

You Really Believe That?!?

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Our Laura Kiefert introduces her new blog with a piece about the crazy things you'll hear if you actually talk to one of the Trump believers who hang out at our senior centers and listen only to Fox "News".

GREEN BAY, WI - There's a person who has played an important role in my life whose beliefs regarding politics and religion differ from my own. I am a progressive, liberal Democrat. She is not. We had previously agreed "not to go there". However, last night, we did. What she told me left me wondering, "How in the world could anyone possibly believe such ridiculous shit?"

Among the beliefs she revealed were:

- Planned Parenthood intentionally performs abortions in order to harvest and sell baby body parts for large profits.
- Baby body parts that aren't sold are cannibalized by Democrats who support abortion.
- Hillary Clinton has had 57 people shot in the back of the head to cover up the Clinton's crimes.
- George H.W. Bush was executed years earlier and the coffin at his recent funeral was empty.
- George W. and Jeb Bush, Bill and Hillary Clinton, and Barack Obama were served indictments at the funeral and are already being held at Guantanamo Bay, which was currently rebuilt to accommodate them.

- All the above were served indictments at George H.W. Bush's funeral. Sightings of these people, including Obama's recent attendance at the basketball game in Durham, N.D. were staged using body doubles.
- Hillary and Bill Clinton are the worst criminals ever in American history.
- The only mainstream media that can be believed is Fox News and any facts provided by anyone aligned with the Democratic Party are fake.
- Trump is a Christian who attends church regularly.
- The Democratic Party is evil and full of haters.
- Trump is a brilliant businessman who has made billions of dollars and has never filed bankruptcy.
- Republicans won't cut Social Security or Medicare, they just need to cut Welfare and Food Stamps for the overwhelming number of people who need to get a job, who don't deserve it, and who either sell or give what they get from government programs away.
- Although she lives on Social Security, gets Medicare and lives in a rent assisted senior building, she firmly opposes Socialism because she doesn't want the government involved in her life.
- Trump is much smarter than Democrats think and he has a plan in place to take down the entire "Deep State" that includes the CIA, the FBI and Nation Security, all who have been complicit in covering up the Clinton crimes.

While looking on the Internet for information to repudiate her, I ran across several YouTube videos published by a Psychic Medium named Utsavo that elaborated the claims we had discussed, as well as claims of aliens, UFO's and multiple conspiracy theories. I concluded that must be her main source of information. See: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCk8GhT9HVdf1_s9cxtvRFXw



I texted her thirteen links to reputable sources with facts disputing the above outrageous assertions, which I assume she never bothered to open. She responded with a simple text, "I vote for whoever I feel will benefit me personally."

I'm left wondering why people believe such stupid shit.

I suppose since we both strongly identify with opposite sides of the political spectrum, we each think the other is willfully ignoring the facts and firmly believes our own facts are true and the other's are false. We both probably think the other is either ignorant, ill-informed disingenuous,

or nuts. At first, I thought she was trying to yank my chain. Numerous times I asked things like, “Are you kidding me”, or “You can’t be serious” or “Where did you get that?”

Her responses were were all in the affirmative. “Yes” or “You betcha” or “ I sure do.” To say the least, I was flabbergasted by her admissions and I admit by the end of our conversation I had concluded she had taken a head-first dive off the crazy bridge into the Looney River.

I am a person who relies heavily on science. I read a lot, question everything, and base my beliefs on facts, reason, critical thinking and common sense. It’s impossible for me to comprehend why anyone wants to disagree with science or what is obviously true and instead trust psychic tabloid nonsense.

I know there are people that trick themselves into believing that the facts aren't relevant and the modern media landscape seems to be amplifying the retreat from facts. Therefore, making it harder and harder to determine what the real truth is. I understand we now live in a world where people promote red facts and blue facts, and these biased motivated-reasoning processes fuel political conflict. But, blocking out information we disagree with, through social media echo chambers, reading partisan news, or only surrounding ourselves with friends who agree with us, just leads to promoting conspiracy theories that makes matters worse.

So, I’m done with making arguments to convince others to stop drinking the Kool-aid. It’s a waste of time and I think it’s more probable that talking about these issues cause people to double down and become even more stubborn and radical.

Bottom line, there are people who will believe what they want to believe and disregard the rest. The problem is when people dismiss as unconvincing any information that contradicts their opinion, the result is, well, the Trump Administration.

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