

Editorial

Reckless Disregard for Truth

An obnoxious “question” to candidate Lyndon LaRouche from a National Public Radio reporter in Little Rock, Arkansas, gave LaRouche a golden opportunity to enlighten the public on how they are brainwashed by today’s media.

“If you do a Google search for the name LaRouche, . . . there are dozens of sites that label you a fascist, an anti-Semite, talk about your ‘cult,’ ” the reporter began. “Are you a fringe—aren’t you a nut?”

“No, only people who say that are nuts,” LaRouche responded. When the reporter then asked him to explain why “there’s so much hatred” out there, LaRouche gave a lengthy reply.

First, LaRouche reviewed the history of why the banking interests fear him. He said:

“I have been a successful long-range forecaster, the most successful in 35 or 40 years. And I forecast the kind of condition which broke out in August of 1971. At that point, my associates and I went after all these economists who had said this couldn’t happen, when I said it was likely *to happen*. And they’d written books and said that the ‘built-in stabilizers’ would prevent any crash from occurring. A crash had occurred.

“So, I challenged them, on the basis of the competence of what was being taught in universities as economics at that time. And I do, still today. What’s being taught, in my view, is incompetent. We are now *in* a big crisis. An unbelievably serious crisis.”

And after LaRouche effectively wiped the floor with the leading Keynesian economist Abba Lerner in 1971, exposing him as an apologist for Hitlerian policies, those interests typified by Felix Rohatyn, George Soros, and George Shultz determined then and there never to let LaRouche into a policy debate again.

Instead, they used libel—aided by the fact that, from 1984 on, U.S. law ceased to protect public figures from “maliciously motivated reckless disregard for the truth.” During that year a court decision was made, which was upheld by the Supreme Court, that permitted such libel.

Thus, one finds places such as the Internet full of libel. LaRouche put it this way:

“Now, the sites you’re referring to, all happen to be of the same species. They’re associated with a guy

called John Train, for example. This is a product of Tom Braden’s and other people’s ‘Cultural Freedom’ operation—Congress for Cultural Freedom, which was a brainwashing operation. This included people like Chip Berlet, who used to work for Tom Braden, as part of the National Student Association. These are spook operations. All of this stuff is nothing, but maliciously motivated, reckless disregard for truth. But many people repeat it.

“Anybody who wants to check it—my record is full. My website makes it very easy for people to get my full record, on about anything! Anyone who wanted to check the facts, would not repeat that garbage! The only people who would repeat it, is, because they were instructed by their editor to.

“As you know, the problem we have in the press in this country: It is *difficult* to be a honest reporter. Because the institutions don’t want it. . . . The only broadcast institutions that have any freedom, are to some degree, the small talk-show press, that kind of local radio, that kind of thing. But, the large-scale press has no freedom whatsoever. It’s controlled by big money; it doesn’t have independent status—look at the crisis of all our major media. Look at it, you’ve got a top man who is controlled by Wal-Mart, you know? This kind of thing.

“So, that’s our problem. And, you *don’t* have honest discussion. Look at these guys, look at the debates we had, the television debates: These guys said *nothing* of any importance on these debates! Nothing! They don’t *want* to say things of that importance. They want to lay back, create bite-size impressions; take positions, postures. They don’t discuss the issues. We have serious problems in this country, and they’re not being discussed.”

There are ways to get around the major media’s reckless disregard for truth these days, but they take work. You have to go to websites, and dig for the truth. You have to talk, and question, and study.

So, the next time you are tempted to complain, “Why isn’t LaRouche in the media?”, catch yourself. Until you show the proper disdain for the media’s brainwashing, this country will remain in trouble. To rebuild our citizenry, restore the regard for truth.