

My Leftist friends—as well as many ardent #NeverTrumpers—constantly ask me if I'm not bothered by Donald Trump's lack of decorum. They ask if I don't think his tweets are "beneath the dignity of the office." Here's my answer:

We Right-thinking people have tried dignity. There could not have been a man of more quiet dignity than George W. Bush as he suffered the outrageous lies and politically motivated hatreds that undermined his presidency.

We tried statesmanship. Could there be another human being on this earth who so desperately prized "collegiality" as John McCain?

We tried propriety. Has there been a nicer human being ever than Mitt Romney?

And the results were always the same. This is because, while we were playing by the rules of dignity, collegiality and propriety, the Left has been, for the past 60 years, engaged in a knife fight where the only rules are those of Saul Alinsky and the Chicago mob.

I don't find anything "dignified," "collegial" or "proper" about Barack Obama's lying about what went down on the streets of Ferguson in order to ramp up racial hatreds because racial hatreds serve the Democratic Party. I don't see anything dignified in lying about the deaths of four Americans in Benghazi and imprisoning an innocent filmmaker to cover your tracks. I don't see anything statesmanlike in weaponizing the IRS to be used to destroy your political opponents and any dissent. Yes, Obama was articulate and polished, but in no way was he in the least bit dignified, collegial or proper.

The Left has been engaged in a war against America since the rise of the children of the '60s. To them, it has been an all-out war where nothing is held sacred and nothing is seen as beyond the pale. It has been a war they've fought with violence, the threat of violence, demagoguery and lies from day one—the violent takeover of universities—till today. The problem is that through these years the Left has been the only side fighting this war. While the Left has been taking a knife to anyone who stands in its way, the Right has continued to act with dignity, collegiality and propriety. With Donald Trump, this all has come to an end. Donald Trump is America's first wartime president in the culture war.

During wartime, things like dignity and collegiality simply aren't the most essential

The Fighter

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and statesmanship suit,
because this is war.*

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qualities one looks for in warriors. Ulysses Grant was a drunk whose behavior in peacetime might well have seen him drummed out of the Army for conduct unbecoming. Had Abraham Lincoln applied peacetime rules of propriety and booted Grant, the Democrats might well still be holding their slaves today. Lincoln rightly recognized: "I cannot spare this man. He fights."

Gen. George Patton was vulgar talking. In peacetime, this might have seen him stripped of rank. But had Franklin Roosevelt applied the normal rules of decorum then, Hitler and

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That is just the icing on the cake, but it's wonderful to see that not only is Trump fighting, he's also defeating the Left using its own tactics. That book is Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals," a book so essential to the Liberals' war against America that it is and was the playbook for the entire Obama administration and the subject of Hillary Clinton's senior thesis. It is a book of such pure evil that, just as the rest of us would dedicate our book to those we most love or those to whom we are most indebted, Alinsky dedicated his book to Lucifer.

Trump's tweets may seem rash and unconsidered, but in reality he is doing exactly what Alinsky suggested his followers do. First, instead of going after "the fake media"—and it is so fake that it has literally gotten every single significant story of the past 60 years not just wrong, but diametrical-

ly opposed to the truth, from the Tet Offensive to Benghazi, to what really happened on the streets of Ferguson, Mo.—Trump isolated CNN. He made it personal.

Then, just as Alinsky suggests, he employed ridicule, which Alinsky described as "the most powerful weapon of all." Most importantly, Trump's tweets have put CNN in an untenable and unwinnable position. It needs to respond. This leaves it with only two choices. It can either "go high"—as Hillary would disingenuously declare of herself and the fake news would disingenuously report as the truth—and begin to honestly and accurately report the news or it can double-down on its usual tactics and hope to defeat Trump with twice its usual hysteria and demagoguery. The problem for CNN (et al.) with the former is that, if it were to start honestly reporting the news, that would be the end of the Democratic Party it serves.

It is nothing but the incessant use of fake news (read: propaganda) that keeps the Left alive. Imagine, for example, if CNN had honestly and accurately reported then-candidate Barack Obama's close ties to foreign terrorists (Rashid Khalidi), domestic terrorists (William Ayers), the mafia (Tony Rezko), or the true evils of his spiritual mentor, Jeremiah Wright's church. Imagine if it had honestly

and accurately conveyed the evils of the Obama administration's weaponizing of the IRS to be used against its political opponents or his running of guns to the Mexican cartels or the truth about the murder of Ambassador Christopher Stevens and the Obama administration's cover-up.

So, to my friends on the Left—and the #NeverTrumpers as well—do I wish we lived in a time when our president could be collegial and dignified and proper? Of course I do. These aren't those times. This is war. And it's a war that the Left has been fighting without opposition for the past 50 years. So, say anything you want about this president. I get it—he can be vulgar, he can be crude, he can be undignified at times. I don't care. I can't spare this man. He fights for America! ■

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