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A Spade is a Spade

Let's Call Donald Trump What He Is

I have watched in stunned amazement as one Republican Politician after another falls in line in support of Donald Trump's candidacy for President. These are the same politicians who for years have gone on and on about patriotism, principles, morals and ethics. I can not understand, how with a strait face, they are supporting an individual whose beliefs change with the wind. He believes in nothing.

Donald Trump will say and do anything to get power and so it seems will the Republican Party. Word on the street is this self professed "billionaire" has used every loophole, scheme and law to pay as little federal income taxes as possible. Supposedly, several years back, he paid no federal taxes. Zero federal taxes, can you believe it? It's shameful, but not to him. He and his supporters are very proud that he's figured out how to beat the system. Not me. I call a spade a spade. Donald Trump is a free loader, getting over on the rest of us, sticking us with the bills. Think about it, if he doesn't pay federal taxes, he doesn't contribute to the military, the veterans, our infrastructure or any of those things that make our

country the great nation that it is.

Donald Trump insulted and bullied his way to the Republican Party nomination for the Presidency of the United States while the base of the Party and many Republican politicians openly cheered him on. They call him plain spoken, blunt, politically incorrect and a different kind of politician. I say they should think about implications of what they're saying. They're implying that they agree with Mr. Trump's statements, statements like Mexicans are rapists, women are pigs, physically challenged persons are to be mocked, Muslims are to be banned from entering the country and African Americans are less than, someone that you own, someone who needs to be taken care of. Republican constituents and some politicians are in agreement with these statements. They say that the only reason that they don't say these things is because they are being politically correct. cheer Donald Trump on because he won't be controlled by political correctness. Well, unlike them, I believe in calling a spade a spade. Donald Trump is not politically incor-



rect. He's a bully, a narcissist, a bigot, a misogynistic and a xenophobe and so are all of those politicians and constituents who dismiss his statements as politically incorrect.

Donald Trump has pulled back the curtains on the Republican Party. He balled up those curtains and set them on fire. In doing so he confirmed what I already believed to be true, the Republican Party has become the home of the bullies, bigots, misogynists and xenophobes. They've all been hiding in plain sight behind those curtains. To their joy, Donald Trump has told them that they don't need to hide anymore. It's ok to come out into the light.

Donald Trump has left the Party naked and exposed. Those bullies, bigots, misogynists and xenophobes will never be able to hide behind those curtains again. The curtains are forever gone. The Republicans will never be able to deny that these elements are an integral part of their Party. No one will ever be fooled by them again and I for one am happy for it. They should be who and what they are. When put to the test and in the light of day, will the real Republican Party, the Party of Lincoln have the courage of its convictions and call a spade a spade?

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