

The Donald At The Dinner

At the annual White House Correspondents' Dinner, Obama took direct aim at Donald Trump—who was seated in the audience, reportedly as a guest of *The Washington Post*. Obama suggested that Trump, having put the birther issue to rest, can now focus on important questions, like “Was the moon landing faked?” Obama admits that Trump has presidential leadership ability, noting his firing of Gary Busey on *Celebrity Apprentice* was “the kind of decision that would keep me up at night. Well handled, sir!”

Mediaite.com observes that “Trump bore this onslaught, which was actually kind of savage, with dignity, smiling tightly throughout.”

My observation is that Obama takes perverted pleasure in criticizing and mocking people who have no ability to retaliate. During the 2008 primaries Obama, when speaking of opponent Hillary Clinton, would scratch the side of his face with his middle finger, effectively “giving Clinton the finger.” He did the same with opponent John McCain during the subsequent campaign. His partisan audiences lapped it up, and a sycophantic media ignored the childish behavior.

During his January 2010 State of the Union address, Obama lashed out at the Supreme Court—with the Justices sitting directly in front of him—for a ruling he did not like because it took away a campaign advertising advantage held by the Democrats. In his April 13, 2011 budget deficit speech Obama excoriated and ridiculed Congressman Paul Ryan for his budget proposal—with Ryan sitting in the front row. Ask yourself, “What kind of person issues an invitation to an insult?” (I am still asking myself, “Who would dress his entire family in stark red and black—the colors of socialism and black power—on election night?” and “Where does one even buy a stark black dress for a seven-year-old girl?”)

Clearly, Obama takes juvenile satisfaction from his ability to attack people who are in positions where they cannot strike back. Some might suggest that trait signifies emotional immaturity. I would call it mental instability.

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