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Let's Pretend We Care

It would appear that the [Thompson Reuters article by Ellen Wulfhurst](#) on the 17th of this month rattled the cages of those who have been doing everything they can to pretend that child abuse, child rape, child trafficking did not in fact exist on the rez.

Suddenly, this [video drops](#) from the office of the illustrious Heidi Heitkamp: Watch video, then note the following:

1. She seems surprised that these awful things are going on.
2. She's very, very angry
3. She reads directly from the article in a scolding fashion to Mr. Tracy Toulou who is Director of the Office of Tribal Justice in D.C.
4. Later in the video she apologizes to him for being mean to him because he's just the guy who happens to be there. (Forget that he has failed at his job since Day One).
5. She asks rhetorical questions which he never answers.
6. Towards the end she talks about all these crimes against these children as something she's been aware of since her time as State Attorney General for North Dakota "This is not a New Issue for us."

The generations of abuse, sexual abuse, child trafficking, Human Trafficking are all the core causes of addiction and violence on the rez. When that was pointed out to her in the 13 Mandated Reports her response was to seek funding for more "Cultural Programs such as language and Dancing", never once even uttering publicly (that I've ever heard) the words "Child Abuse". Her solution to all that ailed Indian Country was to ignore the reports by one of the most respected Directors of the ACF who had decades of first-hand experience in Indian country, and to offer up as a solution, more of our tax dollars for "Cultural Teaching" as if, as effing IF!

Suddenly, with the Thompson Reuters article hitting home (and apparently breaking the thin walls of her bubble) she's the angry warrior woman protecting Indian Children by scolding the man from the Justice Department who never had to answer a question, or if he did, she left it out of the video.

It was purely a show. She's been on the wrong side of this and it shows. People know. People have been watching her. This act was nothing more than posing as something she is not.

She is close friends politically and socially with those who conspired to label Thomas Sullivan a "Racist" and get him fired. Fired because he had become a thorn in the side of the ACF, the BIA, HHS, IHS, and the DOJ and FBI (while we're at it) because he sent them all, directly, those 13 Mandated Reports and they didn't like it.

But now, a newspaper article comes out that says exactly the same things, and suddenly, instead of recommending more funding for “Cultural” learning in Indian Country (Because children who have been raped since infancy really feel a lot better if they can speak some words in their tribal language, or can attend more pow wows), she is putting on her fierce face, her angry face.

It's like putting a mask on a melon. It convinces only those who cannot see or who have never looked.

You would think that if this is her position now, that it conflicts with her earlier position that anyone mentioning these horrors was a ‘trouble maker’ and needed to be removed. You'd be right.

This video, which by the way does not appear on her YouTube page, only on her FB page so that no one not following her on FaceBook will even know it exists, and it is nothing but a show.

How do you like them apples, Melon Head?

She's Safe

An election is coming up. She can't afford to lose her seat. She's pretty safe. The Dems won't primary her (but they should) and the GOP has no one to run against her that isn't batshit crazy.

All GOP have to support the Fascist, Donald Trump. They all have to or they lose support from their party. The GOP is so weak that a chronic liar, morally bankrupt, multiple business bankruptcy failures King has defeated 17 of what was left of their party. He didn't win because he was the strongest or the best or the brightest. He won because the GOP has systematically run off anyone that was not more extreme, more committed to ignorance, more willing to attack people who are different in any way so that no one would notice they have the poorest record of any congress in history.

Our bridges are falling down, road and infrastructure (sewer lines, water lines, electrical grid) is crumbling; and they decide we should all be afraid of transgenders in our public bathrooms.

Here's a clue: Transgenders have been in our public bathrooms for almost 50 years and there has never been an incident where one has attacked anyone. But they pass laws at State Levels and try to pass them at Federal Levels to make sure that people who have never been a public risk are demonized for having to pee.

Who needs bridges? Safe Roads? Safe drinking water? Apparently, not us.

Zika is a threat to hundreds of thousands of babies this summer alone, and they refuse to hold a vote to authorize funds to fight it and protect those unborn babies they all want to be forced to term. Ebola was a national panic for the GOP and it

affected fewer than 4 people and only one died. Zika will affect hundreds of thousands of babies with life-long disabilities, which means we will have to spend even more money to care for them, provide for their needs... or just throw them out into the street as if their lives are nothing.

Yet the GOP has voted more than 60 times to take away the Affordable Care Act which has, for the first time, lowered the uninsured rate in our nation to the lowest it has ever been, down from the all-time high of over 45 Million people.

They want to take away your protection from Insurance gouging, and call it FREEDOM!

