

Joe Rogan's Apologies

Rush Limbaugh used to remark that the corrupt leftist media could never destroy him because it played no role in creating his success. My interpretation was that his success was totally independent of the corrupt leftist media, so he was immune to their efforts to censor or destroy him. This idea is instructive in the recent controversy surrounding podcaster Joe Rogan.

The communists have been trying to *de-platform* the outspoken Rogan for quite some time and have tried to get his show dropped by **Spotify**, where he reportedly has a \$25 Million dollar contract. Rogan's sin was to oppose the "*Democrat*" Party's mandatory COVID vaccine. Social media's Marxist censors didn't initially succeed, but then someone found Rogan had used the word "*nigger*" once, forcing him to publicly apologize multiple times in an effort to salvage his contract with **Spotify**.

I've never listened to Rogan and have no dog in this fight, other than an impulse to defend anyone attacked by the left's censors merely for *calling a spade a spade*. I viewed a video clip in which Rogan claimed to support **Black Liars Murder** (BLM,) which ensured that I'll never waste time listening to any of his podcasts. Clearly, he's **NOT** very sophisticated about politics, and doesn't even begin to recognize his enemies.

He has been advised by a number of bright and experienced people not to apologize further -- including Victor Davis Hanson of the **Hoover Institution** and Donald Trump -- because such an apology only reveals weakness and vulnerability. Any public figure caught up in controversy should know this after Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott destroyed his own political career by going on **Black Entertainment Television** (BET)

to beg forgiveness for the innocuous act of praising former Senator Strom Thurmond at Thurmond's funeral in 2002.

I attribute Rogan's repeated apologies to the same naivete that led him to endorse BLM. Victor Davis Hansen recently referred to Rogan as a "*blue-collar moderate*" on *Tucker Carlson Tonight*, but even Rogan's modest degree of ideological heresy was too much for the Cultural Marxists of social media. **The latter have now assumed the mantle of Savonarola, the priest who initiated book-burning to fuel his *Bonfire of the Vanities* during the Inquisition in 15th Century Florence.**

Trump and Victor Davis Hansen are correct and so was Rush Limbaugh: the only thing Rogan's apologies will do is cause the left to redouble its efforts to destroy him, much as the hint of blood generates a frenzy among sharks. Rogan would be wise to tell ***Spotify*** to go to hell, and find a better platform where he can tell the truth and not be beholden to the cowardly scum at ***Spotify***.

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