

THE EXTRA POINT

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I've presented close to 1500 Extra Points, and only a few of them have had me dealing with politics. If you've followed along for a while, you know I'm no fan of political parties and all that is wrong with them. That said, I generally like the people involved. I don't hate. I'm Jerry Roberts, and today there are things that need to be said, and we'll do that, next on The Extra Point.

Two Americas. One red and the other blue, and divided as never before. In my life, I've witnessed plenty of political divisions. There would always be something to disagree about. However, there were some fundamental things that everybody agreed on.

I'm going to speak briefly on two of them: the right to free speech, and a justice system that is fair and free of political influence.

Under this flag you are free to curse and hate on any political figure you like. You want to hate Trump, not a problem, you're covered. Want to hate Biden, go for it. It's your right.

Say and post whatever horrible things you want. Millions of Americans have fought and hundreds of thousands of them have died, just so you can.

That being said, in the last few years we've seen very important lines crossed when it comes to how free that speech is.

Before I go any farther, let me repeat my position on the upcoming presidential election. I don't want either Trump or Biden. I wish both of them would step away. I also know that won't happen.

For my liberal friends, is it okay to de-platform people who don't share your political views? Is it okay for the government to work with social media companies to block or limit accounts for those people?

This happened in the 2020 election. Liberals approved of this. Those were obviously Trump supporters, so silencing them was okay. It was

right. It was good. Question. What if Trump had done the same thing to Biden supporters? How would you have felt about that? Still right? Still good?

Now we see that Trump has been removed from the ballot in Colorado and Maine, both of those states controlled by Democrats. Is that a good thing?

First, the legal ground is shaky. Trump hasn't been found guilty of any crime. That aside, what about creating precedence? If higher courts do not overturn these efforts, what do you think is going to happen? We can look to the House of Representatives for the answer.

Joe Biden may well be impeached in the next few months. House investigators have pegged some \$25 million in foreign payments to Biden family members, some to Joe Biden himself. It's been a long and slow process, but as soon as the articles of impeachment are drawn up, what's to stop officials in Republican states to dump Biden off the ballot? If it happens, will liberals figure that it's okay, or will they scream at how wrong and unfair it is?

Some people have criticized the justice system as being touted as fair on the surface, but not so when you pop the hood and get a look at the inner workings.

Now, the whole thing is out of whack, and it's right out in the open. Not everyone knows that. Liberal media doesn't report whatever doesn't fit their narrative, and while Fox News isn't much better at times, at least they mention liberal viewpoints...even if it's only to ridicule them.

If you're going to call the January 6th protest at the Capitol an insurrection, and hand out jail time to participants, how can you turn a blind eye to the riots in 2020 and not prosecute those people?

I've only given a couple of examples here, but it's enough to draw some conclusions. (Con't.)

Free speech is for everyone. If you only support free speech for people who share your opinions, then you are not an American.

If you believe that there can be one system of justice for you and people who think like you, and another harsher system for Trump and his supporters, then you are not an American.

Like I said, hate Trump all you want, but you have to defend his right to the same rights and freedoms you have. Otherwise, that means you favor a third world form of government, where those in power use that power to eliminate their opposition. Is that your view of equal justice, and is that acceptable to you?

I can put up with a lot of sheer dumbness when it comes to politics, but I draw the line at freedom of speech and equal justice. Without those two principles, there really is no America.

Imagine another 10 or 20 years of what we see now. How much of a country will we have left

Do you want you kids and grandkids having to deal with a country where the rules change, depending on which party is in power?

Are there clear thinking liberals, conservatives, and independents who can come together and achieve a majority, and bring about needed change? We'll know in 11 months.

That's the Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3FM, the Ray Gibson Show, and First Hawaiian Bank, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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