

Should Donald Trump Tone It Down or Crank Up the Volume?

Donald Trump was taken to the GOP woodshed this week.

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Preibus reportedly spent an hour on the phone—telling Mr. Trump to tone down his comments about the illegal immigrants. The GOP establishment types are hyperventilating over his blunt assessment about the criminal element crossing the border.

I'm not quite sure why the Republicans are telling Mr. Trump to tone it down—especially in the aftermath of the Kate Steinle murder. Ms. Steinle was gunned down by an illegal immigrant on July 1 in San Francisco.

The gunman is a convicted felon who had been deported five times. And yet—he was released from law enforcement custody in compliance with San Francisco's designation as a sanctuary city for illegals.

So it's easy to understand why Mr. Trump's message about illegals pillaging and plundering our nation is resonating with average Americans. But what I can't seem to understand is why Country Club Republicans find his honest and straightforward appraisal is impolite and ill-mannered.

You know who else is toning it down? President Obama.

The White House has a long and sordid history of sticking its nose in local criminal matters—usually involving altercations between police and black men.

There was Professor Henry (Cops Acting Stupidly) Gates and Trayvon (“If I had a son ...”) Martin. And most recently—Baltimore and Ferguson (Hands Up, Don't Shoot) Missouri.

But for whatever reason the White House has decided to take a pass on San Francisco—a crime that involves an illegal alien accused of murdering a white woman.

And yet the Republicans want Mr. Trump to tone it down. Tone it down? I say he needs to crank up the volume.

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