

“You’re Just Lucky”

In his commencement address at Howard University on May 7, Obama told the graduates, “Be confident in your heritage, be confident in your blackness. ...Remember the tie that does bind us as African-Americans and that is our particular awareness of injustice and unfairness and struggle. That means we cannot sleepwalk through life. We cannot be ignorant of history. We can’t meet the world with a sense of entitlement. That’s a pet peeve of mine, people who’ve been successful and don’t realize they’ve been lucky, that God may have blessed them. It wasn’t nothing you did [sic], so don’t have an attitude.”

Obama’s despicable, “*You didn’t build that*” has now been joined by an equally despicable, “*You’re just lucky*.” From Obama’s perspective, anyone who is successful owes his success first to the government and secondly to dumb luck. It is Marxism that drives those thoughts. The more people can be led to believe they are not actually entitled to everything they have, the easier it is to take it away from them. That is the whole point of the “white privilege” propaganda being spread across college campuses: “You didn’t earn that! You have it only because your skin is white!” These memes are *not* accidental. They are well thought out by the “progressive” elites and they have a purpose. Elizabeth Warren first pushed the “You didn’t build that” message during the Occupy Wall Street protests. When it took root, Obama repeated it.

The collectivists (the leftists, or so-called “progressives”) do everything they can to take individualism away from individuals. They do that by defining groups and then bashing people over the head with them. You are not Marlene; you are a “discriminated against female.” You are not Jorge; you are a “discriminated against Hispanic male.” You are not Shawn; you are a “discriminated against black male.” You are not a man who thinks he is a woman; you are a “heroic transgender victim of blatant societal prejudice.” You are not a convicted felon; you are an “individual who was wrongly incarcerated.” You are not a failure; you are a “casualty of capitalism.” If you have less than others, it is certainly not because of anything you did or did not do (after all, you are only part of a group that is a target of discrimination); you have less only because someone else took your chance at success from you.

On the one hand, Obama’s “You didn’t build that” and “You’re just lucky” remarks are part of the collectivist con game. When people can be convinced that their lot in life is the fault of others, it is much easier to pit one group against another in order to garner votes. If there aren’t enough voters from existing groups to win elections, new groups must be created. If the collectivists can’t win elections with the female, black, and Hispanic groups, they must create a transgender group. If that is still not enough, they must create a “climate destroyer” group. Reality and facts need not enter into the equation. It is all a matter of manipulating emotions and placing blame on the shoulders of someone other than the voter being targeted.

On the other hand, there is a deep-seated psychological element to Obama’s remarks. Subconsciously, he understands that he did not earn the White House in the traditional sense. After all, he had no record of accomplishments. He masterfully manipulated his way into the Oval Office by lying to the voters and appealing to their emotions. Obama understands that he never earned anything. Since childhood, everything he ever had was given to him or stolen for him, from his education (paid for by his grandparents and who knows who else), to getting into prestigious schools despite mediocre grades (because of skid-greasing letters of

recommendation, affirmative action programs, and who knows what else), to being elected president of the *Harvard Law Review* (because he was half-black), to his election to the Illinois State Senate (by double-crossing existing office-holder Alice Palmer), to getting credit for bills he did not write (with the assistance of State Senate President Emil Jones), to special mortgage deals (negotiated by his main money man, con-man Tony Rezko), to receiving accolades for an autobiography (probably penned by domestic terrorist William Ayers), to getting elected to the U.S. Senate (after greasy David Axelrod smeared opponents by using his connections to leak their divorce records), to winning the White House (with vote fraud in the primaries, illegal foreign campaign contributions, dependence on white guilt, and a leftist media unwilling to vet the candidate).

Because Obama never actually earned anything, he assumes everyone else who has succeeded must have done it the same way he did. Surrounded in life by people like Tony Rezko, Valerie Jarrett, Emil Jones, William Ayers, Bernardine Dohrn, David Axelrod, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, and Hillary Clinton, Obama takes it for granted that everyone else also got what they got by relying on the same kinds of shady characters. Obama does not understand hard work and moral integrity because he has never had a close relationship with them. A man who has never built anything finds it easy to say, “You didn’t build that.” A man who has had an inordinate amount of luck finds it easy to say, “You’re just lucky.” (Obama is apparently unfamiliar with the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, who, at the age of 18, graduated from Harvard in 1821: “Shallow men believe in luck. Strong men believe in cause and effect.”)

A man who has never worked up a sweat (except perhaps on a golf course) cannot easily empathize with those who do so every day of their lives. A man who has Rasputin-like advisor Valerie Jarrett making decisions for him cannot appreciate the monumental stress faced by those who run businesses. A man who has never put on a uniform cannot understand the camaraderie and selflessness of those who have. A man who thinks he is better at everything than anybody else cannot effectively lead a team. A man who is dishonest cannot fathom the respect awarded to those who routinely display integrity.

To Obama, wealth comes not from hard work and perseverance, it comes from taking advantage of others. Anyone who is successful must necessarily be, like him, a con man—or simply lucky. As a result, it is perfectly logical for Obama to believe in a Marxist ideology that endorses taking from the “lucky” wealthy to give to the “unlucky” poor. In Obama’s mind, no one earns anything; he simply plays the game better than others. As a result, it is not wrong to redistribute the winnings of what is only a game. It is not unfair to tax someone’s “earnings” if they are nothing more than “luckings.”

The difference between Obama and Hillary Clinton is that, at least subconsciously, Obama recognizes his shortcomings and failures. His “You didn’t build that” and “You’re just lucky” statements are rationalizations and salve. The incredibly insecure Obama tears others down to build himself up. He is to be pitied. Clinton, however, knows you *did* build that and that luck had virtually nothing to do with your success. For Clinton, tearing others down is a blood sport. She deserves no pity. She (like Obama) deserves the punishment that awaits her in the hereafter.

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