

Mr. President, They Are Not Baristas; They Are Marines

It was the salute seen around the world.

President Obama was caught on video saluting marines with a coffee cup in his hand. Just call him Cappuccino-in-Chief.

The White House posted video to its Instagram account and soon weathered a torrent of outrage. *The Washington Times* dubbed the moment “Semper Latte.”

I’m surprised he didn’t order the marines to fetch him cream and sugar.

Before lunchtime, liberals had unearthed a photograph purportedly showing former President Bush saluting with a dog in his arms. As if that somehow makes what President Obama did OK.

I do not know the context of the Bush photo, but I will say this: If in fact he saluted marines with a dog in his hands, shame on him.

Wrong is wrong. This isn’t about politics. It’s about respect.

And President Obama’s lukewarm latte salute was a violation of protocol and common decency and a complete sign of disrespect.

Just remember, Mr. President: They are not baristas. They are marines.

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