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## The 10 Craziest Things Steve Bannon Said During His '60 Minutes' Interview

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Viewers hoping to catch some vintage Steve Bannon insanity weren't disappointed when they tuned in to '60 Minutes' last weekend for Charlie Rose's exclusive chat with President Trump's former Chief Strategist. Here are the 10 craziest things Steve Bannon said during the testy interview.

1. "The Republican establishment is trying to nullify the 2016 election."

The Republicans won majorities in the House and the Senate while also seizing the Oval Office in 2016, upsetting <u>presumptive winner Hillary Clinton</u> along the way. You'd expect such a decisive victory to be cause for celebration, but Bannon says the Republican establishment is reeling from that win. And if that seems strange, get ready for the next quote.

2. "In the 48 hours after we won, there's a fundamental decision that was made...We embraced the establishment."

So the Republicans see winning the election as a loss, and Trump celebrated his triumph by surrendering to the establishment. So if America does go to war with North Korea under Trump's watch, we should expect him to turn the small Asian nation into a nuclear wasteland, then declare defeat.

3. "That probably would be too bombastic, even for me"

No, he wasn't discussing <u>Anthony Scaramucci</u>'s comment about Bannon's alleged autofellatio prowess. Bannon was discussing Trump's decision to fire former FBI Director James Comey, which he said isn't the worst blunder in the entire history of politics. Just modern politics. Smooth, Steve.

4. "By the Easter break, we'll do repeal and replace."

That was the promise House Speaker Paul Ryan offered to the administration, Bannon said. So President Donald "<u>nobody knew healthcare could be so hard</u>" Trump isn't to blame for fumbling the issue. It's all Ryan's fault.

5. "They need illegal aliens to fill the churches...They have an economic interest."

Undocumented immigrants are keeping the Catholic Church on life support, according to Bannon, who said that congregations are using them to pad their soft pew numbers.

6. "If you're on the plane, you're on the team."

That's what Bannon recalls telling New Jersey Governor Chris Christie on 'Billy Bush weekend' - the administration's cutesy way of referring to the <u>sexual assault scandal</u> that besieged candidate Trump last October. While the campaign scrambled to do damage control, they were missing one key member - Chris Christie, who "didn't make the plane." And that's why he didn't get a position in cabinet, according to Bannon.

It's an odd explanation given that one guy who made the team allegedly tried to hand the election to Hillary Clinton...

7. "You have two choices. You either drop out right now, or you lose by the biggest landslide in American political history."

Those were the words former White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus supposedly offered Trump on 'Billy Bush weekend.' True or not, the quote will certainly make Democrats long to live in the alternate universe where Trump took that advice.

8. "I'm not cut out to be a staffer."

Bannon's also not cut out for <u>farming gold</u> in World of Warcraft or <u>writing rap musicals</u> - two jobs he actually tried before moving on to fail at the White House.

9. "I think he's at 36% or 38% [approval] because he hasn't - we haven't gotten the wall built."

Yes, nothing will win over voters like making them pick up the tab for a <u>\$21 billion border</u> wall that will never be effective, according to the <u>Cato Institute</u>.

10. "We're going to win in '18 and we'll pick up six or seven Senate seats. I think we'll pick up a couple of seats in the House. And he'll win in a huge landslide in '20."

Based on his current approval rating, an actual landslide might get more votes than Trump in 2020.