

Exposé: A Call for Character

Ann Coulter is regarded as the celebrated “diva of the conservative movement”¹ “at the epicenter [of] red-meat Republicans”² who loves to “ferret out the truth.”³ In reality, Ann Coulter is an exemplar of *hypocrisy*, not Conservatism.

Coulter Conundrums

Consider Ann Coulter. An “ideological purist”⁴ who compromises her principles. A pro-lifer who hates the living. An upholder of truth who lies. A pro-family advocate who divides families. A promoter of Victorian virtues who dresses like a hooker. A “Christian and a conservative”⁵ who behaves as neither. Coulter’s attitudes and actions are the *antithesis* of “compassionate Conservatism.”

A colleague of Coulter’s explained this “mass of contradictions ... Part of it has to do with *being* a celebrity, but part of it has to do with being the kind of person who *so wants* to be a celebrity.”⁶

Coulter’s “mass of contradictions” – psychiatric “cognitive dissonance,” Orwellian “doublethink,” biblical “hypocrisy” – has become so pronounced as to be unthinkable, unbelievable. ***Believe it!***

Speaking Out

My dilemma: To remain silent or speak out? After heart-rending consideration and fervent prayer, I am persuaded that exposure is the *only* honorable choice. Silence is complicity. Those who know better and remain silent are unindicted co-conspirators.

Honor *requires* outing. Toleration of evil is *not* an option. Exposure is *obligatory* by the standards of the West Point honor code (“nor Tolerate Those Who Do” behave dishonorably).

Scriptures warn that “he who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the just, both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord.” Christians are called to speak the truth in love – to stand for truth and manifest love.

The apostle Paul writes: “Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.” And “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.”

Character Counts

Ann Coulter is *not* a conservative so why should she be *our* spokesman? We should carefully choose *our* leaders to embody *our* values, considering character an indispensable trait. Do we want leaders with character and integrity? Or will we settle for less?

Character and integrity deal with who a person *is* – the *substance* of her soul. We are wrong to correlate a person’s political or philosophical positions with that person’s character.

My fellow conservatives, it all comes down to a question of *faith*. Do we *believe* in Conservatism? Do we believe that *character* truly matters, that *truth* is absolute and a prerequisite for any dialogue, that *compassion* isn’t just an emotion but an action, that *being* a moral people is more important than pursuing an agenda?

Do we *believe*? Or is our faith an empty tomb? Is the heart of Conservatism hollow? Or are we resolved to elevate, and not assassinate? To inspire, and not denigrate? To love, and not hate?

My fellow conservatives, I have come out of the closet to expose a popular “conservative icon” as a charlatan, despite 1) expected reprisals from Coulter’s legendary wrath, 2) anticipated character assassination of me by her friends and colleagues in an effort to defend the indefensible, and 3) the inevitable – my becoming *persona non grata* within the Conservative Movement.

Nevertheless, the truth is too important and the stakes are too high to remain silent. The soul of Conservatism hangs in the balance.

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