The Art of the Hypocrite David Kulick

I have to admire the hypocrisy of the Republican Party. Under a Democratic government, Republicans never stop screaming about the deficit, but now they put forward a tax plan that explodes the deficit by trillions of dollars and they don't even have the decency to blush. In spite of arguing over and over that deficits strangle the economy, somehow their deficits are supposed to be self-financing.

Naturally their tax "reform" is all about cutting taxes on billionaires, since that's their only real concern. Talk about how it will help the middle class, but give the lion's share to the already obscenely wealthy. Trump, after saying that he won't profit from the "tax reform," will profit very handsomely. You won't.

They scream that Democrats are "Tax and Spend." Well, yes, that's how government is supposed to work. How we're taxed is important, and what you spend it on is important, but tax and spend is how government operates. Republicans have a different philosophy once you get past their endless rhetoric, it's called "Borrow and Spend". That's what they do every time they run the government. Huge deficits that the next Democratic administration has to deal with. Of course, that's the icing on the cake. Then they get to scream that we can't afford Medicare or Medicaid or any of the social programs on which people depend for their lives.

There's always morality of course, Marriage is all important, except for same sex marriage of course. But when your hero is on his third marriage, well, it's sort of hard to be too righteous, but that doesn't stop them. Healthcare is a bit of a moral problem. How can you claim to be "pro-life" when you call any attempt to provide universal healthcare an infringement on someone's right to get ill and die?

Maybe the most incredible hypocrisy is wanting to jail Hillary Clinton for financial ties to a uranium deal with Russia when the President's campaign very likely committed treason with Russia. Or calling anyone "crooked" when you have a serial thief as President. Why is Trump so concerned that Mueller is investigating past Trump deals? Gee, I wonder.

How about those conservatives who are so concerned about strict interpretation of the Constitution and "original intent"? Hey guys, when the second amendment was written, our arms were muskets. So yes, you have the right to own a musket, not an AK47.

And golf? When President Obama went on rare golfing vacations, the right repeatedly made it an issue, and the biggest critic was Trump. He said that he'll be too busy being President to play golf. Is he? In the first two months of his Presidency, Trump went to his golf courses 10 times. No comment from the right wing.

Then there's the whole gay rights issue. I'll just mention a few of the homophobes who turned out to be gay: Larry Craig, Bob Allen, George Rekers, Richard Curtis, Roy Ashburn, and Ed Schrock. More hypocrites will surely surface.

How about national security? Well, Hillary did use a private email server and private email account, not that any of them actually risked our security. Plenty of Trump administration senior staff have been using RNC servers with their private email accounts to conduct government business. And of course working with the Russians to steal an election might be considered treason, but not a word from Republicans.

And those 30,000 deleted private Hillary emails that caused endless Republican investigations? Well, the Bush White House managed to delete 22 MILLION emails, which were all around the time that the Republicans were lying to us about the need to go to war in Iraq and destabilize the entire Mideast. All you need to do to see real hypocrisy is replace "Trump" with "Clinton" in the headlines. Clinton threatens to fire Mueller. Clinton says that Putin says he didn't interfere in election. Clinton cabinet has umpteen undisclosed contacts with Russian oligarchs. Clinton campaign may have colluded with Russia. Clinton mum on Democratic Senate candidate's abusing underage girls. You get the idea. The right wing would be, correctly, screaming for impeachment at least, but we hear nothing. Because they're spineless hypocrites.