

The Gettysburg Address

Yesterday, November 19, marked the 160th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, delivered in Gettysburg Pennsylvania by President Abraham Lincoln. Just 271 words in length, the picture that Lincoln painted that day challenged Americans, then and in the future, to be dedicated to the soldier's unfinished work. Lincoln doubted that his speech would be remembered, but we must never forget his words.

There was an attorney from the area who had purchased just under twenty acres of land with the vision of burying those brave soldiers who had died in the Battle of Gettysburg, roughly 45,000 men. He sent a letter to the President, asking him to dedicate the ground. He wrote "It is the desire that, after the Oration, you, as Chief Executive of the nation, formally set apart these grounds to their sacred use by a few appropriate remarks." Lincoln, ill, agreed and took a train north to the Pennsylvania countryside.

We all know the big lines of the Gettysburg Address, beginning with the "Four score and seven years ago" to the poetic lines enshrined in our collective hearts, "...of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." It is those lines between that I write about today.

"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us-that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion-that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain-that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom-and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

I was in Washington DC a few months back with my daughter, and we stood in front of the fallen President, his words etched into the Memorial beside him on the wall. Our first Republican President sits in his chair, still presiding over his challenge that we resolve that those fallen did not die in vain. Lincoln's greatest challenge was to hold together an American nation, divided in what he called a "great civil war." One hundred and sixty years later, we again are divided, in a battle to save our nation, and the soul of our nation. Lincoln gave his all to mend the wounds created from this divide. I call for a renewal of that mending, a sharp turn from attacking our own, and defending that which he fought for, a UNITED America.

The left seeks to destroy our nation through a very leftist social agenda, and rather than unite in opposition, instead we seem to turn our ire towards our own party members in a virtue-signaling of who is more Conservative than the next. Terms like RINO get tossed about in a way to shame those traditional Conservatives who have for decades, fought for the principles of the Republican Party. We have more that unite us than divides us, but sometimes it seems like that just isn't so. We can do better, we must do better. From divisive speeches, calls for some people to resign, a small movement to take over county parties, and even an ill-conceived effort to primary solid Republican leaders, far too many are wasting the resources of time and focus. They are angry, and we should be, but not at each other.

The energy wasted on this "purity test" would be better spent on defeating the Biden administration, running Tammy Baldwin out of the United States Senate, returning six amazing members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation to DC, and building upon our majorities in the Wisconsin Legislature.

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The future of our nation, literally, depends upon our dedication, our rededication to the challenge set forth by Lincoln. The left sits and laughs at the fact that they barely need to campaign, because a split GOP is a losing GOP. Not just a lost election, but the loss of leading, the loss of policy making, the loss of a majority voice in debate, and a loss to the leftist agenda, which they will see as a mandate for governing. This is the reality of a divided GOP and for those who stay home on election day in protest. I have encountered several frustrated people as I travel Wisconsin, who have their candidates and have said they will not vote for any other candidate. The vitriol spewed at good Conservatives must come to an end, and we need to unite against the dangerous leftist policies, and preserve this republic for our children and grandchildren. Please join me as we march into 2024, laying down our weaponry against one another, and instead, stand together so that this nation shall not perish from our earth.



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