

Ann Coulter's *Treason*: The New McCarthyism

Ann Coulter has carved out a niche for herself as the Joseph McCarthy of our era, even surpassing him in the process. Rather than denounce *specific* individuals and *particular* groups for treason, as McCarthy did, Coulter declares the *entirety* of liberalism treasonous.

Coulter has out-McCarthyd McCarthy.

Joseph McCarthy – My Hero

Coulter's instant best-seller, *Treason: Liberal Treachery from the Cold War to the War on Terror*, has been kept under wraps until now. Just released portions presage an upcoming media blitz. In her first "exclusive extract," Coulter praises Joseph McCarthy, hailing him an American hero.

It is worth quoting this extract in its entirety due to its significance. We should not overlook the public's first look at this book:

“IT IS AN interesting fact that this country does not have anything resembling a European style left wing. In fact, we can barely sustain a functioning Democratic party. It didn't have to be this way. As FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said, in March 1947 there were only about one million Americans registered to vote with the Communist Party but that was more than there were in Russia in 1917. What held the Communist left to the madrasahs of the Ivy League was Joe McCarthy. Sneering at McCarthy today because the only people who call themselves Communists are harmless cranks is like sneering at the Sabin vaccine because, really, almost no one gets polio anymore. The big argument against McCarthy was that the whole notion of Communist subversion was a joke. It was not a joke. It was real. And the Democrats didn't care.

“In the twentieth century, nearly 100 million people were murdered in the name of Communism. Stalin held his monstrous Soviet show trials, committed genocide against the kulaks, and created a forced famine for the Ukrainians when they resisted collectivization. There was Mao's "Great Leap Forward" murdering tens of millions of people. There was the Khmer Rouge's massacre of one quarter of the entire Cambodian population. Communist mass murder not only predated the Nazi variety but far surpassed it. Wherever there was Communism, there was repression, torture, and mass murder.

“It is a fact that hundreds of agents of this blood-soaked ideology became top advisors to Democratic presidents, worked on the Manhattan Project, infiltrated every segment of the United States government. Stalin's agents held top positions in the White House, the State Department, the Treasury Department, the Army, and the OSS. Because of Democrat incompetence and moral infirmity, all Americans lived under the threat of nuclear annihilation for half a century. As Soviet spies passed nuclear technology to Stalin, President Truman gave strict orders that the OSS engage in no espionage against the country ruled by his pal, Uncle Joe.

“When it could have been stopped, when, days after the Hitler-Stalin Pact was signed, an ex-Communist came to the United States government and informed on Hiss, as well as dozens of other Soviet spies in the government, President Roosevelt had laughed. McCarthy punched back so hard, liberals are still reeling.”

Treason is being explicitly marketed as “[an explosive defense of Joe McCarthy](#),” with Coulter asserting:

“The myth of ‘McCarthyism’ is the greatest Orwellian fraud of our times. ... Liberals are fanatical liars, then as now. Everything you think you know about McCarthy is a hegemonic lie.”

Notice Coulter’s trademark hyperbole: “greatest Orwellian fraud ... fanatical liars ... hegemonic lie.” (My prediction: the Right will regard “controversialist Ann Coulter’s” hyperbolic content as an accurate reflection of reality.)

Many exclusive excerpts provided on the Drudge Report eulogize Joseph McCarthy as an “indispensable” American hero – a white knight who saved America from treasonous *Communists*, just as Coulter herself is now saving America from treasonous *liberals*.

Treason on the Left

In her very first chapter, titled “Fifty Years of Treason,” Coulter asserts, “liberals are always against America. They are either traitors or idiots, and on the matter of America’s self-preservation, the difference is irrelevant. Fifty years of treason hasn’t slowed them down.”

Even before 9/11, Coulter contended that [liberals are traitors](#). Just [being liberal is treasonous](#) in her eyes. Coulter has concocted her own Axis of Evil: liberalism, terrorism and treason. In Coulter’s contorted, conspiratorial mind, they are virtually synonymous: [liberalism = terrorism = treason](#).

Indeed, the preponderance of Coulter’s work these last few years comes to life in this sound bite summary of *Treason*:

“Liberals have a preternatural gift for always striking a position on the side of treason.”

And why are liberals traitors?

“You could be talking about Scrabble and they would instantly leap to the anti-American position. ...Everyone says liberals love America, too. No they don’t. Whenever the nation is under attack, from within or without, liberals side with the enemy. This is their essence.”

The *essence* of liberalism is treason predicated on hatred of America!

Coulter’s grand conspiracy claims McCarthyism was a “hegemonic lie” propounded by the Left to hide its own fifty-plus years of treason, just as last year’s *Slander* perpetuated the myth of liberal hegemonic “control of mainstream national media.”

In *Slander*, Coulter condemned liberals for virtually every national problem – “It’s all liberals’ fault” – and concluded that liberals are “savagely cruel bigots who hate ordinary Americans and lie for sport.” In *Treason*, Coulter concludes that liberal loathing of America is intrinsic to *being* liberal and is the reason for their treason.

Conservative Crossroads

Strangely, conservative leaders laud Coulter, applaud her views, and are awed by this “exemplar of the conservative movement.” This despite the inherent nonsensical flaws of her analysis and her work.

Coulter has cried “Treason!” for years, using criteria at once [elastic and evanescent](#). Treason, per Coulter, consists of rejecting any portion of the Republican Party’s agenda. Moreover, mere [failure to applaud](#) appropriately is treasonous in her eyes.

[Reasonable offenses](#), per Coulter, include (this is a partial list to save space):

- o Opposition to tax cuts
- o Opposition to ANWR oil drilling
- o Opposition to the new “Star Wars” defense system
- o Opposition to racial profiling
- o Opposition to invasion of Iraq
- o Being a moderate Republican
- o Being a Democrat
- o Being a liberal

While the Left and the Right are philosophically predisposed to disagree over Sen. Joseph McCarthy’s ideological *conclusions*, we should all be able to agree that McCarthy’s *tactics* were unacceptable for a free and open society such as ours. It augurs ill for the future that Coulter emulates and expands upon those tactics, and that conservatives reward her for doing so.

Ann Coulter is the Joseph McCarthy of the 21st century. McCarthy tarnished Conservatism for literally generations. Coulter’s elevation within the Conservative Movement as its standard-bearer poses the same danger. The evisceration of Conservatism is upon us.

Moreover, Coulter and her champions are further fracturing contemporary political discourse, turning the public square into an arena of hostile enemy camps instead of a national town hall inhabited by neighborly citizens.

Hate-mongers – like Ann Coulter on the Right and her counterparts on the Left – threaten to ruin the great American Experiment. “Evil thrives when good men do nothing.” Will you do nothing?

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