

The Blue Banner's View

Opponents may talk trash but Obama shows class

Congratulations to Mitt Romney for proving exactly why he shouldn't be president.

Romney criticized a documentary, planned to be released Thursday by Barack Obama's campaign, claiming the video to be an "infomercial."

The 17-minute video will highlight the president's accomplishments in the White House, according to the Obama campaign.

Critics, including Romney, call the video a campaign stunt.

Considering the fact that campaign season is upon us and Obama's campaign team releases the video, what makes this a stunt?

And really, Romney, aren't your comments a tad hypocritical considering the number of campaign videos released by your campaign?

Let's discuss the difference between the Obama campaign's video and Romney's video.

Obama's video details what the president accomplished during his first term in office. Sure, it's part of the political game. It's supposed to say to voters, "Look what we've already done," and imply Obama can do more.



Courtesy of The White House

President Obama places phone calls to military service members last Thanksgiving, thanking them for their service.

It's called campaign strategy, and it beats Romney's.

So far Romney's campaign has released countless videos arguing his ability to govern this country. More than 30 videos criticize Obama and his term

as president, and another seven videos aim only to criticize his GOP opponent Newt Gingrich.

Funny, he hasn't aimed his insulting videos at the other GOP candidate Rick Santorum.

What do these videos say about Romney's campaign strategy? Why bother connecting with voters, listening to their issues or showing how he can fix those issues. Instead, let's just make the other guy look bad.

Yeah, that's a solid approach. Instead of giving voters the information they need to make informed decisions about who would be the best leader, just make them choose the lesser of two evils.

Obama refrained from involving himself in the name-calling games politicians play during the 2008 campaign, and so far he hasn't involved himself in the game this time around.

Romney, and even Gingrich, whose campaign released similar critical videos, should take note.

These GOP candidates may be excellent at finding fault with their opponents, but this only serves to highlight their own faults.

Obama won the 2008 election without constantly criticizing his opponent. For that, he earned respect.

He played fair and won by proving that he not only has leadership qualities, but he also had more class than other candidates.

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