

Leftist Lexicon Word of the Week

Recently, President Donald “Sick of Winning Yet?” Trump met privately with Russian President Vladimir “No Beans for Me Because I’m” Putin in Helsinki. And as expected, the Left reacted like they usually do on a day ending in Y: they lost their collectivist minds. After decades of telling us we should be more like Russia, the Left pulled a 180 and said Russia was our enemy. (Couldn’t have something to do with the fact Russia may have had a hand in exposing the DNC as a corrupt bunch of morons, could it? Naaaaaaaah!) And because Trump met with Putin in private, there is a new word that has formed on Leftists’ lips: treason.

Seven little letters, one big accusation.

Although I’ve covered this topic before, in light of the current Leftist freakout du jour, let’s take another look at treason to see what all the fuss is about.

treason

What the Left thinks it means – helping an enemy to undermine America at any time

What it really means – a highly-charged term that is being *waaaaaaaay* overused right now

Since we’re dealing with a political/legal term, let’s take a look at what the US Code says about treason. Title 18 of the Code states the following:

Whoever, owing allegiance to the [United States](#), levies war against them or adheres to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort within the [United States](#) or elsewhere, is guilty of treason and shall suffer death, or shall be imprisoned not

less than five years and fined under this title but not less than \$10,000; and shall be incapable of holding any office under the [United States](#).

Death or imprisonment and fines? There go my summer vacation plans...

Seriously, the US Code opens up a lot of questions pertinent to the current discussion of whether Trump's meeting with Putin rises to the level of treason. The first question is what constitutes an enemy of the United States. Well, that's open for debate. For example, I would consider Michael Bay to be an enemy of the United States because he doesn't know how to make a good movie. Furthermore, anyone who keeps going to his movies are giving him aid and comfort by encouraging him to make more Transformers movies. Others (presumably Mr. Bay himself included) would disagree.

In the current scenario, the Left wants us to see Russia as an enemy, which would support their claim Trump committed treason. The reality, however, is a bit more complicated. Russia isn't quite our enemy. They do things that make it look and sound that way, but they are still considered to be somewhat friendly towards us. And make no mistake, I trust Putin slightly more than a used car salesman at Uncle Sleazy's Auto Emporium (where their motto is "205 Fraud Convictions Don't Stop Us From Making Great Deals"). My personal misgivings aside, Russia and the US have maintained a tolerable relationship. To call Russia an enemy is like calling Bill Nye the Science Guy a source for accurate information on climate change: it might be right, but not often enough.

Leftists also point to Trump's frequent criticisms of our intelligence agencies as proof of his treason, but even that's a stretch thanks to a little thing the kids like to call the First Amendment. Although Trump's mistrust of intelligence (both literal and governmental) can be harsh and undeserved at

times, he has a right to speak his mind and to redress grievances with the government. And that includes the intelligence community. For the Left to be right...err correct on this, they would have to say the President exercising his First Amendment rights is tantamount to treason.

Let that sink in for a moment. Then get a really stiff drink to steel yourself for the next sentence.

This is what the Left is going for in lieu of a message for the midterms.

Even though Trump's not running, the Left is using the "Treason Summit" as a means to hold Republican candidates accountable for what the Left says Trump did. Granted, the Right does this, too, but it's stupid no matter who does it. And with the charge itself being more tenuous than the plot of a murder mystery written by Joe Biden, it makes the Left look unhinged. That may be what the cool kids are doing, but outside the DNC bubble, it doesn't play well to test audiences. That's why #WalkAway is a thing now.

Pushing the treason argument is a calculated move, but one that reeks of desperation. As much as the Left keeps talking about a "Blue Wave" in November, the current environment isn't conducive to a wave, blue or otherwise. The DNC is losing donors, money, and long-time candidates at an alarming rate, so they need something to fire up their base to try to stop the bleeding. And apparently their solution involves accusing Trump of treason because...well, they're still working on a reason that sounds better than "because we want him removed from office for beating Hillary Clinton."

Ah, but there's the problem. If you allow yourself to get caught up in the emotion without taking a moment to ask whether a private meeting between two world leaders constitutes treason, you're going to get really disappointed when people outside of your circles aren't willing to join you

in your quest. Face it, kids. Crying “treason” right now isn’t going to help you win back the House and Senate, and it may wind up hurting you in 2020, which is going to be the next time you will have a chance to beat President Trump. Impeachment has gone nowhere. The Mueller investigation has gone nowhere. And treason will go nowhere, and for the same reason as impeachment and “Mueller Time”: a lack of discernable evidence that can’t be reasoned away.

In the meantime, let’s grab some popcorn and a cold drink and watch the fireworks!