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Beck-led Fox News "czar" witch hunt moves to ridiculous smear of Anita Dunn

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In attacking Anita Dunn, claiming that she "worships" her "hero" Mao Zedong, Glenn Beck has targeted yet another Obama administration official in his Fox News-assisted witch hunt of President Obama's so-called "czars." Beck and Fox News have previously attacked with falsehoods and spurious claims White House officials Kevin Jennings, Cass Sunstein, Harold Koh, and Van Jones.

Beck identifies latest target: White House communications director Anita Dunn

Beck falsely claimed Dunn "worships" Mao Zedong, "her hero." Throughout most of his October 15 Fox News program, Beck **falsely claimed** that Dunn "worships" and "idolizes" "her hero" Mao Zedong. In fact, in the video that Beck aired as evidence to support his claims, Dunn offered no endorsement of Mao's ideology or atrocities -- rather, she commented that Mao and Mother Teresa were two of her "favorite political philosophers," and based on short quotes from them, she offered the advice that "you don't have to follow other people's choices and paths" or "let external definition define how good you are internally."

Beck ignored numerous conservatives who previously spoke similarly of Mao. In airing footage of Dunn calling Mao and Mother Teresa two of her "favorite political philosophers" and using those comments to falsely link Dunn to the murder of tens of millions of Chinese under Mao's reign, Beck **ignored numerous conservatives** -- including Barry Goldwater's "alter ego" Stephen C. Shadegg, Cato Institute president Edward H. Crane, and GOP strategist Ralph Reed -- who have approvingly cited the tactics of Mao, Vladimir Lenin, and the Viet Cong, stating that they had used those tactics in their political work, or have otherwise highlighted their philosophies. Moreover, in a 2008 presidential campaign speech, Sen. John McCain stated that "there was a lot of people who said that my political career was not going to succeed. In fact, *in the words of Chairman Mao*, it's always darkest before it's totally black" [emphasis added], as The Washington Independent **noted**.

Attack on Dunn follows extended Fox News smear campaign against Obama advisers

Fox News' Hannity repeatedly smeared Kevin Jennings with the false claim that he ignored statutory rape and supported NAMBLA. During his relentless attack of Department of Education official Kevin Jennings, Sean Hannity **repeatedly ignored evidence** to falsely claim that Jennings ignored the statutory rape of a 15-year-old student, even advancing the falsehood after the claim had been **widely debunked**. Hannity also advanced the falsehoods that Jennings **supported NAMBLA** and sought to **indoctrinate students** about homosexuality.

Beck falsely claimed that Sunstein advocated for forced organ donation. Beck previously **falsely claimed** that Cass Sunstein, head of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, "believes that everyone must be an organ donor." In fact, in a book, Sunstein and co-author Richard Thaler **advocated for** approaches to organ donation policies that "would be likely to save many lives while *also preserving freedom*" (emphasis added) and did not advocate for mandatory organ donation. Beck and Fox Business host Eric Bolling **have both identified** Sunstein as targets in their witch hunt against people they have identified as Obama administration "czars," and Sunstein was also on Hannity's "top 10" list of dangerous "czars."

Beck falsely claimed Sunstein argued that "you should not be able to remove rats from your home." Beck **also claimed** on September 9 that Sunstein said "you should not be able to remove rats from your home if it causes them any pain." In fact, in the introduction to a book of essays he co-edited, Sunstein did not advocate against rat removal, but rather said, "At the very least, people should kill rats in a way that minimizes distress and suffering." Sunstein also stated that, from a utilitarian perspective, "[i]f human beings are at risk of illness and disease from mosquitoes and rats, they have a strong justification, perhaps even one of self-defense, for eliminating or relocating them."

Beck falsely claimed Van Jones is a "convicted felon." On August 11, Beck **accused** Van Jones, who he described as Obama's "green jobs czar," of being a "convicted felon ... who spent, I think, six months in prison after the Rodney King beating." In fact, as Eva Paterson, president and founder of the Equal Justice Society, has **explained**, "Van [Jones] has never served time in any prison. He has never

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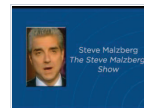
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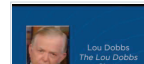
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