

# **Fooling enough of the people enough of the time**

By Julian Sereno

*“You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can’t fool all the people all the time.” -- Abraham Lincoln*

Hillary Clinton made a mistake when she called supporters of Donald Trump “deplorable”. The correct word is “delusional”.

These folks buy the lies: That President Obama is a Muslim born in Kenya, even though there is no evidence in support and mountains that contradict; that he caused the Great Recession, ignoring that the market crashed six weeks before he was elected, after eight years Republican rule, six of it absolute.

They believe Hillary Clinton should be jailed because she broke rules when she set up her own email server and endangered national security; they hold her personally responsible for the death of the four Americans killed in Libya; they believe Hillary used her position as Secretary of State to enrich the Clinton Foundation; they imagine she murdered her colleague and friend Vincent Foster; they believe she made too much money on a stock deal in Arkansas in the 1980s.

The notion that Hillary is culpable in the deaths in Libya and Vincent Foster’s suicide are canards, vile ones that. Money that poured into the Clinton Foundation because of her high profile as Secretary State and her email blunders make fine campaign issues, but they only rise to the level of crimes in the imagination of her antagonists.

Hillary is certainly charisma challenged. When Obama said that Hillary was “likable enough” when they were opponents in 2008, he way overstated the case.

Meanwhile their champion, Donald Trump, exported all of his manufacturing operations to Third World countries where he paid the peons peanuts. Yet they believe him when he says he's going to outlaw his own business practices. In his multiple bankruptcies, he suckered investors and stiffed suppliers, including small businesses and blue-collar craftsmen. He complains about infrastructure but doesn't pay any taxes, necessary to rebuild bridges, highways and airports. He duped students who trusted in his promises about Trump University, and paid off the Attorneys General of Florida and Texas with "campaign contributions" -- and they decided not to prosecute him for fraud. His charitable foundation is a fraud, a personal piggy bank for him to use the money as he pleases, including on a \$20,000 painting of himself. He does not give much to charity, he just lies and says that does. He lies about just about everything; he lies so much that the lies contradict one another.

Why Trump's supporters don't think he will play them for suckers if he is elected -- just as he has so many others who trusted him -- mystifies me. Yet Trump and Clinton remain neck and neck in the polls.

The only thing that is clear is that if Trump is elected and puts into practice his racist, xenophobic ideas, he'll lie once again when he puts his hand on a Bible and swears to uphold the Constitution. All of us can then bid our Constitution and our freedoms that it upholds *adieu*. Trump may love the Second Amendment but he sure hates the First.

Caligula, the murderous, depraved Emperor of Rome, appointed his horse to be Consul and preside over the Roman Senate. I hope we don't do Caligula one better by electing a jackass President of the United States.

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