

Man May Work from Sun to Sun â€” But Womanâ€™s Work is Never Done!

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I almost died laughing when Democrats started distancing themselves on many Sunday morning talk shows from CNN's Democrat Hit Woman Hilary Rosen's inflammatory comments on Ann Romney, wife of Republican front-runner Mitt Romney. Even President Obama and many of his henchmen jumped in the fray and tried to distance themselves by stating that Ms. Rosen works for CNN and is not a spokesperson for the White House. Though trying hard to distance their hides from this unleashed attack dog, Hilary Rose, from CNN, White House visitor logs show that Hilary Rosen visited 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. at least 35 times, while Gen. David Petraeus, head of our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the current CIA director has been a visitor only nine times.

Here in a nutshell are CNN Hilary Rosen's comments on Ann Romney: "What you have is Mitt Romney running around the country, saying, 'Well, you know, my wife tells me that what women really care about are economic issues, and when I listen to my wife, that's what I'm hearing.' Guess what? His wife has actually never worked a day in her life!" What Rosen failed to mention in her unsavory comments is that under Obama's watch, women have a higher number as being unemployed and many are unable to find work.

Rosen further stated that Ann Romney never really dealt with the kinds of economic issues that a majority of the women in this country are facing in terms of how do we feed our kids, how do we send them to school, and why do we worry about their future. She added that the Romneys "just seem old fashioned when it comes to women." I guess she meant that rich moms don't have the same cares for their families than poor or working moms have, which to me is ridiculous!

Days later when bipartisan critics unleashed a barrage of verbal assaults on her comments, Rosen sheepishly apologized to Mrs. Romney. The spineless liberal hack said, "I apologize to Ann Romney and anyone else who was offended. Let's declare peace in this phony war and go back to focus on the substance."

What I find so disingenuous about most liberal Democrats trying to portray themselves as poor and for the poor is that according to the Center for Responsive Politics, there are 237 millionaires serving in Congress. Which reflects the fact that the average lawmaker is far wealthier than his or her typical constituent. Simply stating, one percent of Americans are millionaires, while 44 percent of those serving in Congress can claim as much. In the Senate's 25 wealthiest lawmakers, 14 are Democrats and 11 are Republicans.

The richest member of Congress is Rep. Darrell Issa—R — CA (\$250 million), followed by four Democrats, Jane Harman—D — CA (\$245 million), Herb Kohl—D — WI (\$215 million), Mark Warner—D — VA (\$210 million) and John Kerry—D — MA (\$209 million). By the way, Mitt Romney's net worth is estimated at \$200 million. I now wonder if CNN's Hilary Rosen despises and scorns the supposedly rich wives of those rich Democrats as she did Mrs. Romney who raised 5 sons and was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1998 and has battled breast cancer.

Unlike Ms. Rosen, I have the utmost respect for mothers of all stripes: rich, poor, middle income, black, white, brown, etc. Most moms in my view are the central figure of most families. Growing up poor, I remember my mom having to go work to help my dad with his meager wage. Yet, she washed our clothes in a No. 8 washtub outside with a scrub board, hung the wash, iron, cook 3 meals, and go buy groceries on foot being that we never owned a car. Other moms in my poor neighborhood who had husbands that earned a good wage also worked hard raising their kids. As I stated in my heading, their work was never done.

As for rich moms not having it hard raising their children as poor ones, I wonder what ugly words Ms. Rosen would have

written about Rose Kennedy, the wife of Joe Kennedy, an extremely wealthy man and mother of 9 children with two sons, both Democrats, who suffered tragic endings. Probably unbeknown to Ms. Rosen, Rose Kennedy give birth to a mentally ill girl, her oldest son, Joe was killed in World War II and her two sons, Robert and President John Kennedy were assassinated. Could Ms. Rosen honestly believe that a rich mother like Rose Kennedy could not related to the hardships a poor mother would have endured if they, like her, had children who underwent similar tragic and heartbreaking events in their family?

Folks, I personally know several wealthy women. One such wealthy woman never seems to end to amaze me. Her name is Hope Garcia Lancarte. Hope, along with her sons, own and operate Joe T. Garcia's, one of the most successful Mexican restaurants, in Fort Worth. There's not a day that goes by that Joe T. Garcia's is not packed in their widespread and famous Mexican eatery. Diners of all stripes and backgrounds (politicians, movie stars, religious figures, world known musicians) dine there. What amazes me about Hope is that for years she worked hard in the kitchen cooking meals for her famous restaurant. Up in years, today I often find Hope busing tables and sweeping the floor. I once asked her, "Hope, you should retire, enjoy life, travel, and take it easy." She said, "James, I love to work. Making money is secondary to me, I love working with my sons and enjoy visiting with my customers. That James is what I love to do!"

Ms. Rosen could learn a lot from rich women like: Rose Kennedy, Hope Lancarte and yes, even Mrs. Ann Romney. But, I seriously doubt it!