

*For the Right-Winged Bloggers, Halloween Season Has Arrived!*

The recent blunder by the White House and USDA in the case of Ms. Shirley Sherrod is a testimony of how much power the noisy press wields in American politics today. Looks like after Mr. Obama took office, the conservative pundits have moved so much to their right that it has obscured their view of the country and its priorities totally.

At a time when the country is undoubtedly on a ruinous path in terms of financial instability, joblessness, ballooning debt and war expenditure, this administration has been forced into face-saving charade, thanks to the out-of-context brouhaha stirred by the jaundiced-eyed Fourth Estate. The undeterred assault on the president and his policies is nothing but the unconcealed bigotry of the press.

No wonder then that a man deemed less than two years ago, to be the unifying voice of American masses, has been reduced to a timid flip-flop under pressure from the hate-mongering conservative TV journalists, who have become the bedfellows of the like-minded Tea Party.

Tea Party is poised to split this country right in the middle. Some people call Tea Party racist. I take objection to that definition. No, their politics is based on, hinges on and thrives on the elements of deep-rooted bigotry. Their version of 'take the country back' dangerously borders on the re-enactment of ideological supremacy of one race over all others.

The recent witch hunt surrounding Ms. Shirley Sherrod is just the tip of the iceberg. In the Tea Party country, the definition of 'colored' people would be very broad and might include anyone and everyone with skin tone of brown, yellow, fair or off-white as well. Also would be ostracized the people belonging to the creeds that worship 'monkey', 'sheep', 'snake' or 'rat' God!

Here is what I'm worried about. What happens to Muslim-Americans like me, who worship an indescribable God? I reckon, in Tea Party Country we would be asked to hit the road to Mexico City via *Phoenix!*