## December 7, 2020 Barack Obama, the Real Narcissist President?

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For four years now, Democrats and the media have droned on about how much of a narcissist Donald Trump is. It goes without saying that there is solid evidence that he is one. Over the last month, however, evidence has piled up showing that Barack Obama is also a raging narcissist. Yet, the media never applies that label to Obama. Orange Man bad; mixed-race man good.

But maybe it's time we all tried to look deeper than the widespread reflexive Barack worship. Because there are plenty of reasons to think that Obama's ego is out of control.

First; the monstrously self-indulgent memoirs. With *Dreams from My Father* (466 pages) and *The Audacity of Hope* (384 pages), Obama wrote about his pre-presidential life and thoughts on many issues. Now, we've been blessed with *A Promised Land*, the <u>first volume</u> of his memoirs covering his candidacy for the presidency through to the death of Osama bin Laden in 2011.

In total, Obama's four books will likely surpass 2,300 pages. If you add in <u>Michelle Obama's book</u>, the Obamas' lives and thoughts about themselves will hit nearly 3,000 pages. They must be two fascinating people to generate so much ink. Yes, Obama's presidency was historic given he was the first minority to become president and the Great Recession occurred just before he won election, but was his presidency really that epic?

In <u>his book</u>, Obama proclaims that Trump only won the 2016 election because too many white Americans were reacting to having had a black president. Specifically, Obama wrote: 'It was as if my very presence in the White House had triggered a deep-seated panic, a sense that the natural order had been disrupted... For millions of Americans spooked by a Black man in the White House, he promised an elixir for their racial anxiety.'

This America-is-racist-when-it votes-against-us canard has truly become the go-to move for Democrats. The reality is that the same alleged racists that pushed Trump over the top in 2016 actually voted for Obama in 2008 and 2012. If they are racists, they sure have a peculiar way of showing it. The thrust of Obama's comment was that the election wasn't about Trump, it was about Obama — a tell-tale sign of a narcissist is to make all reality about himself.

In a recent speech, Obama declared, 'There's a lot of evangelical Hispanics who, the fact that Trump says racist things about Mexicans, or puts undocumented workers in cages, they think that's less important than the fact that he supports their views on gay marriage or abortion.' But Trump has been very supportive of the gay community — as evidenced by his increased vote percentage from the LGBTQ community in 2020 — whereas in 2008 Obama himself ran against gay marriage. Moreover, it was the Obama administration that <u>built the 'cages'</u> for illegal immigrants and first started using them — long before the media reinvented them as Trump cages.

Finally, when talking about his book being made into a movie – because of course boring presidential memoirs routinely get made into movies – Obama let it be known that he envisioned singer Drake being cast as him. Apparently, award-winning actor Forest Whitaker wasn't good enough so Obama settled on one of the world's most attractive men to play him. Perhaps Steph Curry can serve as a body double for the basketball scenes and Tiger Woods can do the golf scenes. It takes a certain level of ego to make such a statement.

The rumor is the Obamas are making a movie as part of their nine-figure Netflix deal on Trump. Perhaps it is perfectly sensible for Obama to do a movie about Trump. As the saying goes 'write what you know' and no one knows a narcissist better than a fellow narcissist. Obama thinks Trump is a reaction to him. The reality just might be Trump is instead a reflection of him.

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