

---

Whether we like it or not, the idea of being “*liberal*” has twisted to the sense of perversion within the United States. To be liberal is to adopt the position that there ought to be a *continuum of freedom*, something in which the United States has enjoyed since our founding in 1776. There are two main schools of thought within this ideology which underpin American society — *laissez faire* and *welfare liberalism*. The former is one which advocates that the individual is sovereign, and enjoys a certain form of “*rights-based liberalism*” where government is seen as the defender of rights. The latter is one which advocates for equality, where government ought to be involved in order to make life more equal to protect the disadvantaged. A story which best captures this is that of the one armed swimmer, one that is often told in the Jurisprudence lectures at Harvard Law School.

There is a high school swimming competition in Michigan open to all individuals, to win the competition, all swimmers ought to place both of their hands at the edge of the swimming pool. In this situation, how can the one armed swimmer even stand a chance? Welfare liberals distinguish between formal and substantive equality, the former where everyone has certain rights, whereas in the latter it is one whereby the individual is offered the substance to achieve that right. Within the context of the one armed swimmer, welfare liberals will say that substantial equality ought to apply, and needs to be offered to the one armed swimmer — that she should be permitted to put her one and only hand onto the edge in order to win the race or compete in an equal fashion.

With legislative agendas from the Democratic Party which advocate for medicare for all, an uncapped payroll tax, and student debt forgiveness, it is safe to say that they reside within the welfare camp. Under this principle, people ought to be given

a chance, irrespective of the outcome and the original rules. Yet, if we apply this to a wider canvas, the Democrats seem to apply this principle in situations which benefit them the most, hence exacerbating the perversion of what it is to be a liberal. The twisting of the concept of being liberal has nothing to do with seeing outbursts on YouTube of pink haired women shouting verbal abuse at pro-life activists, or even groups such as Antifa advocating for violence and riots. It comes with the molestation of our nation's core principles.

Since taking office, President Adith has executed his constitutional prerogative to appoint Secretaries to oversee the five branches of government. It has been well over one month into his presidency, yet, not a single hearing was scheduled or conducted. With a Democrat-controlled Senate, the prospects of any hearing being scheduled is unlikely — mostly attributed to the anti-LGBTQIA, anti-immigrant, anti-Native American, and anti-feminist nature of the political ideology surrounding the Democratic party. The present issue is one which is intrinsic to values, where we are seeing more of it being diminished day by day. To what extent is the Democratic party going to deny the LGBTQIA, immigrant, Native American, and feminist communities the Presidency and government in which they voted for?

There have been no concerns voiced over the President's policies, nor have there been any regarding the background of the nominees. They are simply refraining from even conducting a hearing, and then, voting with the party line with an overwhelming "no". If we apply the story of the one armed swimmer to that of the current political situation, it is evident that the present-day Democrats have forgotten the roots in which their movement and this country have been founded

upon. They have not even given the substantial equality to these nominees, and yet, demand for the immunity against veto for the legislative agendas for them.

Senate Majority Leader Barnes has said *“Come on, it’s [sim’s] boring and dead right now. Let’s spice it up a little. Make a deal, pass something, I don’t know. I mean fuckin hell aren’t you guys bored? Don’t you wanna actually do something with the presidency?”* Vice President Steven stood up to the playground bully and said, *“Then don’t be as obstructive as Trump”*, to which SML Barnes shrugged, and then replied, *“I gave Adith terms [medicare for all, student loan forgiveness, uncapped payroll tax, price controls] and he seemed amicable about it. Said he’d talk to the RNC, never did. Then when I reached out he just isn’t down all of a sudden. You can’t pretend you expected us to just give you everything with nothing in return.”* He then laughed his ass off like the evil, anti-LGBTQIA, anti-immigrant, anti-Native American, and anti-feminist he is.

It’s evident that the Adith Presidency will never be capable of actualising insofar that the majority of the Senate is controlled by a party which has forgotten its principles and demands so much in order to give the President’s nominees a chance in this swimming competition. The one-armed swimmer [*the President’s nominees*] are not even allowed to jump in the pool [*senate hearings*], in this case.

In an exclusive episode with the New York State University’s “Republican Queer Society” podcast, President Adith has said *“I think the Democrats, or more accurately Barnes, have gone fully Trump-esque election denialism. Polls had Governor Tripplyons expected to win, and he didn’t. As a consequence, denying my administration a Cabinet has served as Barnes’ coping mechanism as he interferes with the execution of the will of the American people.”* This raises a question, is

this all but because of one individual, unmoving and unempathetic to the struggles of the American people, but still wants to implement welfare-based policies for the country?

Everyday, more lives are impacted in the absence of a working executive. The diplomacy of the country is diminished, strategic decisions in the defense of our states and allies are impacted, meaningful change in the economic and health aspects of American lives are denied. What is most concerning is that the Cabinet is not even an exclusive party-based one as opposed to former presidencies, where a single party dominated the executive. President Adith proposes a tripartisan effort, consisting of individuals from the Democratic, Republican, and Greens Party. It is one that is truly representative of the values and positions of Americans who participated in our democratic process.

The abuse of the system by SML Barnes evidences the Democratic party's inconsideration towards welfare, and only demands legislative promises for the betterment of his own personal position within the United States. For if he loses his next election, what else will there be for him to return to? He has nothing aside for his position here. It is the motives of a power-hungry individual who leads the Democratic party, blind to the values in which they have long advocated for under Presidents Obama and Kennedy.

As we inch slowly day by day to the next Senate election the Democrats would be good to remember their conduct against the Adith government. It's a government held captive by political terrorists who yield to nothing but their own interests, and the United States does not negotiate with terrorists. When asked what his next moves are, President Adith has said he will stick true to his values, and "*work with*

*the Trump-era Acting Secretaries to bring executive actions that follow the principles of limited government and the protection of our goals worldwide.”*

It's time Americans realise that we are all for the same cause, that is, to be liberal. We need to stand up for such values, and it's time that Americans fight for what is right, and not crumble when faced in a situation similar to our President. We ought to stand up against the playground bullies, and we ought to tell them that no means no, whatever the cost.

---

Written by @CharlezBarnez (Charles Barnez is a LGBTQIA activist at the Harvard University who has advocated for the Conservative policies consistent with LGBTQIA positions)