



Columnist Robert Reich's extreme left wing rants continue to be offensive

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It is inconceivable for me to understand why any sensible person from any political persuasion would take time to read the offensive and hate-filled columns published by syndicated columnist Robert Reich. Although I have a tendency to begin reading his extreme left wing rantings, I very seldom get past the first 100 words.

However the title of his June 7 column "Is a second American civil war possible?" caught my attention. As usual he begins this piece with a fabricated scenario regarding President Trump's impeachment. Of course, his story could never be accurate if it did not include Sean Hannity "demanding that every honest patriot take to the street," and the "Rightwing social media call for war."

He then moves forward to scenario two, where Trump is defeated in 2020 and refuses to relinquish the presidency, claiming he was defeated by voter fraud and by millions of illegal aliens organized by the deep state to vote against him. As Americans begin rioting, Trump is forced to call up the military to calm the insurrection.

Reich then likens this situation to the secession of Southern states that preceded the Civil War. Reich is wrong by suggesting the states left the union because of distrust for the system, when in fact they broke away over the issue of states rights.

Reich continues his diatribe regarding Trump's war on the deep state by quoting John le Carré in his 2013 novel "A Delicate Truth," in which he describes the deep state "as a moneyed elite — 'non-governmental insiders from banking, industry, and commerce,' who rule in secret." To bolster his claims, Reich uses Princeton Professor Benjamin Page and Northwestern Professor Martin Gilens, who conclude, "Lawmakers respond to the policy demands of wealthy individuals and managed business interests."

Nevertheless, Emma Ashford of the Cato Institute disagrees that the deep state controls the government. Writing for National Interest.com she states, "It is utter nonsense." She adds, "...the idea that the whole American bureaucracy shares a common goal on practically any issue simply does not pass muster."

From this point Reich claims Trump has never acted as if he were president of all Americans. "He's acted as if he's only the president of the 63 million who voted for him, certainly not the 66 million who voted for Hillary Clinton or anyone who supported Obama."

That is a rather large brush stroke when you consider Trump's tax cut affected 80 percent of all Americans. Then consider as the jobless rate has declined, blacks and Hispanics who most often support democratic candidates, now have the lowest unemployment rates in history.

Moving on Reich claims Trump couldn't care less about the constitution and has no desire to unite our nation. If that were accurate, Trump would never have nominated constitutional scholar Neil Gorsuch to become a Supreme Court Justice.

He then quotes former Trump consigliere Roger Stone who warns of "an insurrection like you have never seen" would take place if Trump were impeached. Actually, this is one point where Reich could be accurate. When you have liberal extremists such as Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) demanding Trump's impeachment on the day he was elected telling CNN, "I want to take Trump out," along with Al Green (D-Texas) submitting articles of impeachment to Congress in October of 2017, vowing to continue until he succeeds, every American should be angry. No American president should ever be impeached unless they have seriously broken the law, never because a few liberal extremists hate the man.

We all know and understand Reich is a diehard liberal extremist with just one agenda: to impeach Donald Trump at any cost. Nearly every column he has written since the 2016 election has been filled with hate, anger and bitterness. If anyone is attempting to stir up the masses into revolt and insurrection, Reich need only look in the mirror to see who is at fault.

Actually, I love good political commentary written by people from diverse backgrounds which inspire serious thought and discussion. Unfortunately, Reich no longer qualifies as one of those quality writers.