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Hypocrites, Miscreants, and Morons Unload on Biden¹

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When 241 Marines died in Beirut, the country rallied behind Reagan. When the lives of 2,977 people were tragically cut short on 9/11, the country rallied behind Bush. But when 13 Marines are killed in a terrorist attack as President Biden seeks to extricate the country from the quagmire that is Afghanistan, it's difficult to find even Democrats willing to defend President Biden.

Why is that? It's certainly not because Biden was more at fault than Reagan or Bush. The marines in Beirut occupied an exposed area and had been prevented, for political reasons, from maintaining a secure perimeter. Richard Clarke warned Condoleezza Rice on nearly a daily basis of the threat posed by Al Qaeda, and a month before the attack the President's Daily Brief bore the headline, "Bin Ladin Determined to Strike in US." The CIA put it in the title because W had ignored their prior warnings.

So why? Is it because Biden is a Democrat and Reagan and Bush were Republicans and Democrats generally put country before party while Republicans always put party before country? Or — and this is the most troubling — because the media just got tired of reporting on the stream of Biden's economic and legislative successes and were looking to change the narrative?

Whatever the reason, it is long past time to stop bloviating and sensationalizing and instead get behind a decent man who has done a hell of a job so far and now needs and deserves the unqualified support of the American people.

¹ *The Delray Democrat*, [September 2021](#), p. 7.