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Massachusetts as Flyover Country . . . [[Jay Nordlinger](#)]

. . . or, “We’re All Gap-toothed Now.” I thought a reader had something quite interesting -- even novel -- to say. See if you agree:

Have you thought about the implications of a Brown victory for the Democrats’ rhetoric? For their politics of personal destruction? Over the past year, they have been calling tea-partiers and townhall protesters racists, rednecks, knuckle-draggers, homophobes, etc. And now the “machine” is turning its verbal guns on working-class voters *in Massachusetts*. Keith Olbermann and other pundits are insulting them constantly -- same old epithets. Even Democratic *politicians* appear all over the airwaves implying that Scott Brown voters are too stupid to understand their magnificent health-reform agenda.

It will be wonderful if Brown voters realize that, like them, “flyover country” conservatives are not racists. Or stupid. Or violence-prone. We should welcome them with open arms. Massachusetts people were coddled by liberal media and the Democratic machine, told that they were superior to their bumpkin fellow citizens. Now they’re being lumped in with Redneck Nation, simply for bucking the machine.

If they recognize that the lies told about them in this election were also lies when told about others -- when told about tea-partiers and townhall protesters: Well, we could be looking at political realignment.

Very interesting. It’s one thing to disparage the Alabama electorate. Must the elite press disparage the Massachusetts electorate, too? I remember what Janeane Garofalo said, on Olbermann’s show, when the tea parties first took place: “This is about hating a black man in the White House. This is racism straight up and is nothing but a bunch of tea-bagging rednecks, and there is no way around that.”

If Massachusetts goes for Brown -- will they be treated to the same language? Are they already?
Posted at [10:56 AM](#)

These Are Cool Civic Scenes [[Kathryn Jean Lopez](#)]

I’ll lay off posting e-mails for a little bit, but I just love reading these. Here’s one:

Hi Kathryn -- I live in Andover and will be voting after work. This morning, I passed (at 6 am in the dark) a car with “Scott Brown for Senate” scratched into the dirt on the rear windshield. I honked. She honked back. Never in Massachusetts have we had this kind of publicly expressed enthusiasm by or for Republicans. I have not been this excited to vote, ever. (Voting against John Kerry in 2004 was close, but I knew we had no chance of getting the electoral votes in MA).