

Pelosi Campaigns as Marie Antoinette

Aug. 13—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has spoken out, apparently, with a straight face: She has charged Americans, who face job losses, home foreclosures, and now, an attempt by the Obama crew to impose a Nazi-style health-care scheme, with “un-American” activities, for protesting these policies.

In an Aug. 10 *USA Today* op-ed, co-signed by her sidekick, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, titled “Un-American’ Attacks Can’t Derail Health Care Debate,” Pelosi lashed out at what she calls “an ugly campaign [that] is underway not merely to misrepresent [the issue] ... but to disrupt public meetings.... The tactics have included hanging in effigy one Dem member of Congress in Maryland and protesters holding a sign displaying a tombstone with the name of another congress-

man in Texas, where protesters also shouted. . . . “Drowning out opposing views is just plain un-American.”

Although she stops short of calling for a revival of the House Un-American Activities Committee of the 1940s and '50s, it's clear from the intensity of her passion, that she would be willing to entertain the idea.

Pelosi's rant has already triggered a furious backlash, with editorials and denunciations from all over the country. Washington, D.C.'s all-news radio station, WTOP, had to post a plea on its website, where it reported on Pelosi's *USA Today* column, asking readers: “Please note that WTOP strives to be a family-friendly website, so please keep the language clean when you add your comments. . . .”

Pelosi's Ultimate Facelift

Just before her op-ed attacking Americans who are attempting to defend their fast-eroding living standards, Nancy Pelosi and her millionaire financier husband, Paul, hosted two private soirées for high-rollers, one at their San Francisco mansion Aug. 7, and another, the following day, at their posh Napa Wine Country estate. While millions of Americans are unemployed and desperate, the Pelosis wined and dined 170 A-List guests

and Democratic political types, at a “donor maintenance” party, at their seven-acre vineyard in St. Helena, the ritzy Napa Valley town.

References to Pelosi-as-Marie Antoinette immediately began to pop up. For example, “‘Let Them Eat Cake’ Democrats,” is the headline of an opinion column by Monica Crowley, in the Aug. 12 *Washington Times*. Crowley recalls Marie Antoinette's (alleged) dismissal of the starving French with her remark, “Let them eat cake,” then writes, “Today's equivalent would be House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.... [Such] soulless leaders carry on self-indulgently until they are finally swept away. Marie Antoinette's neck met the business



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The image of Nancy Pelosi as Marie Antoinette (“Let them eat cake”) is making the rounds, following the Speaker’s tirade against protestors as “un-American,” and her big-bucks-bashes in California, for A-List donors.

end of a guillotine. Mrs. Pelosi and her band of profligate spenders may well meet the business end of voters' anger next year. It's something she should worry her pretty little head about now, before she loses it."

Another reference is found in a posting on Salon.com Aug. 12, in "Obama's Healthcare Horror—Heads Should Roll—Beginning with Nancy Pelosi," by Camille Paglia. Paglia denounces Pelosi charge that American citizens who object to Obama's "reforms" are an un-American mob, asking: "And what do Democrats stand for, if they are so ready to defame concerned citizens as the 'mob,'—a word betraying a Marie Antoinette delusion of superiority to ordinary mortals."

Lyndon LaRouche suggests that Pelosi is actually pleased by the comparisons to Marie Antoinette. "It has the feel of a real face uplift—an historical, sociological face uplift!" What she should do is resign, and get that burden off her shoulders, he said.