Why Democrats are Declaring War on Trump: They're Terrified

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In a panic over their unexpected losses in November, Senate Democrats have declared war on Donald Trump

It's not just Senate Democratic Leader Charles Schumer's (N.Y.) pledge to filibuster the new Supreme Court nominee, Neil Gorsuch, before his name was even announced, although that was indicative of a dangerous new tone that I have never witnessed in 30 years of covering Washington politics.

In just the second week of the Trump administration, Schumer announced that America was "on the cusp of a constitutional crisis." Why? Because the president fired an Obama political appointee serving as acting attorney general after she refused to carry out a lawful order.

Forget the fact that every president has the right to appoint his own people to executive branch positions, or that the listing of these well-defined positions is known as the "Plumbook."

Forget the fact that Bill Clinton when he took office in 1993, replacing them with his own political picks.

Democrats have entered a zone where facts don't matter; even actions don't matter. Whatever this president does, they will oppose. Why? Because this is war.

Listen to the words chosen yesterday by Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), the ranking member of the Senate

Foreign Relations Committee, <u>in his floor speech announcing</u> <u>his opposition to Rex Tillerson as the secretary of State</u>.

Cardin's main beef with Tillerson was that he "demonstrated business orientation in his responses to questions during the confirmation hearing."

Now, that should not come as a surprise to the good Senator, given that for his entire career, Mr. Tillerson has been a businessman — and a very successful one, at that.

American history has many examples of businessmen serving as secretaries of State or secretaries of War with great success. Think George Schultz or Henry Stimson.

But for Cardin, that was enough. In fact, that was his only direct criticism of Tillerson. He immediately pivoted to name-calling and invective.

"The first 10 days of the Trump administration shows that the president is intent on compromising our values, abandoning our allies," Cardin declared on the Senate floor Tuesday, calling Trump's executive orders the sign of an "unstable, reckless foreign policy."

He then accused unnamed individuals in the new administration of mounting "a willful, dangerous campaign ... to bend or

potentially even break the law."

Tillerson, he claimed, was likely to be "another 'yes' man, enabling the risky, chaotic whims of a demagogue president," who Cardin claimed was engaging in "hate-mongering."

Calling the president a "demagogue" after just 10 days in office is extraordinary. These are not normal terms of senatorial discourse. And if you had watched the good senator on C-SPAN, he seemed at times on the verge of apoplexy or tears.

Sen. Ben Cardin says Rex Tillerson has misplaced 'priorities' for secretary of state https://t.co/JZdKgzo0Vh

- Jeff Barker (@sunjeffbarker) January 23, 2017

And yet, I am sure that many Democrats reading this will agree with Sens. Schumer and Cardin. Some have already compared Trump to Hitler.

What explains the unusual vitriol?

I believe it stems from the inability of many Democrats to accept their defeat in November, or to understand that the people of mainland America — that heartland between California and New York — overwhelmingly rejected their elitist vision and collectivist values.

During the campaign, Donald Trump made a number of specific promises to the American people. Over the past 10 days, he has been fulfilling them one by one and the Democrats are tearing out their hair, because they know what this means for 2018.

Democrats are terrified that Trump will succeed. They are terrified that his border wall will stem the tide of illegal immigration and dramatically reduce the flow of illegal drugs into this country. They are terrified that his temporary ban on refugee resettlement that empowers Customs and Border Patrol agents to devise a more rigorous vetting process will keep America safe.

They are terrified that he will defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria and forge stronger ties with Arab nations such as Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia who are on the front lines of that fight.

They are terrified that key European countries will turn to the right in this year's elections, rejecting the new world order ruled by an unelected globalist elite.

They know that if Trump succeeds, as they fear, he will sweep the U.S. Senate and they will become a dwindling minority party representing the globalist, high-tech elite and an army of pajama boys based on the two coasts.

Democrats are going to war because their schemes have been exposed and they fear they are about to lose their jobs.

I hope everyone in the White House is wearing body armor by now, because this is going to get much worse.

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