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## The Left Targets Rep. Joe Wilson

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RUSH: Politico.com today, they've got a story, and it's an absolutely embarrassing story about the "lack of civility" in the Republican Party these days because of Joe Wilson. Their point in this story is that the Republican Party is made up of a total bunch of kooks now, just a total bunch of cranks.



What's Joe Wilson supposed to do? He's sitting there being lied to. Every sentence out of the president's mouth is a lie and what's he supposed to do? We also have learned, from no less than Dana Milbank at the Washington Post, that there were some Democrats sitting on the Republican side of the aisle the night of Obama's address, and they were taunting Republicans. They were giving Obama the fascist fist salute, one of them was, according to Milbank; and laughing and taunting the Republicans there on their side of the aisle. So there's a lot going on that hasn't, until now, been reported. But Roger Pilon who is the Vice President for Legal Affairs at the Cato Institute, has a great response to the silly political story today, and it's this: "On the eighth anniversary of 9/11, the most brutal single attack on the nation in our history, we are debating whether the Republican Party has a civility problem? This because one Republican congressman said, 'You lie,' when the president spoke about a provision he himself had just removed from the bill Congress had least seen?"

"Have we failed to notice that the president himself had just called the words of prominent politicians 'a lie, plain and simple'? Have we failed to notice that his entire something-for-nothing scheme simply doesn't add up financially, which makes it one grand lie? Have we forgotten that Senator Harry Reid said 'President Bush is a liar' and never apologized for it? Have we forgotten the vicious, unrelenting Democrat attacks on Bush throughout his presidency or on Sarah Palin, extending even to her family and her children? Or the gratuitous attacks on Republican judicial nominees starting with Robert Bork and running through Sam Alito to a point at which Mrs. Alito had to leave the hearing room in tears? Have we lost all perspective? Or is the question before us and this debate just one more example of politics as usual here in Washington?"

And The Politico says: Well, yeah, you got a civility problem on the Republican side! There are two countries, there may be three. It's just astounding. There's no recognition at all of the kook extremism found on the left by people in that media.

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RUSH: "Democratic leaders are planning to vote early next week to admonish Republican Rep. Joe Wilson if he does not apologize on the House floor for yelling "You lie!" at President Barack Obama. Brendan Daly, a spokesman for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, said party leaders decided at a meeting Thursday that they will likely move forward with a resolution of disapproval against Wilson absent another apology. Wilson apologized to Obama after the incident on Wednesday, but he has refused requests to apologize to the House. Wilson's office says the congressman considers his initial apology sufficient. ... Democrats say the insult clearly violated House rules of decorum."

Now, back on December 5th of 2004, on Meet the Press, during an interview, Harry Reid called George Bush a liar and then stood by the comment. Tim Russert: "When the president talked about Yucca Mountain and moving the nation's nuclear waste there you were very, very, very strong in your words, you said President Bush is a liar, he betrayed Nevada, he betrayed the country. Is that rhetoric appropriate?" Senator Reid: Well, I don't know if that rhetoric's appropriate. That's how I feel and that's how I felt." From Tim Green, the 2005 Rolling Stone magazine sit-down interview, Rolling Stone: "You've called Bush a loser." He did that to a bunch of school kids

if you'll recall out in Nevada. Harry Reid says, "Yeah, I called him a loser and a liar." "And you apologized for the loser comment." Harry Reid: "But I never have for the liar comment, have I?"

And of course let's not forget the first Joe Wilson. The first Joe Wilson, Joe Plame, came to fame by saying Bush lied during a State of the Union speech. Of course he didn't say that right away. He waited until they didn't find any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq five months or months after the invasion but before that, Joe Plame had insisted that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction, and Joe Wilson Plame made a career and a fortune out of calling Bush a liar. John Kerry even gave him a page on his campaign website, honesty.com. And now they want to censure the Republican Joe Wilson. Meanwhile, the media is slowly confirming that Joe Wilson was right. Obamacare will cover illegal immigrants. The Democrats have voted two times already to block proof of citizenship from the health care bill. This despite the fact that 83% of Americans say that proof of citizenship ought to be required to get government health aid. Now even the State-Controlled Media is being forced to report Obama was dishonest in his address to the nation.

Fox News: "Among three House committees to pass bills for health reform, only one expressly bans federal funding for providing health coverage to illegal immigrants. 'The Congressional Research Service has indicated that indeed the bills that are before Congress would include illegal aliens,' Wilson said. 'And I think this is wrong.' Indeed, the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service study found that the House health care bill does not restrict illegal immigrants from receiving health care coverage." New York Post also fact-checked the president, discovered he was not honest with the American people. They're going out of their way at the State-Controlled Media to avoid all of this. The real issue here is not that Joe Wilson called Obama a liar. The real issue is that Obama was lying. The real issue is that the president of the United States was lying every time he opened his mouth practically during that speech to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday night.

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RUSH: I wonder if President Obama will be forced to apologize on the House floor. President Obama lied to the country. President Obama lied to the people of this country for almost an hour on Wednesday night. Will he be forced to apologize? These two people that Breitbart used at BigGovernment.com, James O'Keefe and Ms. Giles, do you think they'll win any awards at the Cannes Film Festival or at the Venice Film Festival or whatever the hell film festival is going on now like Michael Moore does for his stupid propaganda lies?

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RUSH: Nick in Greenville, South Carolina. Thank you for calling. Thanks for waiting. You are on the EIB Network. Hello.

CALLER: Hey, Rush, I just wanted to say thanks for taking my call. I wanted to comment on this whole Joe Wilson apology thing. Last time I checked, Nancy Pelosi isn't his boss. The people of South Carolina who elected him are his boss. And I just wanted to say that we're extremely proud of Joe Wilson.

RUSH: A lot of people are. I can't wait to see what the fundraising numbers are for people who have been deluging his website since this incident happened. But, look, we've gone through all this. Harry Reid never apologized for calling Bush a liar. Jack Murtha! Has anybody demanded Jack Murtha apologize for accepting the charge that the Marines at Haditha were cold-blooded murderers? Has anybody made John Kerry apologize for calling the troops in Iraq terrorizers of women and children in their homes at night? I can't believe this. We've got an ongoing debate here about the lack of civility on the Republican Party when we've got eight years of some of the most demeaning, dispiriting, despicable filth that came out of the mouths of Democrats. I hope he doesn't apologize. If we're going to apologize for this, if we're going to make him apologize for this, then we're not a serious political movement here. This is not a time to be caught up in the vagaries of civility and proper etiquette and decorum. We're up against people who want to destroy the country, America, as it was founded, and replace it with something else.

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