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Lost equity

There was a rare sighting this past weekend, very rare indeed. Many had thought this species to be extinct. But one was found, and interviewed on NBC News, of all places. You may have missed it. Team Obama will want you to miss it completely.

The exotic creature? An intellectually honest Democrat (classification: democrats intelligents).

Against the much more common species of Democrat (classification: liberals extremis) now inhabiting the White House, the Senate, and in hiding in the GOP House, this rare bird stands out as a relic of days gone by. Very seldom do they actually hold office, though I count a few as friends, so they do exist.

This one, Newark, NJ Mayor Cory Booker, was a guest on NBC’s Meet the Press on Sunday. One of the most candid and perhaps damning moments for Obama 2012 occurred as Mayor Booker discussed the attacks on Mitt Romney now being unleashed by the Obama campaign:

“…we’re getting to a ridiculous point in America, especially that I know I live in a state where pension funds, unions and other people are investing in companies like Bain Capital. If you look at the totality of Bain Capital’s record, they’ve done a lot to support businesses, to grow businesses.”

Calling Obama’s disingenuous attack against Romney for the demagoguery that it is, Booker was just getting warmed up:

“This kind of stuff is nauseating to me on both sides. It’s nauseating to the American public. Enough is enough. Stop attacking private equity, stop attacking Jeremiah Wright. This stuff has got to stop because what it does is it undermines, to me, what this country should be focused on. It’s a distraction from the real issues. It’s either going to be a small campaign about this crap or it’s going to be a big campaign … about the issues that the American public cares about.”

In one succinct moment, Booker laid bare the lie behind the whole Obama reelection effort. Joe Biden, though he is often off script, has never been so common sense, or lucid.

Booker, who is an avowed “surrogate” for Obama (they wanted him on the show as their spokesman), demolished and diminished Team Obama’s self-righteous class warfare. Booker

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his first term, Barbour noted funding for community colleges increased 29 percent ($50 million) with a 16 percent increase for universities ($93 million). Conventions serve a party organizing function and provide opportunity for rhetoric and messaging. They’re fun for political junkies but a poor substitute for the Neshoba County Fair which is just under ten weeks away.

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