

Leftist Lexicon Word of the Week

Last weekend was the White House Correspondents' Dinner, which some people call "Nerd Prom" and I call a waste of time. Among the usual back patting, chest puffing, and smugness, there was a... well, I guess you could call it a performance by a...well, I guess you could call her a comedian, Michelle Wolf, who delivered...well, I guess you could call it jokes, mostly directed at President Donald Trump and members of the Trump Administration. In the audience were White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee-Sanders and Kellyanne Conway, who sat there and took the lines with a straight face. (Then again, judging from the YouTube video of Wolf's comments, most of the people in the audience took the lines with a straight face, too.)

But the Left thought Wolf's comments were brave, hysterical, and...get this...speaking truth to power. What is that, you ask? Well, good thing I decided to write about it this week!

speaking truth to power

What the Left thinks it means – bravely telling uncomfortable truths to people in power in the hopes it will change their minds and behaviors

What it really means – Leftists being assholes

I sat through Wolf's remarks for two reasons. First, I wanted to make sure to get the full context of what she said. Second, so you wouldn't have to. I came up with a drinking game where I took a shot for every time I laughed during her comments. After the full 19:17, I was...stone sober. Well, except for the shot I took when I realized Wolf is what you would get if Joanie Cunningham and Rachel Dolezal had a baby.

As far as speaking truth to power, I didn't see much truth, and the media have lost a lot of their power through their incompetence. There were occasional facts thrown in for good measure, but much of what I endured was more talking point than truth. And I will admit Wolf made a couple of good points about what the media cover and what they overlook in lieu of continuing coverage of Stormy Daniels because God knows we need more of *that*.

The idea of speaking truth to power is funny to me because the Left isn't always on speaking terms with the truth. In fact, some Leftist intellectuals (an oxymoron if ever there was one) argue truth is subjective based on personal experiences. This, of course, makes as much sense as putting Bill Cosby in charge of the refreshments at a sorority party. Truth doesn't change because your background is different than mine. I'm pretty sure gravity affects us all the same regardless of whether you're dirt poor or filthy rich, as do death, taxes, and the inevitability of the Rolling Stones going back on tour.

What the Left means when they say someone is speaking truth to power is that person is speaking a truth the Left agrees with, and anything that doesn't conform is dismissed as false. Take gun control, for example. The Left squeed like I did at "Avengers: Infinity War" when David Hogg and his Parkland Pals "stood up" to the NRA by pushing for stricter gun control laws. They and their ideological allies point to the number of people being killed every year by guns, usually around 30,000 (all while ignoring inconvenient details like the number of suicides and gang-related killings that make up a decent chunk of that larger number), and by itself it's pretty persuasive.

But it's not the truth, or at least not all of it.

Research from the FBI to the CDC show there are more defensive gun uses than there are gun deaths. The term "defensive gun uses" refers to the number of times a gun is used in the defense of one's person or property, and by sheer volume, it's

not even close. Last time I checked, the low end of this spectrum is in the neighborhood of 800,000 defensive gun uses per year. And, regardless of how you feel about the issue, regardless of your experiences, 800,000 is a bigger number than 30,000. To put it another way, you are over 26 times more likely to use a gun to defend yourself than you are to be killed by a gun. And when you take out suicides and gang violence, that number goes even higher.

I wouldn't call that speaking truth to power, though, because to me the truth *is* power. And with that power comes a level of fearlessness that steels your resolve and calms you as you wait for the slings and arrows of outrageous outrage at dismantling a poorly-reasoned talking point. When you boil it right down, the Left loves thinking they speak truth to power because they think it shuts down all arguments. It doesn't. One person armed with the truth can take down an army of liars. All it takes is the courage to unapologetically stand with the truth in the face of criticism.

That's what Michelle Wolf (and much of the audience at the White House Correspondents' Dinner) failed to do. They spoke and believed their own truths and overlooked the power they wield on a daily basis. I mean, it's not like these folks have to take on a second job to make ends meet; they willingly take on second jobs as DNC spokespeople.

In closing, let me leave you with a joke.

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Michelle Wolf

Michelle Wolf who?

Precisely