

Reagan Diaries: George W: “Find the Kid a Job”...

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The above statement, while reflecting a certain element of truth, is false. It did not appear in the “Reagan Diaries”.

See Below.

Did Reagan call G.W. Bush a ne’er-do-well?

Status: False

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This paragraph supposedly written by Ronald Reagan is currently circulating widely around the internet:

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Did Reagan really write this? Nope, he didn’t. The quotation is pulled from an article titled [“My Lunch with Reagan”](#) by Michael Kinsley in the New Republic (vol. 237, issue 1, 7/2/07). And, not surprisingly, the quotation is taken out of context. In its original context it’s easy to tell that it’s meant as a joke:

The literary editor of The New Republic, Leon Wieseltier, brought the joyous news. "Guess what, Mike. You're mentioned in Reagan's diaries." The diaries were published recently by HarperCollins and were generally well-received. Edited by America's historian-on-steroids, Douglas Brinkley, The Reagan Diaries apparently reveal Reagan to be more thoughtful than he is normally given credit for. Of course, our standards in the area of presidential thoughtfulness have plummeted in recent years. Still, the fact that Reagan was writing it all down was news, and an interesting departure from presidential tradition. Traditionally, presidents use a hidden tape recorder.

But I was more interested in the me angle, frankly. And it was a puzzle. What on earth could Reagan have written? I indulged my imagination, and my ego: "January 22, 1983. Mommie [Nancy] says that Kinsley's column this week in The New Republic undermines the entire philosophical basis of my administration. O dear O dear, I had better not read it."

Or: "October 6, 1987. Why does Kinsley keep picking on me? He is the only thing standing between me and the total destruction of the welfare state. But, ha: I will destroy him-destroy him utterly- or my name's not ... not ... not Say, they had 'State Fair' on TV last night. What a wholesome, clean-cut young man that Pat Boone is."

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