Yeah, that's how Trump won his primary: They had done only damage to the country and have no ideas on how to fix any of it. Neither does he, but he bellows better than they do and that was key to his rise. That and all the media following him around reporting every word without once pushing back on even the most outrageous of his lies. Do tell me about the "Liberal Media" I could use a laugh.

So, Melon Head is safe, for now. But she wants everyone to forget how she enabled these abusers and predators for years. She knows that the dam is about to break and more and more stories of horrors are going to flood out there and people are going to want to know who could have done something and why didn't they.

There are questions she doesn't want to be asked because she is on the record denying the problem existed or saying that fixing it was as simple as investing in cultural programs.

Her legacy is crap. It's already starting to stink. No matter how much she waves her hands or how fierce she raises her voice, the smell will stick to her.

The horrors in Indian Country are not new. Thomas Sullivan tried for decades to get them dealt with as both a criminal issue and by defining the needs and concerns that would have to be dealt with to begin the healing.

Heidi has no clue about the healing. She has no clue about how to stop or even begin to stop the crimes against children because she doesn't give a crap about the kids.

She's uncomfortable right now because she's got a lot of connections to Big Oil and other businesses that flourish in her state, and which have turned a blind eye to the abuses: Drugs, Human Trafficking, Child Trafficking, because it was more cost effective to allow the corruption than to stop it.

None of these horrors are new. None of them were unknowns. They were ignored. They were allowed. The predators were protected because of their connections to people in power. It's been the shadow economy and too many, high and low, have profited from it.

Sadly, too many, high and low, have lost their jobs, their health and their lives for trying to go against the current of corruption.

And in the shadows, there are screams from children and there is silence on the part of those who should have protected them but who personally profited or benefited from allowing it to happen.

Maybe, as long as Heidi poses as the angry one, she'll never be questioned, never be investigated. Now, for now, she's safe.

Message To Kevin Cramer

We need you to keep your seat for a number of reasons. One is that you are the only politician I have seen who has actively stood up for the children and tried to do something. The second reason is that the Democratic Party is not as forgiving as the GOP on scoundrels or scandals. We consider them an embarrassment and we boot them out of the party (would love to see Heitkamp drummed out for her part in all this, but one step at a time), and Chase Iron Eyes already has scandal, infidelity and naked selfies out there and after Anthony Wiener, I just don't want another dick broadcasting out there, no matter how small.

I want you to reconsider your position on Transgender Youth and what they are going through. I know it is the popular thing to pick a subset of a group and demonize them so that voters will 'unite against a common enemy', but I think you are better than that.

These kids are not 'confused' and they are not changing their minds from day-to-day as to what their gender is. They are profoundly aware of who and what they are and the torment of being locked in a body that goes counter to all that drives many to suicide. They know from a very young age, as young as two or three that they are in the wrong body.

It's a real thing. Talk to some medical professionals who can give you the science on this and the medical reasoning behind it. I think you are a compassionate man and that if you knew how this pointless targeting and demonizing of transgender youth was, and how damaging it was to them, their families and their futures, you wouldn't say the things you've said.

I know there is a party line that you are not supposed to cross, and right now the demonizing of these kids is the party's deflection from massive failures to accomplish anything in congress despite their gerrymandering and voter suppression tactics that insure they will retain majority for a long time.

You know the ACA has helped millions of people and your party has failed to vote on important issues such as funding relief for Flint Michigan so that the leaded water problem can be resolved, refused to fund the fight against Zika, has cut funding for

children, schools, veterans and worse... but has found the time to vote more than 60 times to take away ACA.

The demonizing of transgender men, women, boys and girls is a tragic, pathetic and cynical ploy to try and keep people fearful of people around them so that we can't come together to resolve the important and necessary issues of our time.

It sickens me to know that you hold views that support such an ignorant, mean-spirited attack on people who have hurt no one but who themselves are in great pain.

I will continue to support you in this election because your opponent is a scoundrel who has worked to make Indian Children less able to be protected and called it 'Culture'. Because your opponent is a liar and a cheat.

But I beg you to get some real learning on this one issue. Don't just parrot the party line on this. It's too important. And it is a distraction from bigger issues.

Bigger issues like investigating the crimes against children. We need people to unite together to do that. It's that big. It's that important. We don't want to divide people by demonizing people for who they are when they have hurt no one. We want to collectively go as a force against the greatest and most real evil out there.

We need you in that fight. We need you on our side. We need to to acknowledge the difference between people who are different and people who are criminals and corrupt.

Kevin, I am asking you to fight the bigger fight. To stop picking on those who are already being victimized.

Don't make it any harder for me or anyone else to support you.

You know where to find me.

~Cat

PS: Apparently another child was run over on the St. Michael's Road. The driver then fled the scene but everyone saw him, knew who he was. It takes a special kind of coward to run over and kill a child and then run away.