health care reform in its most ambitious version would have done a great deal to alleviate middle-class economic anxiety, but the political moment was missed. The second and more troubling answer is free trade. The administration has now completely adopted the laissez-faire notion that eliminating trade barriers is the path to prosperity. Even establishment economists for whom free trade is an article of faith say that the numbers and claims made by the administration for NAFTA and GATT have been widely exaggerated. In the wake of the collapse of the Mexican peso, it is now clear that the U. Politically, the NAFTA effort alienated many working-class voters and failed to compensate by winning over centrists and conservatives to the administration. They lack the skills to compete in the new flexible, brutally competitive world. No one in the administration seems to have thought through the impact of repeatedly lecturing working Americans already working longer and harder just to stay in place that they will have to change jobs and careers many times in this new deregulated global economy. The prospect of a life spent on a constant treadmill of retraining in a world that continually threatens you with obsolescence might seem exhilarating for the highly educated and confident policy intellectuals in Washington, but it is frightening for most people. Moreover, the administration has not actually been able to deliver much help to workers who face this prospect. Public support will be negligible for the lifetime of education and skill upgrading the administration says workers need. An adequate level of investment in skills would be expensive, and the administration has given up the fight for more money. When asked about this recently, a high-level administration official shrugged his shoulders and said that working people facing job stress will just have to take responsibility to "invest in themselves. They spent two years changing the subject, diverting the economic question into a social one. The reason for your anxiety, they told the anxious middle class, is the deterioration in moral values as a result of liberal excesses tolerance of crime in the streets, generous welfare, gun control, subsidies to immigrants. Above all, the problem is big government. Through their well-built organizing base, the talk radio network, and the constant stream of books and seminars to influence the press, they blanketed American politics with conservative propaganda. They trained people in the art of argument. In effect, the right created a filter between Democrats in Washington and the electorate to screen out positive messages. A case in point was the defeat by the conservative movement of the bill to restrict lobbying in the

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last weeks of the Democratic Congress. Given the popular disgust with Washington, the lobbying reform bill represented a perfect opportunity to expose Republican hypocrisy using the graphic visual images of members of Congress getting free meals and golf vacations. Yet, the right-wing network generated massive protests on patently false objections, charging that citizens writing letters would have to register as lobbyists. With many Democratic members secretly relieved, the conservative network killed the bill in a few days. This display of political prowess clearly intimidated the White House. Since the election it has generally let Newt Gingrich set the terms and boundaries of debate. It has conceded to Gingrich the principle that government must be smaller. Federal power should be shipped to the states where business has more leverage over government, regulation should be weakened, and the military budget should expand. In response to the incredibly destructive balanced budget amendment, the administration announced that it was not in favor but would not fight hard against it. The White House has also trapped itself into collaborating on welfare reform on the assertion that Democrats have plenty of "common ground" with Republicans. The president cannot win on this issue. Effective reforms will require more spending, particularly for training, child care, and health coverage, to enable those on welfare to qualify for jobs and make work pay. But given a climate in which prominent Democrats talk openly about cutting Medicare and Social Security, there is unlikely to be more money for welfare recipients. In the end the president can only quibble with the right over how much to take away from the poor. He will not get credit for a punitive bill, just as he did not get credit for the crime bill. The result will be to make him look weak and without conviction, and further alienate his base. Indeed, the administration seems deliberately to run away from its own constituency, violating a fundamental rule of politics and war: Even after deciding to propose an increase in the minimum wage, the White House staff let it be known they were worried that they would be seen as captives of organized labor. The combination of Republican boldness and Democratic timidity has even allowed conservatives to claim that they are the party of new ideas. In the current environment, proposals for increasing the minimum wage, which date to the 1930s, are ridiculed in the press as "old-fashioned," while proposals for orphanages and deregulation, which date to the nineteenth century, are hailed as innovations. As an economic proposition, the Contract with America will fail. Abolishing welfare, cutting capital gains taxes, debasing the Constitution with balanced budget amendments and the rest will not reverse shrinking real earnings and opportunities for the majority of American workers. We are in many ways returning to an era of economic insecurity that predates World War II. The prospect of having to take a job at the minimum wage, or a dollar or so above it, does not seem nearly so remote to the typical year-old as it did 10 or 15 years ago. The growing numbers of college graduates in the workforce have clouded this reality.

