

The Dark Side

What Rush doesn't know can hurt us.

By Baxter Black



I FELT A TREMOR IN THE EARTH: RUSH LIMbaugh joined the Dark Side. He is a spokesman for the Humane Society of the United States. It was like finding out your brother is a cross-dresser!

Why does it matter? It probably doesn't to most people, but whether you like him or not, you could always find out what the conservatives were thinking. He was the balancing act for the liberal's Sen. Ted Kennedy.

When I heard Rush's commercial for HSUS, I had a déjà vu of Ted Turner's donation to the Audubon Society years ago. I remember thinking at the time that Ted, one of America's richest men, wanted to change his image.

He chose the politically correct cause of "environmentalism" and the buffalo became his symbol. Ted Turner is a smart man. To show his change of heart, he made a substantial donation to the Audubon Society. The Society, the members of which I'm guessing, previously wouldn't have stained their shoes on his carpet, suddenly became his sycophantic supporters and proclaimed him an "environmentalist."

It is possible that Rush is feeling lonely and has that same need to be "liked" as Ted. We all want people to like us. I just wish he'd looked into HSUS a little deeper, but he has a kitten named Pumpkin, and it gives him comfort. He was vulnerable.

I just wish he'd asked his listeners before he fell for the pitch. He would have discovered that HSUS has an anti-live-stock farming, anti-meat eating, anti-circus animal, anti-zoo, anti-hunting, anti-biomedical research, anti-pet breeding

and, it would seem logical, eventually, an anti-pet-owning policy.

One of the reasons that there is such resentment in the anti-HSUS forces is because HSUS co-opted the name "humane society" from the real locally operated animal shelters across the country with which HSUS has no affiliation. Despite its advertising and fund-raising propaganda, HSUS spends only a pittance of its soiled graft helping those

who actually do the hands-on care of unwanted or abused animals.

Does Rush know that HSUS is a lumbering giant? It is a bloated bag of money changers, a grotesque sugar daddy pouring money into lobbying, litigation and fund raising, while disingenuously holding up photos of cute sad-eyed kittens and puppies, as if the money you sent to HSUS would actually help them. Note: If you want to donate to the real cause, give to your local animal shelter.

Rush, imagine your kitten, Pumpkin, is in a jail with other kittens and puppies and HSUS is the crocodile jailer. Say a conservative animal-loving talk show host comes in with a giant plate of turkey and dressing for the prisoners.

"I'll make sure these cute little orphans get it," says the crocodile, smiling his toothy smile.

"Thank you so much," says Rush ... but Pumpkin knows better. ■



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