

## **Podcast # 2022-8, Podcast #41 OUTLINE:**

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Two weeks ago, we discussed...mostly off-air...the possibility that the American left despises our country.

A new Quinnipiac Poll suggests that I am on to something. The pollster asked: What would you do if you were in the same position as Ukrainians are now, stay and fight or leave the country? Shockingly, the WSJ said, shockingly, only a pathetic 40% of democrats said they would stick around and fight for their nation. For those of you on the Aspen City Council, that means 60% of you would flee.

More than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of republicans would stay and fight. In fact, some 68% of Republicans would stick around. In other words, 70% more conservatives would stay and fight for our country vs neo-liberals. The author of the column said:

“In the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and 9/11, when the nation was on its knees, the call was answered without hesitation by rock-ribbed Republicans and true-blue Democrats alike. Even the turbulent Vietnam era didn’t inspire such craven spinelessness. Between 1964 and 1973, 2.2 million Americans were conscripted into military service. Another 15 million were granted deferments for one reason or another. Less than 2% of those who were eligible for the draft opted to evade it, either by going underground or emigrating. Some of them considered the war unjust. Say what you want about the merits of that argument, at least it was an argument.”

This, on the other hand, is abject cowardice—at best. The conflict hypothesized by the Quinnipiac pollsters wasn’t a war for oil or empire. Poll respondents were asked to envision a foreign invader on their own front porch. Imagine Vladimir Putin has sent his shock troops to level your hometown, to occupy your high

school and drop a missile on the hospital where you were born. If you won't fight for hearth and home, what would you fight for?

Let's go to some quotes from prominent American Democrats:

It's official: The U.S. is the world's leading terrorist state, and proud of it. – [Noam Chomsky. Now, does Mr Chomsky sound like a guy who hopes and prays for America?](#)

The US is indeed a terrorist nation. ...It's also the greatest purveyor of violence on earth over the past half century, and the foremost threat to world peace today. – [Bill Ayers.](#)  
[Does Bill Ayers seem like a guy who hopes and prays for America?](#)

**China has "been given a case study of what the world's response would look like if they were to invade Taiwan."**

A guy named James Carafano claims Biden's bystander-in chief approach to Ukraine may embolden China in attacking Taiwan.

A national security and foreign policy fellow at the Heritage Foundation, told Fox News Digital that President Biden is not taking the right approach to preempt a possible Chinese attack. Understand folks that Biden and the kids he has surrounded himself with ...don't actually have a foreign policy. Which is why they only REACT to world events. They never lead. And when they do react, they show the world they have what a baseball hitting coach would call "slow bat speed."

"We are sitting back and waiting for the Chinese to decide what they want to do and when," Carafano warned.

The North Vietnamese shot down 83 American aircraft in air-to-air combat during the Vietnam conflict. They used MiG 15's, MiG17's and MiG 21's to shoot down those aircraft. Who supplied the North Vietnamese with those warplanes?

"If the answer isn't the vaunted North Vietnamese aerospace industry, then I guess they were from somewhere else. Whoever supplied those jets apparently wasn't concerned about starting World War III with a nuclear-armed superpower. Somebody should look that up." Wrote Thomas Dennison, Clearwater, Fla.

## **JOE BIDEN'S VOTING RECORD:**

- Joe voted against the Alaska Pipeline which has delivered 17 byn Bbls of oil to the world.
- He voted against the first invasion of Iraq...you know, the righteous invasion. He likewise voted FOR the second invasion. You know, the unholy invasion.
- One of the very few bills he ever sponsored was the 1994 crime bill which famously imprisoned blacks at rates that were much higher than for caucasians, primarily because of the high rate of crack usage by blacks. Incarceration rates skyrocketed as a result.
- **Back to inflation**

The Federal Open Market Committee met on Tuesday and Wednesday, and raised the Fed Funds rate by a qtr of a percentage point, aka 25 basis points in order to combat the highest inflation in 40 years amid new risks to economic growth. It's worth recalling how the central bank arrived at this unhappy moment.

The first reality to confront is that this is a mess largely of the Fed's own making. The central bank's inflation target is 2% for personal-consumption expenditure inflation, and the rate in February was probably three times higher.

Government spending excesses in 2020 and 2021 played a role, but the Fed made all of that easier to pass by maintaining the policies it imposed at the height of the pandemic recession for two more years. Low interest rates make deficits seem more fiscally manageable than they really are. The Fed has continued to buy Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities even as inflation nears 8%—right up until this week's meeting.

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