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### 6: Sex, Lies and Privilege: The Kavanaugh Case " Consortiumnews

*Sex, Lies, and Politics: The Naked Truth by Larry Flynt Republicans and Race "Over the past few weeks there have been a number of commentaries about Ronald Reagan's legacy, specifically about whether he exploited the white backlash against the civil rights movement.*

The Hypocrisy of Rick Santorum July 14, 5: Many slammed him for politicizing a scandal that has touched many across the country - way beyond the borders of Massachusetts. Separate, but of great importance to one who waves a flag of "traditional family values" and repeated homophobic rhetoric, how does Senator Santorum "square the fact" that his "mouthpiece" to the world Director of Communications, Robert Traynham came out as a gay man this afternoon? It was liberal people those not afraid to challenge an institution like the Vatican and people of conscience in general who called for more investigation and accountability. This is just flat out pathetic. Guys like him always get cocky and shoot themselves in the foot. Put Santorum in a Sanitarium. Is it for real? I can understand a closet case working for Santorum. But why come out under those circumstances? And what exactly is there to admire? He made his kids hold a dead fetus, their younger brother, and later slept with corpse himself. The comments on the article are great, tho. Sounds like an early Xmas gift for old Rick to me. However, there is a grand tradition of self-hating gays e. Roy Cohn who deny their true nature. One need only look to Arthur Finkelstein here in Massachusetts. He has been a right-wing, Republican consultant for many years He urged him to focus on "gays" as a "wedge issue. The hypocrisy spreads far and wide! Check out previous MetaFilter threads about "gay" Republicans denying their true nature: Attempts by any of us to define others is "oh-so-futile"! The Santorums of the world just use these people to get votes, and hopefully asinine statements like the quote above will alienate him from them. Who are you to question my co-dead-fetus-sleeping behavior? This guy is toxic. Well, at least not the black, gay or jewish part. Has there ever been such a large collection of just plain stupid people in power? Why should we pay any attention every time Santorum goes, er, frothing at the mouth? Are you implying that Ken Mehlman is gay?

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### 7: Reverse racism and liberal hypocrisy | Politics & Prejudices | Detroit Metro Times

*John McCain will not retreat from his party's strong anti-gay marriage and anti-abortion platform. Advisers to Sen. John McCain's presidential bid say he will not try to "soften" the Republican party's platform on abortion and same-sex marriage to appeal to more voters.*

States The Republican agenda comes from a small number of very wealthy individuals: These, including right wing talk radio broadcasting misinformation, are the major players in the vast right-wing conspiracy. As wealthy donors shaped the Republican party, government has become unresponsive to people. Each Republican President has been more anti-social than his predecessor. Reagan policies sunk the middle class; Bush Jr after nine revoked civil liberties , implemented universal surveillance , sanctioned torture and renditions, and blew up the Middle East ; then came Trump. Republicans voted to make America great again, but they were conned. What they got was plutocracy, corporatism, theocracy, misogyny, homophobia, xenophobia, militarism, isolationism, nativism, racism, and a conflicted, unprepared, strong-man head of state. It looks a lot like Fascism. GOP billionaires despise democracy, they attack their enemy media, concentrate media to turn it right, defund NPR, undermine elections by gerrymandering and suppressing minority vote, pack the Courts with Corporate Supremacists who defend gerrymandering, Citizens United and the right to anonymously donate dark money to politicians, privatize schools this is profitable. Government now looks like a get rich quick scheme. To pay for big tax cuts for the. Republican economics are always regressive, driven by crony capitalism , it never concerns itself with the public welfare. The result has NOT been trickle down, it is Niagra up. To extract even more money from people, block consumer protections, oppose the CFPB, scrap the fiduciary rule, rollback Dodd-Frank. No matter what the challenge, and there are important ones, together we are going nowhere. Their main objective was to block Obama, not to serve the public. Clearly, they do not care about the public. Rs are willing to shut down government to force their misguided austerity agenda. But they still aggressively worked to keep the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy from expiring. The US has again come to a gilded age. Restoring Bush tax cuts will help us toward a permanent aristocracy and there will be even more unemployment. The balanced budget amendment, at least at the Federal level, is a really bad idea despite what Heritage and talk radio tell you. They think the market is rational, and a guide to good decisions. Anyone who has ever played Monopoly will understand that the outcome: Is the market the hidden hand of the oligopoly really a better way to make decisions than democratically elected government? What does the Constitution say? Bush Jr left his legacy on the Supreme Court , resulting in the Citizens United decision which establishes the corporate right to spend as much undisclosed money as they like to buy elections , to fabulously fund the Congress or to fund opposition for Congressmen who do not fall into line. Republicans solidly oppose legislation that might mitigate this corporate takeover of our highly suspect elections. Mussolini and some dictionaries define fascism as control of the government by corporations. Do we not have that? New regulations could get in the way of all that. Trumps cabinet work tirelessly to remove regulations to benefit polluters among others. They work to repeal Obamacare because it would get in the way of that. When Ronald Reagan invoked the southern strategy , declared war on drugs , privatized the prison industry, and oversaw drug running into poor communities, he not only made the US number one in incarcerations , he made the policy creating a new Jim Crow. Since poor people of color overwhelmingly vote Democratic, putting large percentages of them in prison deprives them of the vote, and along with computer hacking assures more Republican election victories. At the same time, proceeds from drugs financed death squads in Central America. None of it was paid for, but Cheney reminded us that deficits were not important. Although Republicans never have money for people, they can always fund war or prisons. Security, like the military, has been a gusher of money for well connected contractors. War Profiteering has been good too. Many details are in the movie, Iraq For Sale , which you can watch on-line. Another sign of a failed state that they have created. Dismantling the welfare state services for you , crumbling infrastructure, turning a blind eye to real risks, is

