



Time spent with Trump supporters changes writer's tune

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OK, I admit it. I may have been a little harsh on Trump supporters in the past; i.e., a few of my letters probably reflect somewhat of a negative sentiment. So I want to take this opportunity to set the record straight.

I think the ability to rise above petty partisan bickering is one of my most endearing qualities. As such, I decided to spend some quality time with a few of the president's more ardent followers. Talk about a life-changing experience.

First, I learned you really can't trust mainstream media outlets like The New York Times and CNN to tell the truth. If you only go by their reporting, you'd never know that Mexico paid for the wall as soon as Trump sent them an invoice shortly after taking office. Apparently, we are just waiting for the check to clear before construction can officially begin.

Second, I learned coal is back with a vengeance. Remember when candidate Trump told the miners in West Virginia to get their shovels ready because they'd be "working their asses off" once he was elected. If you only tune into the fake news, you wouldn't know Appalachia is now the fastest-growing economic region in the entire country.

Finally, I learned that due to Trump's middle class tax cut, most Americans who fall in those brackets will be receiving the largest income tax refunds in history – they will literally be getting back more money than they'll know how to spend. Again, don't expect to see that story in The Washington Post or on MSNBC.

Honestly, I was told I'd need a lobotomy in order to fully appreciate why "the base" is so devoted to Trump. But all it took was a short conversation to get where they are coming from. Live and learn.

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