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-An Editorial-

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Lynching Lynch; Why Tom Cotton Should Be Attorney General*

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On St. Patrick's Day, I participated in a press conference call hosted by African American leaders. The purpose of the call was to "urge the Senate to move ahead with the long overdue confirmation vote on Loretta Lynch's nomination for Attorney General." Wade Henderson, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, served as both moderator and progenitor of getting out this urgent call.

For the record, we endorse Ms. Loretta Lynch for Attorney General.

If Loretta Lynch gets past the quagmire of Republican senators who have chosen to block the nomination, she would become the nation's first African American female Attorney General. Even the Republican stalwarts have admitted that she is more than qualified. But one would imagine with all the publicity surrounding this nomination that most of you know about her qualifications and her standing to make American history so much so that it's become saprophytic in public opinion. So, let's not dwell on these factors or that there persists a systemic degradation of Black women where it has become implicitly and tacitly acceptable.

Senator Mitch McConnell's anti-Lynch campaign has reached such mammoth proportion that it is making history of its own in positioning Lynch to have waited longer than anyone for this nomination. As of this writing, Lynch is in her 139th day of being an Attorney General-in waiting.

Mitch McConnell has decided to blockade her nomination for a variety of alleged reasons from President Obama's immigration policies to WHATEVER.

On the March 17th press conference panel were: Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; Cong. Marcia L. Fudge of Ohio; Cong. G.K. Butterfield of North Carolina, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus; and Dr. Paulette C. Walker, national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

During the conference call, we received a statement from Senator Bob Corker's office which stated that he would not be voting in favor of Lynch. We later received a statement from Senator Lamar Alexander that he, too, would not vote for Lynch.

Indeed, I read and re-read with extreme interest their statements along with some other Republican 'literature' on this matter, and I came to the conclusion that since Mitch has mounted such a sophisticated campaign against Lynch that he and his comrades should persuade President Obama to pull his nomination from Lynch and to instead nominate Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas. Of course, many citizens know that Cotton recently wrote an Open Letter the Leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran instructing them that the president can only serve two terms and that senators can serve longer to demonstrate his prowess in political dialectics.

Cotton, at age 36 and as a freshman senator, has proven his leadership ability when he led 46 Republicans to sign his letter. Though our esteemed senators from Tennessee did not sign Tommy's letter, they should nevertheless give Tommy their support to become one of the youngest attorney generals in American history.

Little Tommy deserves to be Attorney General by the mere fact he has managed to escape charges of treason and of being brought before the ethics committee, and he has shucked off labels of traitor and immaturity— yes, and even possible felon charges for violating the Logan Act and boldly 'going where no senator has gone before'. Of course, if Tommy had been a member of the Black Caucus or if he had been a member of the Hispanic Caucus or of the Women's Caucus and led their respective members to write an open letter to the "Leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran" during sensitive nuclear negotiations, he would have had papers drawn up on him so fast that the speed of light would have slowed to mass.

Sen. Corker was elegant in his assessment of why he could not support Lynch and why I believe he would support Tommy. The Senator stated: "The job of the U.S. attorney general is to enforce federal laws as written, not as the administration wishes they were written. While I believe Ms. Lynch is an impressive attorney and a committed public servant, nothing revealed during our personal meeting or at her confirmation hearing has assured me that she will be an independent attorney general and refrain from selective enforcement of the law, and therefore I will not be supporting her confirmation."

Tommy boy certainly thought it a grand idea not to abide by laws written forbidding him from inserting himself directly into treaty making. Yet, Tommy is so brilliant that he has received no reprimand from the Chairman of the Foreign Relations committee which is Corker by the way. Of course, the good Senator from Tennessee knows that Tommy will "refrain from selective enforcement of the law" – international or otherwise. Surely, he knows this.

Ahhhh, but Tommy is mesmerizing. Tommy is charming. Tommy can lead sheep.

I am sure our Sen. Lamar Alexander would support him. Alexander has enjoyed for many years the support of African Americans' and Black mayors' support and endorsements in West Tennessee. These African Americans on many occasions crossed the traditional Democratic Party line and voted for Alexander. But, alas, Senator Alexander has chosen to rape a Black woman of becoming the first African American

female to serve as Attorney General because as he has stated in his statement of March 17th : “I will vote against President Obama’s nomination of Loretta Lynch for attorney general of the United States. This is an opportunity, within the Senate rules, to express my disapproval of the president’s abuse of executive authority, and it’s an opportunity I intend to take.” His statement continues that Lynch’s nomination “should be decided by a majority vote of senators, as cabinet nominations have been decided throughout the history of the Senate.”

Alexander’s camp places at the end of his statement: “On Feb 4 Alexander and Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) introduced legislation to establish by Senate rule the Senate tradition of approving presidential nominations by a simple majority vote, rather than the 60 votes it would take to end a filibuster. Alexander said that, according to information compiled by the Senate historian and the Congressional Research Service, in the entire history of the U.S. Senate since Thomas Jefferson wrote the rules in 1789, no cabinet nominee has ever been denied confirmation by requiring 60 votes to end a filibuster.”

Perhaps our honorable Senator from Tennessee should have implored the Senate historian and Congressional Research Service to research “in the entire history of the U.S. Senate” regarding what little Tommy did when he wrote ‘The Letter’ during nuclear negotiations to a sovereign state. But, of course, we must overlook what little Tommy did because he probably thought Sovereign was indeed one of the 50 states. And boys will be boys.

Of course, if Loretta Lynch would change her name to Loretta Lynn, the two Tennessee boys would probably support her.

Yes, Loretta Lynch should chill out. Go back and continue to work her present job. The President should leave the Attorney General position vacant, and there should be a countdown on how long it can remain vacant. A lottery can be attached to this historical countdown. Funds collected could be given to little Tommy who can use it to continue to suck his thumb. Starbucks could sponsor this campaign as an offshoot of its Race Together campaign.

Of course, Alexander has some explaining to do the next time he seeks Black votes in West Tennessee and struts into Black churches and speaks before Black church women groups or to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. or to any other Black woman sorority. He is apt to find a whole lot of (Do forgive my stereotype here) Angry Black Women staring down his throat.

Oh, Lamar, Lamar, Lamar. Black women are mounting a blockade of their own and they are taking names to kick posteriors.

Am I being harsh in describing this holdup of Loretta Lynch’s nomination by using the word ‘rape’ which has long been the ‘peculiar’ situation of Black women in America’s history, then let me be harsher: Not only is Loretta Lynch being symbolically raped, she is also the victim of a public lynching mainly by a bunch of white boys who call themselves U.S. Senators with Mitch leading the Lynch-mob.

And to those who think I am being unprofessional. Yes, I am. And you can give my gold star to little Tommy, mean ole Mitch who has been behaving like a witch, the Tennessee tag team of Lamar and Bob, and the rest of the ‘Lynch’ mob who continue to waste tax payers dollars by stalling approval of this nomination possibly until 2017—the deadline little Tommy told the “Leaders” of Iran that the President will end his term in office.

Too bad, in the capacity of Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell has hardened his heart with the same stubbornness as Pharaoh. And we all know how that turned out.

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