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the real price of their profligate military. Republicans are for small government. They have no problem if their strong-man President suspends habeas corpus, disappears people, spys on everyone, illegally wiretaps without judicial oversight, datamines internet search records, financial and commercial records, tortures , overrides the Bill of Rights , relieves Congress of its war making powers and its oversight responsibility. A strong President can override the Congress with signing statements. They especially love guns. They support all that out of respect for the Constitution. Corporate media , because they are corporate and richly rewarded, will be sure that you hear only their views. The US spends more on its military than all other major countries combined, but that is necessary to build a world dominating empire , not so much to stop a few individuals with box cutters. You are a lot less safe. Republicans current initiative on immigration , while it is divisive, racist , and mean-spirited, is, according to some accounts, a block for consideration of mitigation of climate change. Ignore the pictures of glaciers melting rapidly, the polar ice caps shrinking, fresh water becoming precious commodity, fisheries collapsing, species going extinct at an alarming rate, CO2 levels at record levels, massive forest fires, reports from the IPCC or NOAA, and just ignore the models predicting much more warming and more violent storms. Methane is much more potent as a greenhouse gas than is CO2. Steven Hawking thinks our planet could look like Venus. They would destroy the planet to get reelected. So Republicans make Jim Jones look like a small-time dealer of kool-aid, where they can deliver to the entire planet. Republicans, assisted by the corrupt Supreme Court , brought years of disastrous governance under George W Bush , and they created the National Surveillance State. Considering the sorry condition of our election process, our mostly corporate media , and the open floodgates of corporate money, there may be no stopping their move to Fascism. The Republican government who lied to go to war in Iraq and they will not hesitate to go to war with Iran. Consider results in Republican States. Here is the forecast. But there is a kind of logic to the current Republican position: In effect, the party is doubling down on starve-the-beast. So now the de facto strategy is to oppose any responsible action until we are in the midst of a fiscal catastrophe. You read it here first. Paul Krugman , Nobel Prize winning economist.

