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Back in the days of Bush, Karl Rove was a star. Not so much a policy maker to me, but as a numbers man. But then over the years reality set in and a wise retort by an old mentor rung in my ears. He too was a numbers man, not political but business accounting. Once when discussing an upcoming shareholders meeting and what financial position to present, he quipped. "What numbers do you want to show them?".

I stared straight at him as he stared right through me. Blinking did not help so I asked, Huh?

He explained how numbers can work. We have financials for the IRS, another version we give to the Bank and yet a third for those that need to know and I suggest a hybrid that feeds your narrative and objectives. Let the numbers reflect a narrative rather than factual history.

I did not blink for several seconds as he continued. "Government does this all the time!". Just listen to what is being said during budget negotiations. Notice how the narrative speakers explain that a 3% increase, instead of a 5% increase, is actually a 2% cut in spending. See, its all in the numbers.

Back to Karl, who I thought was a numbers guy. He's not and never was. He is a narrative supporter. A fact shifter. Originally his modus operandi was to substantiate his narrative with numbers, now with shifted facts.

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He just published an article and I quote “Trump Promising to Pardon January 6 ‘Thugs’ is a Critical Mistake”. Karl intentionally justifies his claimed narrative by fact shifting (aka playing with the numbers). But here is what Trump said. “My first acts as your next President will be to Close the Border, DRILL, BABY, DRILL, and Free January 6 Hostages being wrongfully imprisoned!” Trump [wrote](#). We will treat them fairly. And if it requires pardons, we will give them because...

BRET BAIER: Would you also pardon the people who were convicted of assaulting officers?

TRUMP: But you also have - no, we'd look at individual cases. But many of those people are very innocent people. They did nothing wrong.

So Karls “thugs” comment is his, not Trumps. Moreover, Karl intentionally drops Trumps qualifier to satisfy his narrative, not the facts. Classic fact shifting done by the left. But wait, Karl claims to be a republican, how can that be? Simple he’s a RINO, worst, he is a liberal fact shifter.

Now not to come to Trump’s defense, but to our Constitution’s defense. Let’s understand the liberty on display January 6th and the context of the facts.

Step back and reflect. Notice how sometimes fans in the bleacher’s “protest” the referees, not the players. Pause on that point. Our first amendment guarantees the right to petition a J6 grievance ... against those referees, not the players.

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Karl's use of guilt by association by collaterally painting peaceable protesters as thugs is the stupidest thing ever out of his (and others) mouths. When the elements of the promises that procured the "consent to be governed", is usurped, the first amendment kicks into high gear.

If a process by the government, appears as an abridgment of that consent, does it justify intervening in that process. Go read the first amendment again, slowly.

So, when 60,000 sports fans focus distain at the referees, they are not thugs because 20 resort to violence. The 20 are thugs, while the 59,980 are disenfranchised with the "ongoing" breach of promises, and thus have every right to peaceably interfere, and yes, every right to stop the game.

I once looked up to Karl, now with good cause I look forlorn.

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