



MARIANO RIVERA IS A RACIST. WHO KNEW?

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Okay, for this one, I'm simply going to type this first line, then I'm going to sit back and think about where I should take this next, okay? So give me a few minutes of contemplation.

Okay, 7-minutes have passed and I'm ready to continue.

While I sit in my beach chair here in Miami under somewhat overcast skies and with rain threatening to ruin my day, I've just finished a piece on Mariano Rivera that may be found on the *Daily Beast* website.

The piece was written by someone by the name of Robert Silverman who I'm quite certain has brain damage that for years has unfortunately gone undetected.

Now, how many times over the years have I told you all about the ability to think independently? Also, how many times have I either talked about or written about the inability to do just that? Oh, you may say things and think things, and you may favor something while disavowing something else,

you can find yourself advocating for this cause while fighting vigorously against another. You may feel free to do all of this and more if you'd like to.

Here in America (*I think?*), it's still okay to have free reign of thought on a host of things. However, that comes with a huge caveat. As long as that thinking you're doing aligns with the thought-masters and their bullies who keep vigil over this kind of stuff, and only if those thoughts coincide with the mandatory culturally-approved kinds of reflections which are permitted under this dictatorial-styled civilization we now exist under, you may feel free to let everyone know how you feel about things.

Yesterday, Mariano Rivera put the capstone on his brilliant career by officially being inducted into baseball's Hall Of Fame. You can look all over the Online community and read dozens of stories about his brilliant career and his place in baseball's hallowed hall, and you can also read a column by the aforementioned brain-damaged writer, Robert Silverman, who posits that Mariano Rivera should be ashamed and humiliated by his association with white supremacists as well as his support of the state of Israel.

Yes, you can indeed make this stuff up, as evidenced by this unhinged and deranged piece by this writer I've mentioned.

While on one hand we're supposed to support any and all athletes who are supposedly at the forefront of societal evolution (*Colin Kaepernick for instance*), on the other hand, an athlete with the unmitigated gall to have their own views on a host of issues and items, such as is the case with Mariano Rivera, athletes like him are to be demonized and spat upon, being unworthy of oxygen to breathe while never having the nerve to show their faces in public again.

Mariano Rivera is himself a racist. Who knew?

Rivera's crimes against humanity? Rivera has the pomposity and the nerve to be a supporter of the current sitting President, and to make his life even more a total waste of nine-months, Rivera is actually a supporter of Israel and its people. We now bow our heads in shame with Mariano Rivera.

Writes Silverman in his piece; *"And over the past three years, he's also served at the pleasure of a racist president, taken part in thinly veiled propaganda on behalf of a far-right-government in Israel, and gotten chummy with outright bigots and apocalyptic loons. None of this will be inscribed on his Hall of Fame plaque. It should, even if much of the sports world would very much like to pretend none of it exists."*

Isn't all of this criminal and beyond shocking? Did the Hall Of Fame committee have any idea that Mariano Rivera leans to the right side of the political aisle before the members of the *Baseball Writers Association Of America* made him the very first unanimous selection in the Hall's history? Now that the cat is well out of the bag can we expect the Hall Of Fame to remove the just inducted Rivera out of the Hall Of Fame? Let's hope so, huh?

Now let me go with a hypothetical. Let's imagine that Mariano Rivera wasn't a conservative, but instead, a far-left liberal. Now let's imagine what this shameful writer by the name of Robert Silverman *could* have written about Rivera. But first, I ask you to go back to the paragraph a little bit up the page and re-read just one of the things this idiot wrote in his piece, then read the paragraph below this, with words that Silverman probably would have written if Mariano Rivera was his kind of a person.

"The induction of Mariano Rivera yesterday is only the latest salutation for him in what has not only been a legendary baseball career but in addition, Mariano Rivera has shown that his ability to time and again be on the right side of history which makes him more than one of the best baseball players ever, it makes him someone who has always fought for change in a world and in a country that desperately needs it. His work with former President Barrack Obama has been exemplary, his support of the Iranian deal that Obama made a few years ago was sealed with a visit to the country where Rivera met with Iranian President Hasan Rouhani over three days. Rivera's courageous and outspoken words against so much of what is wrong in America today, particularly his biting words and his admonishing of the racist Trump-led Presidency, while also throwing his staunch support behind the oppressed and persecuted Colin Kaepernick has been noticed by all. A brilliant baseball player as well as an elegant and honorable man. Congratulations, Mr. Rivera, and well-done sir.

See, those are the kinds of words that Silverman would have used if Mariano Rivera saw the world the way that Silverman does. But because it's just the opposite, Silverman was compelled to author a story with nothing but venomous and spiteful accusations against a good man completely undeserving of such misguided hostility.

By the way, can someone please explain to me what being '*far-right*' actually means? Does this mean a simple philosophical difference, a way of thinking that runs counter to anything that a liberally-gearred individual thinks?