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### 8: The Hypocrisy of Rick Santorum | MetaFilter

*Each situation underscores the massive hypocrisy liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, traffic in. Each also helps explain why Americans are right to want the government out of.*

Movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, a major force in Democratic Party fundraising and activism, has been fired from the company he co-founded in the wake of reports that he serially harassed actresses for decades. Tim Murphy, a married, eight-term, pro-life Republican from Pennsylvania, resigned after it came out that he wanted his mistress to have an abortion during a pregnancy scare. Each situation underscores the massive hypocrisy liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, traffic in. Each also helps explain why Americans are right to want the government out of our lives as much as possible. When the people who fund politicians and the politicians themselves are so full of awfulness, who in their right mind would give such figures the right to dictate any part of our lives? Weinstein has a long and phenomenal clip reel as a movie man before being fired yesterday from The Weinstein Company. Founded in with his brother Bob in Buffalo, New York, of all places, Miramax, his original movie company, set out to produce and distribute independent movies at the very moment that Hollywood had seemingly turned all of its attention to blockbusters and tent-pole pictures. The mix of critical praise and boffo box office gave Weinstein an immense amount of power in the entertainment industry and, despite a reputation of being a total asshole, he also bought his way into the highest circles of Democratic Party fundraising and access to glamour pols such as Hillary Clinton, John Kerry, Al Franken, Kristen Gillibrand, Chuck Schumer, Cory Booker, and Elizabeth Warren. Even his threatening to "rip" future Virginia Gov. Malia Obama interned for Weinstein this past spring, two years after Weinstein was publicly accused of groping Italian model Ambra Battilana. Women reported to a hotel for what they thought were work reasons, only to discover that Mr. Weinstein, who has been married for most of three decades, sometimes seemed to have different interests. Among the women were actresses such as Ashley Judd, then starting her career, and he paid settlements to others, such as actress Rose McGowan, after an incident in In the past, he had chalked up his behavior to blood-sugar problems seriously. This time around, he has simultaneously denied the allegations, threatened to sue the Times for defamation, and blamed it all on a being a leading-edge baby boomer. In a statement to the Times, he said: More bizarrely, he ended his statement to the Times by trying to change the topic to I hope Wayne LaPierre will enjoy his retirement party. While this might seem coincidental, it has been in the works for a year. CongressWhich brings us perhaps to Tim Murphy, whose Republican Party is headed by a president from Queens who was caught on tape bragging that because he was famous he could " grab [women] by the pussy. Edwards was responding to a Facebook post by Murphy, touting his anti-abortion position in Congress. Murphy is a member of the House Pro-Life Caucus and voted this week for legislation to ban abortions after 20 weeks. A former psychologist focusing on child development, he was a power player among pro-life groups but, like Weinstein, was known for treating support staff in abusive, angry ways. His chief of staff wrote a memo noting "unprecedented" percent turnover in staff due to his fits and calling him out for his "inability to communicate without expressions of rage, criticisms or insults. Scott DesJarlais had counseled both an ex-wife and a mistress to get abortionsâ€”but it still rightly shocks. Gallup reports that even though self-identified political independents dipped below 40 percent for the first time in five years, Republicans and Democrats are struggling to gain and keep voters. And fully 61 percent of voters believe that a major third party is needed to better represent our views in national politics.

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### 9: Sex, Lies and Videotape | HuffPost

*For here and now, lo and behold, certain leadership of the Republican Party is returning to the sex-is-sinful original Catholic Doctrine, from the 4th century, C.E. For example, listen to Rick.*

