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# Tell It Like It Is

## Don't Be Shy

In the heat of the 2016 Presidential Campaign Hillary Clinton made a comment that later would be used to vilify her. The exact quote was that "Half of Trump's supporters belong in a [basket of deplorables](#)." There was a tremendous amount of backlash from both the left and the right after Hillary made this comment. In fact the criticism was so loud that Hillary felt compelled to apologize. I always thought that this was a big mistake on her part. There was absolutely no need to apologize because she didn't say anything that was incorrect. In fact she should have doubled down and said I was wrong the number is actually seventy five percent or higher. Hillary's words continue to play out before our eyes. I just saw clips of a rally that Trump held in Indiana. Watching the crowd chant "Drain the swamp" was appalling. If you claim to be a

supporter of Trump and you take the time to attend a political rally, then you certainly have time to educate yourself on the Trump administration and the impact that they are having in the United States and around the world. In order to truly understand this President you have to move beyond the theatrics and focus on his policies. Focusing on policies such as separating immigrant children from their parents helps to put Hillary's comment into the proper context. This policy is especially troubling for me as an African American because this is the very tactic that was used when my ancestors were forced to come to this country in shackles. Yes you separate the men, women and children in order to destroy the very fabric of the family. This is coming from the political party that continues to hold itself up as the party of family values. This is also



the President that likes to call himself the law and order President. Interestingly enough, while calling himself the law and order President, Trump presides over what many are already calling the most corrupt administration in the history of this country. Again, if you have time to attend a rally for Trump you certainly have time to educate yourself on who the man was and who he currently is as evidenced by his policies. If you haven't taken the time to do this then yes you do fall into that basket of deplorables. On the other hand if you have educated

yourself on the President and his policies and you continue to follow him then you are supporting ideals that fly in the face of what this country was built on. In this case you are at the head of the class of deplorables. No, you can't claim ignorance. The only thing that you can claim is a vile hatred for anyone who you view as different. Yes "Deplorable" is the proper word choice.

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