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**Propaganda**

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Somehow, I thought all that negativity and propaganda was done with the defeat of the ultra-liberal factions of the Mainstream Media and the Democrat Party. It appears that I was badly mistaken.

While it is true that CNN has softened its rhetoric and moved its presentation of news more in a conservative direction, and The New York Times has backed away from some of its more hard-core liberal philosophy, the fact is the raw nerves and ill feelings are still out there … simmering.

But, I’ve noticed something else going on in the guts of today’s conservative media like Fox News and the conservative print media, including the likes of Glenn Beck, the Flyover and the 1440 Daily Digest. Instead of reporting events of interest across the world as news, they’ve taken to propagandizing every new fact with slanted details and information that turns a two-column report into a single truck! (Umm … that’s newspaper advertising jargon for a full page spread.)

Here’s an example from Secure and Prosper, a conservative email newsletter I find very interesting:

The battle over President Donald Trump’s most controversial nominees has taken a decisive turn,

With confirmation hearings scheduled for FBI director nominee Kash Patel and DNI director nominee Tulsi Gabbard, the administration is gearing up for a fight.

Vice President JD Vance stepped in with a message that left no room for interpretation. “You don’t get to make these decisions. President Trump gets to make these decisions, and he already has,” Vance declared on Wednesday.

Eight Cabinet members have already secured confirmation, including Secretary of State Marco Rubio and CIA Director John Ratcliffe. “Donald Trump won an imposing mandate because he got a different group of people to vote Republican than had ever voted Republican,” Vance said. “We have to give those parts of the coalition some wins, too.”

As these nominations move forward, the administration’s strategy reflects a broader truth about conservative governance: effective leadership requires both principle and pragmatism. The coming weeks will test this approach as confirmation hearings begin.

That actual story took only 221 words. The remaining 462 words were comprised of propagandized pap! Only four words describe the boring nonsense that filled in the cracks in this story: Blah Blah Blah Blah!

Wanta read the whole thing? Take a gander at my print version on Facebook. Meanwhile, I’ll decide what this story means … I make it a point to think for myself! And the sooner the mainstream media on both sides of the aisle get with the program, the happier I’ll be! Maybe you, too!

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**The Rest of the Story:**

**setting up what could be the most contentious confirmation hearings of 2025. As Senate Republicans weigh their positions, some have privately expressed reservations about the unconventional picks.**

**And if establishment Republicans thought they could quietly derail these nominations, they were in for a rude awakening.**

**Health and Human Services nominee Robert F. Kennedy Jr. rounds out the trio of selections that have Washington insiders buzzing.**

**In what can only be described as a masterclass in political straight talk,**

**Confirmation Battle Looms**

**The pushback against Trump’s nominees highlights the ongoing tension between establishment Republicans and the administration’s bold vision for reforming federal agencies. Patel, Gabbard, and Kennedy represent a dramatic departure from traditional appointees, drawing both praise and criticism from various corners of Washington.**

**However, these three nominees face unique challenges.**

**Vance, speaking from the nation’s capital, praised Senate Republicans for being “freethinking” and “independent” while firmly reminding them of constitutional principles regarding presidential appointments.**

**The former Ohio senator’s defense went beyond simple political positioning. He highlighted the administration’s strategic vision, pointing to Trump’s successful coalition-building in the November victory:**

**This approach, Vance argued, demonstrates the administration’s commitment to bringing fresh perspectives to government while maintaining core conservative principles.**

**Building a New Coalition**

**The administration’s success in confirming eight Cabinet members already shows the effectiveness of this strategy. Secretary of State Rubio, DHS Secretary Kristi Noem, and others represent a blend of traditional conservative leadership and reform-minded governance.**

**Trump’s ability to recruit supporters across partisan lines has already paid dividends. The addition of former Democrats like Gabbard alongside conservative stalwarts demonstrates the administration’s commitment to assembling the most effective team possible, regardless of conventional political boundaries.**

**“We’ve got a lot of traditional Republicans in the administration,” Vance noted. “But we’ve also got some new people, some people who bring a fresh perspective.”**

**Let’s be clear – this isn’t your grandfather’s Republican administration. And that’s exactly the point!**

**The message resonates beyond just these nominations: The mandate from November wasn’t only about winning an election. It was also about transforming government with a bold new vision while maintaining conservative principles.**

**With eight confirmations already secured and three more on the horizon, the Trump administration continues to demonstrate that putting America First means choosing the best people for the job, regardless of traditional political boundaries.**

**But with Vice President Vance’s forceful defense and a clear strategy in place, the administration appears ready for the fight ahead. And if the establishment thinks they can stop this transformation of government? Well, they’ve got another thing coming.**