

In Response to "Who Am I?"

To the editor...

I found the "Who Am I?" item in the August 11-17 (issue) to be very offensive. I have been a reader for some time; but, will not be picking up another copy. I wonder if you have the guts and gumption to comment in your publication.

Lorraine Wilson
A former reader

To the editor...

There was a "joke" or "commentary" about our President and Hitler that as a Democratic party member I would like to see and make sure that my party can see the differentiations.

I love your publication.

Thank you in advance,
Jeff

Response From the Editor:

Dear Jeff,

In re-reading "Who Am I" submitted by one of our readers and published in the Au-

gust 11-17 issue of *Huckleberry Press*, I failed to read any reference to our President and the Democratic Party. The "chuckleberry" was not intended to discredit anyone in your party. Politicians from both parties are doing a pretty complete job of discrediting themselves just fine without my help. You have my apology if you felt a comparison with Adolf Hitler and the Democratic party was made.

With regard to your insightful letter, Lorraine, I had no idea any intelligent and compassionate person could become so offended by reading about one of history's most cruel and despicable mass murderers, Adolf Hitler. I would think the only folks who would be offended by the piece would be those who had an affinity for Adolf Hitler. I just have to ask, "Lorraine, what were you thinking?"

Guts? Gumption? Me? You bet! I have so much guts and gumption, I'm willing to print your opinion in my paper and fight for your right to do so.

The warning at the top

of the chuckleberries page reads, "Not to be taken internally, literally, or seriously." So, lighten up!

For those who missed it, below is the piece again.

Victoria Caudle
Managing Editor
Huckleberry Press

Who Am I?

Sent in by Melissa C., Shelton

I was born in one country, raised in another.

My father was born in another country.

I was not his only child. He fathered several children with other women.

I became very close to my mother, as my father showed no interest in me.

My mother died at an early age from cancer.

Although my father deserted me and my mother raised me, I later wrote a book idolizing my father not my mother.

Later in life, questions arose over my real name. My

birth records were sketchy. No one was able to produce a legitimate, reliable birth certificate.

I grew up practicing one faith but converted to Christianity, as it was widely accepted in my new country, but I practiced non-traditional beliefs and didn't follow Christianity, except in the public eye under scrutiny.

I worked and lived among lower-class people as a young adult, disguising myself as someone who really cared about them.

That was before I decided it was time to get serious about my life and embarked on a new career.

I wrote a book about my struggles growing up.

It was clear to those who read my memoirs, that I had difficulties accepting that my father abandoned me as a child.

I became active in local politics in my 30's then, with help behind the scenes, I literally burst onto the scene as a candidate for national office in my 40s.

They said I had a golden tongue and could talk anyone into anything.

I had a virtually non-existent resume, little work his-

tory, and no experience in leading a single organization.

Yet, I was a powerful speaker and citizens were drawn to me, as though I were a magnet and they were small roofing tacks.

I drew incredibly large crowds during my public appearances. This bolstered my ego.

At first, my political campaign focused on my country's foreign policy. I was very critical of my country in the last war, and seized every opportunity to bash my country.

But what launched my rise to national prominence were my views on the country's economy.

I pretended to have a really good plan on how we could do better, and every poor person would be fed and housed for free.

I knew which group was responsible for getting us into this mess. It was the free market, banks, and corporations.

I decided to start making citizens hate them and, if they became envious of others who did well, the plan was clinched tight.

I called mine "A Peo-

ple's Campaign." That sounded good to all people.

I was the surprise candidate because I emerged from outside the traditional path of politics and was able to gain widespread popular support.

I knew that, if I merely offered the people 'hope', together we could change our country and the world.

So, I started to make my speeches sound like they were on behalf of the downtrodden, poor, ignorant to include "persecuted minorities."

My true views were not widely known and I kept them unknown, until after I became my nation's leader.

I had to carefully guard reality, as anybody could have easily found out what I really believed, if they had simply read my writings and examined those people I associated with. I'm glad they didn't.

Then I became the most powerful man in the world.

And then the world learned the truth.

Who am I?
Adolph Hitler.

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