

time that we stopped being cowed by these radicals that have destroyed this country over the past 30 years. It is time that we say enough is enough.

Mr. Speaker, I will yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. PAUL. Yes, I find your conversation very interesting, and it reminds me of a incident that occurred not too many years ago.

I am a physician. I graduated from medical school in 1961, and at that particular time they decided that saying the Hippocratic oath was no longer necessary, and I did not recite the Hippocratic oath at my graduation.

But when my son graduated there in 1988, they allowed us to come back to say the Hippocratic oath. We were given that chance to come back because they were saying it once again, and I was very interested in this, so I went to his graduation, and at the ceremony they were reciting the Hippocratic oath. And lo and behold, when I looked carefully at it, it was not the same oath. They had changed the clause on abortion. It did not say that you should not use an instrument to do an abortion. They merely said you should follow the law, whatever the law is.

So I thought that was a interesting little story to support your case that truth seems to be easily revised in this day and age.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. I thank the gentleman. And revisionism occurs all the time, and we are told that our Founding Fathers were racists and bigots and that they were radicals and that is—you know, that did not happen before 1994. It is very interesting that Jefferson was the hero of liberals until 1994, and then a group of us got elected quoting Jefferson, saying the government that governs least governs best, and suddenly he was not a useful hero. In fact, we had people actually writing op-eds this past year saying that the Jefferson Memorial needed to be taken down brick by brick by brick because he was a racist and because he was a radical.

Mr. Speaker, that just shows how desperate revisionists are. They would say the same thing of Abraham Lincoln if we quoted Lincoln too much, and I want to quote Lincoln because I am sure that if a President, sitting President today, said these words, he or she would be called a radical. Abraham Lincoln said this in 1863 in a proclamation.

He said we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other Nation has ever grown, but we have forgotten God. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace and too proud to pray to the God that made us.

My gosh. If we said that, we would be called radicals, we would be called extremists, and now what they will tell us is that this is about religion, that you are trying to make everybody a Christian or a Jew or a Muslim. It is

not the case. This fight is not about establishing a religion because that is unconstitutional, and I am against it 100 percent. What this is about is re-connecting our children and our grandchildren with their heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield to the gentlewoman from North Carolina.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, you know I agree in what you are saying and being able to speak what you think, and I appreciate your quoting Lincoln because he is also one of my heroes. And it kind of ties in with a couple of things that I wanted to mention this afternoon, you know, and this is really kind of in view of our bipartisan retreat that is coming up. I kind of wanted to remind people, making an appeal that, you know the words of the great American philosopher, Pogo: We have met the enemy, and he is us.

I think there are few of us who have been entrusted with the honor of serving in this great institution that are unaware of the low esteem in which we are corporately regarded today. And you know sometimes in the interest of reelection, flawed egos or some purposes of political or personal gain, we abuse our privilege and we dishonor our predecessors and slight our fellow Americans and weaken our Nation, and you know it has been true that there have been scoundrels in the past that have thrown shadows over this great noble body. But you know we have gotten to the point where there is a great deal of distrust and cynicism out there in what we do and what goes on here, in the way we treat one another.

And so I guess I am just saying that, you know, we claim to trust God, and in His name I would like to ask us to really reason together for the good of all and, you know, let us respect one another and tolerate one another's differences and not get upset when somebody says something that they deeply believe, but try and work together and stop destroying one another and lift one another up and endeavor to achieve the height of leadership the American people not only deserve but that they expect of us. And let us seek to be a credit to our Nation and proper example to our world and a joy to our God, and I believe that Lincoln who have agreed with that. Do you not?

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. I certainly do, and I certainly appreciate your words because I guess this is what has disappointed me over the past 2 years more than anything else.

There are Members here who I disagree with on practically every issue, Members like RON DELLUMS of California. He is on National Defense. I do not think I could find anybody on the issue of national defense that I disagree with more. I do not think I could find anybody on several other issues that I disagree with more. Quite frankly, I think his views are not the best views for America's future. The same with BARNEY FRANK from Massachusetts. But I have got to tell you I can talk to BARNEY FRANK of Massachusetts, and it

helps me as a conservative, talking to a liberal who I disagree with to see whether my views are correct or to see whether I am taking an easier path than I should be taking.

The same thing with RON DELLUMS. I had a great talk with RON DELLUMS when we first got here. He came over, he walked over from that side of the aisle, over here where a lot of us were sitting, young Republicans who had just gotten elected, and we talked for a while. And he said to me, he goes: "You know,"—he said, "I don't understand why all you young guys are Republicans, why you're all conservatives. It doesn't make sense to me. Explain it to me."

And I said to him, I said, "Well, you know, Congressman, when you look on this side of the aisle, your views were shaped in the 1950's and 1960's. You saw a Republican majority that supported public discrimination, that supported a lot of the things that happened in the Southeast, where I am from, that were morally repugnant, and the party of Vietnam and Watergate. When I look on your side of the aisle, I think of where I was in 1979, 1978, 1979, 1980, when I first started becoming politically involved, or in my mind watching TV, and as I was about to start college, and I see the party of the Iran hostage crisis. I see the party of Jimmy Carter. I see the party of 21-percent interest rates. I see the party of a failed liberal policy that has bankrupted this country."

So we come from two different worlds, but we can still respect each other, and RON DELLUMS, always a gentleman, said to me, said something like, "That is really deep, man," or whatever RON said, and we respect each other. I think most everybody in this Chamber respects RON DELLUMS.

When RON was over on the Committee on National Security as chairman, hardly any Republicans and most Democrats agreed with him, but when I first got here and I started saying, well, how is this Member and how is that Member, when we talked about RON DELLUMS, they said, "Hey, don't say anything bad about RON. He may be out there in left field ideologically, but at the same time the guy is fair."

And so we can disagree without being disagreeable. We can get on the floor, and we can debate in the strongest terms possible, and we need to do that without becoming personal in our attacks.

Mrs. MYRICK. I think that is true, and that is one thing that has been missing, and it is a good point that you make because this place is such a busy place that you do not take time to build those friendships and you do not take time to walk across that aisle and get to know somebody else, and I think that has been a big mistake and I hope that all of us can start to do more of that sharing and really try and reach out, and have our disagreements because you are going to have to disagree philosophically. We will have a lot of