Does far-right have anything to do with brick-throwing and cement mixing far-left individuals who routinely terrorize cities and people who don't

come under their heels and think in all the ways that they demand? If Mariano Rivera wore a mask, carried a steel rod, and whacked people over their heads with it as a proud member of the domestic-terrorist franchise known as ANTIFA, would Robert Silverman then nominate him for not only the Hall Of Fame – but sainthood as well?

Speaking of whacks, Silverman gleefully took a few at Rivera's Christian faith, which of course, is obligatory in a disgusting hit piece the likes of which Silverman clownishly authored.

More Silverman on Rivera: *"Beyond Rivera's pro-Israel activism, even though he's never publicly given his endorsement, the Hall of Famer's actions make it clear his sympathies lie with the Trump administration, which has backed all manner of far-right [policies](#) when it comes to Israel. In 2018, Rivera was nominated for the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition. A month later, Rivera appeared at the White House for a friendly photo op, and in March, he was part of a delegation sent to the opening of the Special Olympics. Rivera also took part in a 2017 briefing on the opioid crisis (during which he never uttered more than a sentence or two, save for a few chuckles when the president fondly recalled his cut fastball). He has been praised by the President whenever the opportunity arose, and Ivanka got in a shout-out as well. Finally, Rivera co-hosted a pricey fundraiser with Donald Trump Jr. and Kimberly Guilfoyle for the America First PAC last August, at a cost of \$50,000 per couple."*

I cannot speak for you, but based on stuff like this my entire image of Mariano Rivera has been blown to hell. Derek Jeter and a few of his former teammates actually showed up in Cooperstown yesterday for this hate-monger? What the hell is going on here? Rivera has now been outed as the worst kind of human being that one can be.

A Latino-conservative, a deeply religious man, a great family man, serving in ways where he involves himself in things hoping to make the world a better place for people? This is anyone's idea of a baseball Hall Of Famer? And to put the icing on top, Rivera actually supports the people of Israel? Is that even allowed? How dare Mariano Rivera doing something so brazen as to think for himself, valuing the things that are important to him, and throwing aside the liberal-democrat plantation that insists on identity politics and the absolute loyalty of someone like Mariano Rivera. He's a scourge! He's a disloyal dog! Perhaps Robert Silverman would agree that a grand jury should be investigating Mariano Rivera at this very second?

My admiration for Mariano Rivera can also be found in the fact that while he is a Latino-conservative, he played his entire career without making it an issue, feeling no need to take to a soapbox and expressing the views that he holds. This dumbass writer, who should be embarrassed by such a malicious hit piece, did nothing more than author a smear-job against a decent man who has lived his life in accordance with his belief system while never once calling attention to himself.

Then again, if Mariano Rivera wanted to go public with his views and stances, in consideration of these twisted times we live in, would he have been allowed to? Would the media have shown him the same respect that they show others who make themselves a focal point on a range of different issues? Of course not. And why? Because as I'm always reminding you, this is a one-way street, folks. Tolerance? Respect for other people's ideas and views? For people like Robert Silverman and others on the '*far-left*', these words are nothing more than lip service and full of deceit.

Silverman's piece should be placed in the Smithsonian Institution where hundreds of years down the line people can view it and talk about what constitutes a legitimate and authentic piece of journalistic garbage, a defamatory screed with misleading character assassination at its heart, an orchestration of malice against a decent man and his family.

This piece is one where we learned that Mariano Rivera is a hateful bigot, a supporter of Israel, with the audacity to also characterize himself as a Christian, while being a supporter of the current President. There are no words, right? Who knew so much vitriolic hate could be balled up inside any one single individual, particularly a newly christened baseball Hall Of Famer?

The fact that Robert Silverman wrote this piece to coincide with perhaps the proudest moment of Mariano Rivera's career is so unprincipled and unethical I have to wonder if the author was on hallucinatory drugs at the time he wrote it.

Making the entire thing worst of all is that nothing contained in the counterfeit '*story*' amounts to a hill of beans. There is nothing contained within the piece that would make anyone – or should make anyone – think any differently about Mariano Rivera. Perhaps some would disagree with his political positions, and of course, there is nothing wrong with that. But a racist or a bigot? In what fantastical world would people think such absurd thoughts?

The only person who comes off looking atrocious in this whole thing is the author himself, Robert Silverman.

Yes, this is where we are today in America, my friends.

Let's tar and feather a Hall Of Famer on a day of observance, a day of celebration, on a day where that player is immortalized forever with baseball's highest honor. Let's cut him down and ambush him with a story that amounts to absolutely nothing. And for what? For having his own mind and his own convictions.

Whereas I think that someone like Mariano Rivera would disagree with someone like Robert Silverman's thoughts on many things, I have no question that Rivera would be respectful of Silverman's views and never refer to him in so many of the malicious ways that Silverman did to Rivera in his garbage story.

But Mariano Rivera is who he is, classy, gentlemanly, respectful, dignified and benevolent.

Robert Silverman? Perhaps someday he can be more like Mariano Rivera instead of being a scumbag hitman without an ounce of credibility.

If you want to read this bullshit story by Silverman you may reference it here:
<https://www.thedailybeast.com/inside-baseball-hall-of-famer-mariano-riveras-secret-far-right-politics>