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Parsing the subtext of the racist 'birther' conspiracy 4

It's time to recognize the "birther" conspiracy wingnuts for what they are. They're racists. There is no other explanation for the circus sideshow that's been going on since the inception of the Obama administration. The birthers, including most recently the windbag carnival barker, Donald Trump, just can't stand the fact that a man born to a white mother and black father could ever succeed at anything in this country, much less become president.

Even Wednesday, when the White House released the long-form copy of Barack Obama's Hawaii birth certificate, the crazies continued to run around howling at the moon.

Trump, in his characteristic bombast, took credit for flushing the president into the open, further accusing Obama of basically being stupid. Obama was too dumb, in Trump's warped mind, to get through any college, much less Columbia and Harvard universities.

The insinuation, of course, is that Obama was the beneficiary of the dreaded "affirmative action" programs that all blacks are thought to rely on to get through the white man's schools and get jobs in the white man's world.

After all, black people — even those of mixed race — are lazy and dumb, goes the real birther subtext.

Then there's the queen of the crazies, Orly Taitz, the attorney, dentist and serial conspiracy buff.

Generally acknowledged to be the Mother Superior of the birther movement, Taitz reacted to the release of the birth certificate by wondering why it used the word "African" rather than "Negro." Taitz, in reality, probably would have preferred that Barack and Stanley Ann Dunham Obama's infant son be referred to as "colored" or "nigra." (And what about a woman named Stanley? More proof the president's an alien being of some sort?)

Regardless of the code words, it's all about race, particularly the race of one man — the sitting, duly elected president of the United States.

But enough is enough. It's time for birthers like Trump and Taitz and their Tea Party sympathizers — and yes even their cowardly fellow travelers in the party of Lincoln and Fox News — to shut up and slither away. They are embarrassing this nation.

In America, thank God, a child of any race, born in Hawaii or any other state, can succeed. The Civil War, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Civil Rights Act and basic human decency guarantee it. And the election of 2008 proved it.

Stop the nonsense.

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