

Today's lesson: You can't blackmail a liberal.

Case in point: David Letterman

At the very time David Letterman was making jokes about Sarah Palin's 13 year-old daughter, he was forcing employees under his control to submit to him.

I say that because no boss in his right mind would, or could, have a consensual "affair" with an employee or employees, as Letterman has admitted he did.

When he made the joke about Palin's barely teenage daughter, he didn't really direct it at the girl. He wanted his audience to disrespect Palin's parenting abilities. When conservatives misbehave, any criticism leveled at them by a liberal is fair. Political figures like Henry Hyde, Newt Gingrich, Bob Livingston, Mark Foley, Larry Craig and their ilk talk the talk but they often don't walk the walk.

Seldom is a liberal Democrat like Barney Franks, Gary Condit, Bill Clinton or David Letterman treated the same because the American people don't expect them to behave - such are their core principles.

It was bad enough that David Letterman made the tasteless sex joke about Sarah Palin's 13 year-old daughter when he did, because he had not been the paragon of purity or convention with his longtime girlfriend himself. They did not marry until their son was several years old and had lived together without marriage for about twenty years.

Yet, Letterman sat in judgment on Sarah Palin because an older daughter had become pregnant as a teenager and without benefit of marriage. While this was an embarrassment in a conservative family, it happens and the Palins handled the pregnancy and birth in the public.

Until, supposedly, someone tried to extort Letterman for \$2 million, he never went on his own TV Late Night Show and informed his audience: "Oh, by the way, while I was ragging on Sarah Palin for her family situation, I was cheating on first my girlfriend, then my wife. I just didn't think there was any hypocrisy in my inconsistency. As a liberal, my audience does not expect more of me."

How did the Mainstream Media treat the news of Letterman conducting himself like no "employer" should ever do?

They reported that the alleged extortion attempt was by someone who "was in debt." So what? If a person is willing to break the law and ask a celebrity like David Letterman for \$2 million or they'll go to the media (who would favor Letterman, no matter the allegation or admitted behavior) with the fact - the fact, not a made-up accusation - that the Late Night host was forcing employees to pretend that he was attractive, that he was desirable and to have sex with him. His unique appeal must be that hair piece or those grey socks he always wears.

David Letterman is a pig. He will be mollycoddled by his liberal friends in the media and he will not have to answer for workforce sexual harassment like almost every employer (boss) in Wyoming would be facing under identical circumstances. The liberal media will make the story the financial plight of his extortionist, not the violations of federal employment law Letterman is guilty of.

The woman in Letterman's life is considered "a possession" on his program. Obviously, that is all she is to him.

How low will the daily go? Now, they're trying to make a buck on breast cancer.

For days on end, the daily has been beseeching locals to pay them money to show their (the readers) support for loved ones who have suffered breast cancer - either as a victim or survivor.

There is just no depth to which this group will not sink to rake in another buck.

Several years back, they sought money from their readers to show support for troops from Cheyenne - in Desert Storm, as I recall - as though those who would not pony up the money to fatten the WTE wallets did not support the troops. At the same time, Trader's offered space for families with loved ones deployed to display a message of support and their wishes for a safe return. Talk about a difference in qualify of publications.

The WTE has benefited enormously from the retail and restaurant growth in Cheyenne over the past dozen years. Through no credit to anyone with the responsibility to attract growth and expansion, these places chose Cheyenne because of the area being underserved in their category or because of our strategic location at the intersection of two major interstates - not because of 11 miles of concrete sidewalk.

For years, the WTE offered space for parents of children reaching their first birthday to announce that to their friends and family on the once well-read WTE pages. The pictures were reasonable size

and the number of one year olds in most papers was impressive. When they reconfigured their newspaper, the WTE basically eliminated that feature. Why? Because it was offered free to the public. Much like their space for publishing obituaries. Anyone wanting to be certain the information they want in an obituary is accurate and complete now has to pay for that inclusion. Other papers may do the same thing but they are established, mature publications that haven't profited from explosive growth in numbers of advertising circulars inserted into their paper as has the WTE. That is what local growth has meant to the WTE. Not growing circulation - more inserts.

Now, they want to extract a few more bucks from those who gain nothing by showing public support for something that is very private. My wife is a two-time breast cancer survivor. I hope she isn't disappointed not seeing a ribbon with her name on it on the pages of the WTE. It has nothing to do with care, concern or support. The omission has to do with boycotting what I personally consider a deplorable and despicable reach for one more buck.

At the bottom of their solicitation, the WTE indicates "a portion [of the proceeds] will be donated." A portion? Why not all? What if they take in \$2500 and donate \$100? This latest stunt is an absolute disgrace. Shame on their greed.

And, they still expect schools to be babysitters

As Mike McCracken readily admitted in a recent edition of the WT-E, their whine about the local school district establishing a schedule for the schools has become an annual snuffle that no one cares about. Never did. Never will.

The worst thing for parents in Cheyenne is when the WT-E editorializes on the same side the parent stands on. It is certain to fail. No one cares.

As has been written here over and over, maybe as often as the WT-E has pleaded with the school board to provide child care for local students, is that it is not the responsibility of a school board to provide that service. Nor to even consider how the schedule might affect this parent or that. Let us hope they have more profound reasons than a hardship posed

to a parent - whose ultimate responsibility in their life should be their child(ren) - when a school is closed for a handful of days during the school year. There are parents who work shifts, nights and weekends. Should the board try to accommodate their work schedules, also?

Even shutting down at noon on some days draws the ire of Mike and Reed. And they predict that children left home alone in the pm will get into drugs and alcohol. You cannot judge all children that harshly. Most - the vast majority - will do neither. To believe otherwise is insulting to the students and their parents. And wrong.

And, the WT-E has no problem asking very young school age children to get up at 4:00 am and deliver their newspapers and then be tired all day during classes.



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