



Debates: Listen and Realize

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I was watching the debate last night and it got me to thinking. What is the purpose of debate these days? I am specifically speaking about the debate between Mike Lawler and Cait Conley. It made me realize that debates are kind of useless today unless one candidate becomes senile during it as we saw in the Trump - Biden debate. Otherwise, I realize when you are debating a Democrat, it becomes a pack of lies and they don't express their true positions. What do I mean by that?

Lawler did something very brave during the debate. He called out by name supposed Republicans who put out conspiracy theories and hatred. He named them and disavowed them. In doing so he risked losing the far right of his party. But integrity was more important than the votes of extremists.

Cait Conley, not a risk taker exactly. When asked to condemn hate spewers and conspiracy in their party, she would not. And she had plenty to choose from. Everybody from Mamdani to Talib to Omar, El Sayed, and Piker. She wouldn't. All she said was she condemns hate speech. But condemnation without specifics is meaningless. It indicates that she will stand for and vote for the dangerous far left of the party. She is just another apparatchik of the Democrat party.

Whenever a Democrat debates, all you hear is Trump, Trump, Trump. In the debate she came up with no ideas. She said she shops at DiCicco's, probably in Westchester and spends a small amount on groceries. Obviously since she has no family to be responsible for and therefore cannot to relate for a family buying groceries. On the other hand, Lawler must feed a family. He knows what it means to feed a family which most of us have to do. We live in this economy. Lawler lives in this economy. Conley is only responsible for herself. She can't feel the needs of our children in our schools for better education. She doesn't understand having illegals in our streets committing crimes. She is clueless about our lives. You would think that somebody who graduated from West Point would have love of our country and express it not just in words but in action now that she is a civilian. She doesn't seem to care about the average New Yorker but rather like other Democrat politicians in the state, only cares what is good for the Democratic party and their agenda, which is not good for the United States.

Major questions were ignored in the debate. How do you feel about getting rid of the veto? Should the Senate be abolished? Should the Supreme Court be expanded? Should there be court packing? Should there be a wealth tax? Should the Presidency be abolished? These are questions that her fellow Democrats bring up every day. Should we have national health insurance where people can't get care a la Europe and Canada where people wait months for care? Should we do away with capitalism? And how do you feel about socialist rule a la Cuba and Venezuela in the United States? These are questions that every Democrat who claims to be a moderate should answer. Conley stands with the Mamdani and his ilk of the Democrat Socialists of America who promote these ideas. She will vote for their radical agenda when push comes to shove.

Elections have consequences. I hear people complaining all the time and all I have to say to them is you voted for these people. What did you expect they were going to do? Sometimes you have to believe that people are going to do what they say and not what you think they are going to do. Time for every candidate to answer the tough questions. Lawler is clear in what he believes. Conley is not. She is just another "But Trumper" and not somebody who has ideas which can improve our lives.

This is a tough column for me to write. The reason being I don't like necessarily being so specific in endorsing a particular candidate on In My View. But the stakes are so serious right now for our country that we can't vote based on whether or not we like a war or gas prices but rather for the future of our democracy and our children and grandchildren. Hate has no place in this country nor does social radical ideas that I mentioned above. Voting for Conley is voting for hatred because she will support radical ideas and the hate spewing members of our party, She had the opportunity to call them out. She failed miserably. That is the only reason debate is important. That is the purpose of debate.