They signal the end of one era and the beginning of another. Some are clear at the time -- the dawning of the atomic age in , the fall of the Berlin Wall in . Some only become clear years later as consequence follows event -- the stock market crash in , the Dodgers signing Jackie Robinson in . Turn out not to be moments at all. The "outings" themselves have not been the "news. This moment, however, is not about outing. Because the central -- and different -- feature of sexual harassment, circa , is that. The women are being believed. They are presumed to be telling the truth. I am trained as a lawyer and know a lot about "presumptions. The most famous is the "presumption of innocence," that bedrock principle of criminal law that presumes the accused innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Because it is the most famous, and operates to shield the guilty as well as the innocent, it is often hijacked into political and cultural disputes, including disputes about sexual harassment. But, as any good lawyer knows, it is not the only presumption at work in the world imposed on anyone who walks into a court. There are a whole host of evidentiary presumptions, rules that establish what the facts are at a certain point in the process and then place the burden of contesting them on those who claim they are false. These rules operate in large swaths of substantive law. In antitrust law, anti-competitive effects are presumed from certain mergers. In immigration law, there is a presumption that one who commits an expatriating act does so voluntarily. Ditto the surgical instrument left in the patient; the doctor is presumed negligent in leaving it there. And in cases of racial discrimination, there are presumptions that require those who would dispute racial animus produce proof once apparent evidence e. Something of the same sort has now happened to the issue of sexual harassment in the court of public opinion. Presumptions mirror common sense. They allow us to accept as true what we all essentially know to be true, or far more likely to be true, anyway. They save us both the time and the burden of confirming the obvious. And they advance justice in cases where the burden of actually finding that confirming evidence is onerous but the failure to move forward would be unjust. This last feature is most important in cases of sexual harassment. If a serial harasser accosts his victims in private, and leaves no incriminating DNA evidence, there is really no absolute way to determine who is telling the truth in the subsequent "he said, she said. The counter-argument, of course, is that innocent men will be caught up in some sort of analogue to the "red menace" dragnet of the s, that accusations will suffice, lies will be accepted, and lives will be ruined. This is a risk. The risk, however, is small. To date, he has been accused of sexually molesting both a fourteen year old and a sixteen year old when he was in his thirties, and of having attempted to date numerous teenage girls during the same period. All of the girls, now grown women, have come forward to report their encounters. Moore has denied the molestation claims and been vague on the others, admitting to having known some of the girls and to having dated very young ones. Al Franken is a Democratic Senator from Minnesota. In , while on a USO tour to entertain American troops, he took a picture in which he appears to be fondling the breasts of another member of the tour, Leeann Tweeden. Tweeden also reported that, in a rehearsal of a skit the two were to perform on the tour, Franken forcibly kissed her and stuck his tongue in her mouth. He unequivocally admitted that taking the photo was wrong and that he was ashamed to have done so. He also asked the Senate Ethics Committee to investigate him and it will do so. Donald Trump is President of the United States. In that tape, Trump boasts to Billy Bush that he, Trump, the owner of a beauty pageant and then host of "Celebrity Apprentice," often kissed women without their permission and, as a television star, could get away with anything. Trump said all of them were liars, and last week his press secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, repeated that defense. We are now in a world where all these women are presumed to be telling the truth. Are any of these men being unfairly accused? Franken is not claiming innocence but Moore and Trump are. With Trump, his own words in the Access Hollywood tape constitute stark admissions and many of his accusers told friends or family of

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the abuse at the time Trump accosted them. As Shakespeare would say, they doth protest too much. The difference, Sarah, is that the President is lying and Franken is telling the truth. Meanwhile, in Alabama, Moore has hunkered down and is just reading from the old playbook. Nineteen of twenty-nine pastors who previously supported Moore before release of the allegations against him have reaffirmed their support, with at least one invoking the "presumption of innocence" and another labeling the charges against Moore "an attack on men. And the state GOP has stuck with him. So, is this a pivotal "moment" or just another mirage? The signs are mixed. The fact that Trump, a pathological liar, won the Presidency even after the Access Hollywood charges were aired, and that Moore is still a good bet to win in Alabama, where his defenders are embracing either outright hypocrisy or the usual misogynistic defenses, suggest -- if they do not prove -- that nothing has changed. They both attack their accusers as utter liars, and they both embrace the false notion that the failure to come forward at the time of the harassment makes later reports unbelievable. On the plus side, however, if there was any evidence of a "moment" last week, it came in the person of Franken. He did not dodge or weave. He did not slut shame or attack. He had harassed her. And whether the photo was intended to be funny was, he admitted, beside the point. He then apologized, in both a public statement and in a letter to Tweeden. Though the jury is still out, Franken could be part of the hoped for moment. One in which women will be believed, and men will change and make amends. In some cases, those amends will be terribly painful. They may involve resignations and criminal sanctions. Sexual harassment is a continuum. It moves from offensive comments, through inappropriate non-consensual contact, to heinous acts which have always been deemed criminal. It also includes gray areas, where comments not intended to harass, or contact thought to be innocent or acceptable, in fact is not. And it includes both the one-off and the repeated. Where Franken falls in this continuum is, at this point, unknown. His harassment appears to have been a singular event. No woman in his Senate office or in his decades long association with Saturday Night Live has called him anything other than supportive in both careers, and his public record has been exemplary. His shame last week was transparent, his apology sincere. Indeed, Tweeden has accepted it. If there are no other shoes to drop.

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