

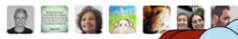
Silly Journalism



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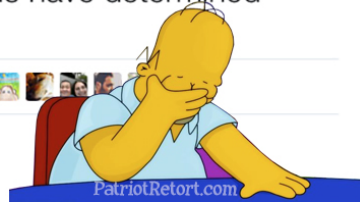
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Say, did you know if a reporter goes out among the voters to find out what we think about President Trump it's silly journalism?

Who knew?!

You'd think reporters would want to know what voters think. But I guess they're still too busy talking to each other.

Back in January, Steve Bannon did an interview with the [New York Times](#) where he said:

?The media should be embarrassed and humiliated and keep its mouth shut and just listen for a while.?

Remember that?

Oh, how these ?journalists? howled in self-righteous indignation.

How dare Steve Bannon try to silence us?! See?! Trump is trying to shut down a free press!!! Oh, the HUMANITY!!!

Only, Bannon was right.

At the time, in my column [In love with the sound of their own voices](#), I wrote:

He's spot-on.

24-hour cable news outlets covered the 2016 election obsessively.

A parade of pundits sat spouting off all their thoughts about what would happen, how Hillary would win, and how Trump was imploding.

They were so busy being mesmerized by the sound of their own voices, they didn't even care to listen to what actual voters had to say.

As a result, they completely missed what was going on.

In the column, I give an example of one journalist who did it right ? Salena Zito.

Zito was a reporter for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review who now writes for the Washington Examiner and the New York Post.

During the 2016 election, while her colleagues stayed firmly inside their bubble in New York and DC, Zito traveled the rust belt and

spent time with these working class Americans the Enslaved Press doesn't give a damn about.

Her reports on the ground gave her the perfect picture of what was going on outside of the New York/DC media bubble.

And, while the rest of her colleagues were smugly declaring Hillary the inevitable victor, Zito was cautioning, "Not so fast, gang."

They were all wrong.

Salena Zito was spot-on.

Now, back to my post from January:

These idiots are so in love with their own voices, they deliberately misunderstand Bannon's obvious point just so they can listen to themselves sputter in outrage while they play the victim.

They really don't get it.

And they never will.

The truth is, the Enslaved Press doesn't want to listen and learn what the American people really think.

They have a narrative to advance. And unless we all fall in lock-step with that narrative, they are never going to take the time to listen to what we have to say.

Well, apparently that still holds true today.

I follow Salena Zito on Twitter - mostly so I know when her latest article is out. And I happened across an exchange between her and ABC News correspondent Matthew Dowd.

Here is what Dowd tweeted:

It is absolutely silly journalism to keep going back to Trump fans and asking what they think. Should Nixon fans have determined Watergate? — Matthew Dowd (@matthewjdowd) [May 18, 2017](#)

Forgive my bluntness, but what a condescending asshole.

See, this is exactly why all these idiots were completely blindsided by Trump's victory in November.

They do not care what we think.

And, according to Dowd, wanting to know what actual living, breathing voters think is silly journalism.

Apparently for him, "unsilly" journalism is doing man-on-the-street interviews outside of his office.

Personally, I call that lazy journalism.

But Zito's response is perfect.

Respectfully I don't think it's silly reporting what people think-you don't have to like what they think-but you still have to report it. <https://t.co/ROKZe3GZuM> — SalenaZito (@SalenaZito) [May 18, 2017](#)

But she wasn't done.

Also they are called voters. Not fans. Voters. <https://t.co/zYBOYeVDFQ>— SalenaZito (@SalenaZito) [May 18, 2017](#)

And this is why the Enslaved Press will once again get it wrong, you guys.

Because, unlike Zito ? who spent the last several weeks once again traveling through rust belt states ? ?journalists? like Dowd refuse to take the pulse of the American people. Unless of course they either live or work in Manhattan.

God forbid he sacrifice a little shoe leather and actually find out what's going on in the rest of the country.

I mean, it worked so well for them during the election, didn't it?

They deliberately misunderstood what Bannon was saying back in January. And now they are continuing to prattle on to each other within their echo-chamber while completely ignoring the American people.

From deep within their hermetically-sealed bubble, they think their constant attacks on President Trump are eroding his support among voters.

You would think they'd want to venture out and see if all these relentless attacks are actually having the desired effect.

But no.

That would be silly journalism.

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