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One of the most puzzling aspects of the political scene today is the all out defense of a "Man" (Clinton) by the Sisterhood which has let it be known in the past that it despised all men. This is the Sisterhood that has gone "ballistic" over Navy Pilots having a wild party, Clarence Thomas making stupid jokes, and Senator Packwood kissing women. These men had committed mortal sin against women and deserved to be written out of the human race! Who can forget Senator Barbara Boxer, bouncing up and down on the balls of her feet a la Red Buttons, excoriating Senator Packwood from the Senate Floor day after day. On Clinton she is the proverbial See Nothing, Hear Nothing, Say Nothing statuette.

The Sisterhood defends Clinton like a Tigress defends her Cub. Why?

This is the puzzle of today's political scene. Because, according to the Sisterhood, the women who have come forward in Clinton's case are "Lying." Now, when Anita Hill came forward and was accused of "lying" the Sisterhood was quick off the mark to defend her by countering with the phrase: What is her Motive? Well, the same applies to all these women who have come forward in Clinton's case: What is their Motive? Accusing them of "lying" and brushing them off for it is not enough. A reasonable Motive has to be established.

Is the Motive Money? or Notoriety? If Money- Clinton has no money. and any money from books or Tabloids goes to pay legal fees. If Notoriety, what woman in her right mind would expose herself to this meat grinder of national publicity for Notoriety? What is wrong with the simple fact that they are telling the Truth, as the Motive?

This morning one of the Sisterhood called in while Bob Novak was on and chided him because the caller said this woman thing was raised as questions before foreign leaders! (She spoke so haltingly it sounded as though she was reading with difficulty a prepared script.) She probably was talking about the Press Conference with Tony Blair. No main stream reporter was called upon for a question. The only one was Wolf Blitzer of CNN, and he is not hostile to Clinton by a long shot. He asked Clinton, if he came face to face with Monica what would he say to her? Wolf said later he got more mail on this question than anytime before. Some were threatening. Why? Clinton was elected by less than 30% of the registered voters. Where does this passionate defense come from?

Quizzical Americans

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