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"Unsolicited Advice" Column

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Part I of a Series About Democratic Presidential Bets and the Bible

Some Democratic Presidential Aspirants Take on a Hypocritical "Holier-than-thou" Attitude When It Comes to Mike Bloomberg and Minority Communities

Some of the Democratic presidential bets hit Mike Bloomberg with accusations that he is a "racist," as he, as then-mayor of New York City, allowed the New York Police Department (NYPD) to continue to enforce the "Stop-and-Frisk" (S-&F) policy that was started by his predecessors. These Democrats should have followed the Golden Rule, as stated in **Matthew 7:12** - "S

o in everything, do unto others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

The case against the Bloomberg rivals on their failure to protect the minority communities is just as strong, if not stronger, than their accusation against Mr. Bloomberg. When we consider that the Democratic leaders failed to pass in 2009 and 2010 any Immigration-Reform law and even legalize the stay of the so-called "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" (DACA) children, the injustice to the minority communities is obvious..

If their collective memories are failing them, let this journalist remind them and the public that then-Vice President Joe Biden was the presiding officer of the U.S. Senate and Senators Bernie Sanders and Amy Klobuchar were members of the august body, as both were elected to it in 2007. The Democrats controlled both houses of the U.S. Congress in the first two-years of the Obama Administration.

If we all care about congressional history, a bill for the "DACA children" was introduced Democrats in the U.S. Congress as early as 2001. It was called the "DREAM Act." The acronym DREAM stood for the "Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors." The GOP members of Congress opposed of course the DREAM Act, as to protect the children of illegal immigrants amounted (and continue to amount) to a nightmare for the Republicans, who probably -- up to now -- wake up in sweat and tears by bad dreams of doing justice to children who were brought by their parents who did not have the necessary immigration documents. When the Republicans seized control of the House of Representatives in the 2010 mid-term election, then-President Barack H. Obama was forced to issue an Executive Order that became known as the DACA. It was bitterly opposed by the Republicans, who sued, and the U.S. Supreme Court held that it was an illegal action on the part of Mr. Obama. And thus, even the DACA children most-probably shared, too, the very-same nightmare that the GOP solons experience in their sleep -- every time the Republicans dream of the DACA children's stay in this country getting legalized.

So, why did the Democrats not lead in passing legislation about immigration reform -- and specifically, Mr. Biden, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Klobuchar, and other Democratic leaders of the U.S. Congress -- in the two years that they were completely in command of the both legislative bodies with a Democratic President eager to sign the bills into law?

Perhaps all of you should read the Bible, even for Mr. Sanders, who is a Jew, as after all the Old Testament of the Bible is based on Jewish traditions and the Torah. Here is a link to some 25 verses on hypocrisy: <https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/bible-verses-about-hyp>

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Probably the most appropriate for all the Democratic presidential hopefuls to read is Matthew 7:1-5: 1 "Do
not judge, or you too will be judged.

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For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

3

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

4

How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

5

You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

The failure of the Democratic leaders in the U.S. Congress in 2009 and 2010 -- when they could have passed sweeping legislation for immigration reforms and protection for the DACA children -- is bigger than what Mike Bloomberg did as the NYC mayor when he "tolerated" the S-&-F policy that was being implemented by the NYPD. In the first place, the S-&-F policy was a "Republican invention (sic)," as many journalists like this author claim. And Mr. Bloomberg was the official GOP nominee for mayor.

But to the credit of New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who preceded Mr. Bloomberg, the "S-&-F" policy had also the approval of the NY City Council, the borough officials and law-enforcement agencies like the NYPD and the District Attorney's Office. It must be stressed also that Mr. Bloomberg took his oath of office as city mayor on Jan. 1, 2002, just less-than four months after the 9-11 bombing of the World Trade Center. Terrorism and other circumstances would only mitigate whatever the New York City officials erred in doing the "S-&-F" policy -- and not even reducing crime statistics, especially murders by 50% during the Bloomberg Administration, would rationalize it.

But the fact is that the voting public re-elected Mayor Bloomberg. And then allowed him to run for a third term after the term-limit law was amended. Thus, would the biblical-based phrase, "Vox populi, vox Dei" apply to Mayor Bloomberg?

(Editor's Note: Bobby M. Reyes posted his take last week on the "Republican invention of the S-&-F policy" on Facebook and the Bloomberg Administration tolerating it. And as usual, the Trump supporters reported his posting to the Facebook Police as "violation of the social medium's community standards." It resulted in Mr. Reyes being suspended for the seventh time

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this year in the first two-months of 2020, with the second suspension lasting for 30 days. He was suspended 12 times last year. The latest suspension does not even allow Mr. Reyes to access his Facebook account. But some of his Facebook friends post links to his online writing in their Timelines and/or Facebook Groups where they belong.)

Speaking of the number of people affected by the "S-&-F" policy in New York City during the Bloomberg Administration, the number of victims might not even come close to the number of the DACA children. Here is a citation on it, as Googled: QUOTE. In August 2018, USCIS estimated there were

699,350

active DACA recipients residing in the United States. Immigration researchers estimate the population to be between 690,000 and 800,000 people.

UNQUOTE. And the estimated number of illegal aliens in the U.S. is approximately 12-million souls. As a comparison, New York City has a population of

8.623 million (201

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Not all of the DACA children and the illegal aliens are Hispanic people. There are approximate 650,000 Filipino illegal aliens and their DACA children, most of them are documented, having been the recipients of petitions by their American-citizen kin. Many of these Filipino aliens have stated in the United States for decades and many of them are the so-called "model minorities," who have bought real-estate properties, hold jobs and pay their taxes religiously. And also documented were the cases of Cambodian, Vietnamese and other legal immigrants that were deported by the Trump Administration for traffic violations.

Politicians forget that illegal aliens and DACA children have kin and friends who are American citizens, who have the right to vote.

In fact during the 2016 presidential election, some Americans of Filipino descent voted for Mr. Trump out of their spite of the Democratic failure to do a comprehensive immigration reform in 2009-2010. But alas, the winning candidate they voted made their illegal alien-kin jump figuratively from "the frying pan straight to the fire." Many of them went back to the Democratic Party in the midterm election in 2018.

The Democratic presidential aspirants should stop attacking their rivals by ventilating their past errors and omissions. If they want to win, they must talk of "The United States of America of the Future." Perhaps, they can jointly come up with a "Covenant With the People" and put in detail what they want collectively to do. And pledge in it that if they are not chosen as the presidential or vice-presidential bet, then they are willing to serve in the Cabinet of a new Democratic Administration or in any capacity that the new President may request them to serve.

Otherwise, they will just prolong the agony of the American people and the allies of the United States all over the world for another four cruel years. Yes, four years of a lifetime that will just increase the lack of basic decency, good manners, right conduct, decorum, protocol, politically-correct language and visionary-&-honest governance in the country.

And most-painfully, the warning in Matthew 7:6 may happen in a second term of the Trump Administration:

6 "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

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