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Democrats and the news media don't want to learn anything from the election

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A few thousand protesters march through Library Mall from UW-Madison's Bascom Hall to the State Capitol, protesting President-elect Donald Trump on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, in Madison, Wis. Michael P. King - The Associated Press

BY MATTHEW HOY

The good news this holiday season? Liberal tears have no calories, are fat-free, gluten-free, low-carb and have no cholesterol.

And they taste delicious.

Although I continue to be wary of the imminent Donald Trump presidency, I must admit that the wailing, gnashing of teeth, street protests and emotional hysteria of the political left has had me experiencing a schadenfreude that keeps me warm at night.

Although I don't expect the political left and the news media in this country to take this opportunity to exercise some introspection about where they find themselves today, they would do well to reflect on why their candidate, a former first lady, senator from New York and secretary of state, lost to an obnoxious reality TV show host.

Yes, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote total — largely a result of overwhelming support here in California, one of just five states where Democrats control all levers of power. (Republicans, on the other hand, control the governorships and state legislatures in 25 states.) Despite the renewed interest in the "unfairness" of our Electoral College system, everyone knew the

voters didn't turn from Obama voters to bigots overnight.

Trump won not because voters are stupid, racist or sexist. An analysis of voting in the crucial swing states of Wisconsin and Pennsylvania shows Clinton's loss there and across much of Middle America was a result of a mass defection of white, working-class voters from Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012 to Trump in 2016. Those

rules of the game when they started, and getting the most votes wasn't the way to win.

After eight years of ho-hum economic growth, Clinton's vow to put a lot of coal workers out of their jobs and on the public dole probably didn't help her.

But there's more to this than just jobs.

Liberals and the news media have been waging a war on the values of — at the very least a substantial minority of Americans for the past few years.

Americans who today hold the same view on same-sex marriage that Obama held when he was re-elected in 2012 are targets for systematic shaming by the political left and the news media (but I repeat myself) that includes efforts to ruin people financially for holding views and beliefs many on the left disapprove of. Once upon a time it was: "If you don't want gay marriage, then don't have one."

The political left won't let us off that easy. For those who would just like to be left alone to run their businesses and lives as their faiths

and consciences dictate, the left won't allow it. They don't want tolerance. They want acceptance. As conservative talk radio host Erick Erickson has described it: "You will be made to care."

Devout Christians (but not Muslims) who are photographers or bakers or florists are I DON'T EXPECT THE POLITICAL LEFT AND THE financially ruined for declining to NEWS MEDIA IN AMERICA TO TAKE THIS

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participate in same-sex marriage ceremonies. But musicians such as Bruce Springsteen, who refused to perform in North Carolina over what he and the news media characterized as an "antitransgender law," is praised by the Democratic mayor of Santa Barbara, Helene Schneider. When I asked her last spring what the difference between Springsteen's decision and that of

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a handful of Christian bakers was, the best explanation Schneider could offer was that Springsteen travels around. (It didn't make sense to me, either.) Just last week, BuzzFeed continued the assault on those rubes in the heartland with an exposé about popular HGTV hosts Chip and Joanna Gaines of "Fixer Upper," revealing that

the pastor of their church (like many Christian churches) had preached against homosexuality. Is it too much of a stretch to believe part of what contributed to Trump's electoral victory

last month was his stated rejection of political correctness and the new normal our bicoastal elites want to impose on us? Maybe people in the heartland aren't so keen on being constantly maligned simply because

they refuse to embrace 30-some different gender identities or the comical new pronouns gender studies majors wish to impose on the English language. Gender studies majors should stick to what they do best: making coffee at Starbucks. Now that Trump is poised to take the Oval Office, liberals are discovering that their

consciences should allow them to dictate who they do business with. Fashion designer Sophie Theallet (no, I'd never heard of her before) has vowed not to design any dresses for Melania Trump because she opposes Trump politically.

Just a week earlier this sort of bigotry directed at an immigrant would've been a bad thing! On the bright side, there may be signs that even some on the left believe they may be going

In Oregon, Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, who made his name going after Christian baker Sweet Cakes by Melissa to the tune of a \$135,000 fine for refusing to make a wedding cake for a lesbian couple, lost his bid to become secretary of state. Instead, Republican

Dennis Richardson won a statewide office in that deep blue state; the first for any

If Democrats hope to retake power outside New England and the West Coast, they'll need to cease their culture war attacks on people who might be amenable to voting for them on economic issues.

Right now the news media isn't helping them pierce their bubble, and with the re-election of Nancy Pelosi as House minority leader and Chuck Schumer as Senate minority leader, it doesn't look like the Democratic Party is interested in changing course.

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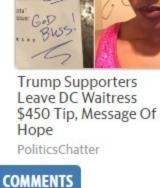
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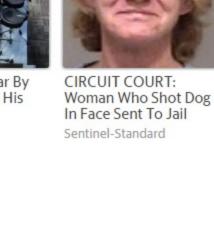
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ready for the pace of social reform and fairness promised by Democrats and social progressives in the recent campaign. Behind the curtains of partisanship is a better America than the one Obama inherited. Like - Reply - Dec 15, 2016 8:32am

Trump WON because "most working class Americans" feel disenfranchised & forgotten! It's NOT

just a "white thing", many folks are fed up & rightfully so! The economy has been stagnant for years & it's encouraging to see President Elect Trump take action even BEFORE he takes Office to "kick start" the economy. HELL YES! Most of us are fed up with the status quo! Glad to see Obama GO! Like - Reply - 1 - Dec 4, 2016 9:22am

Alan Thomas · Northwestern University Sorry Peggy, but you have been fooled again. The Carrier deal will actually result in a net loss if 1400 jobs, from 2500 to 1100. And Carrier is getting \$7M from taxpayers to boot.

Even Sarah Palin saw through this "deal", rightfully calling it "crony capitalism". Like - Reply - 2 - Dec 4, 2016 10:48am Alan Thomas · Northwestern University There is one basic reason Clinton lost - voter suppression. The GOP strategy was to purge voter rolls, demand picture IDs, and close polling places in poor precincts. It worked with over 10 million

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Alan, your tin foil hat must have slipped or the batteries need replacing. Like · Reply · ₼ 3 · Dec 4, 2016 12:54pm Alan Thomas · Northwestern University

Brett Blute · Cuesta College Dumb, you're not "dumb" but you might be deaf. Like a monkey "Hear no evil, speak no evil, say no evil". That's just a dumb monkey.

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So let me get this straight; You carp about liberals "attacking the values" of people in the flyover states, "values" that compel Christian bakers to refuse to provide wedding cakes for same sex couples but yet embrace an amoral, thrice-married, narcissistic pathological liar whose wife posed

nude in woman on woman porn shots. So Mr Hoy, you delight in liberal's tears? Do you not care at all that Trump ridicules fat people like he does with the disabled? Like - Reply - 6 5 - Dec 3, 2016 9:16pm

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