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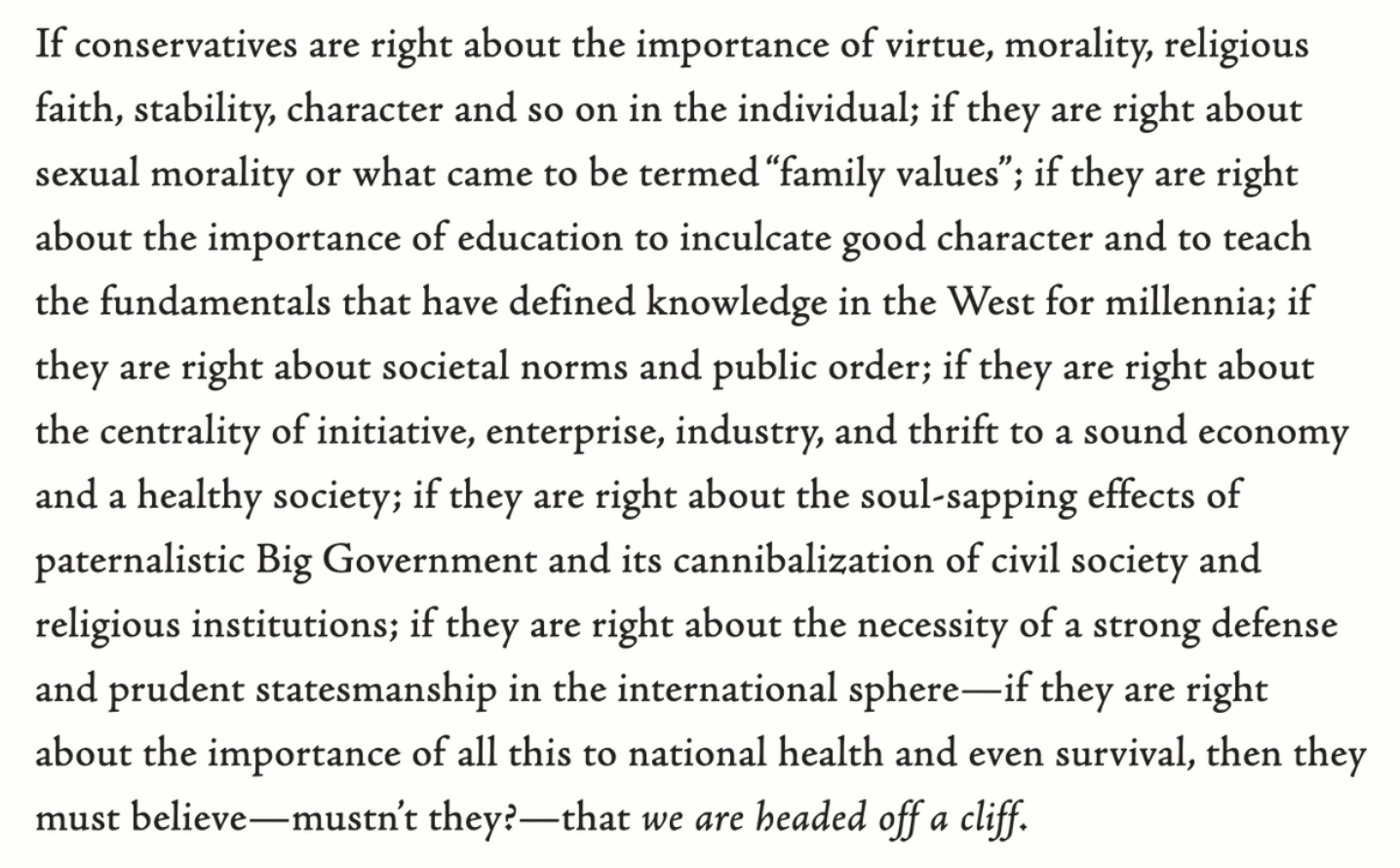
There was a time when @RichLowry writing something this nakedly despicable would have been unthinkable. Accusing a man of helping provoke a crime via something he wrote FOUR YEARS BEFOREHAND is the kind of ethics you want Buckley's life's work to be associated with, Rich? Really?

> Make no mistake: A Flight 93 mentality led to the Jan. 6 presidency, now defined not by any of the good it accomplished\xa0but by a hideous act of extremism in its desperate, spittle-flecked final days | Opinion by @RichLowry https://t.co/eoQ4kGvP0X
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> — National Review (@NRO) January 15, 2021

Beyond that stunning abandonment of conscience, @RichLowry naturally neglects to include a link to the Flight 93 Election essay, because when you're lying about something it's better the readers you're trying to deceive not have the original on hand for quick comparison.

Here is that link, where you will find that, contrary to @RichLowry's journalistic malpractice, Anton does not "valorize" Trump's flaws, argue that Trump is a "savior," or suggest that "character and norms no longer matter." https://t.co/OALypR35Qf

If you don't have time for the the full essay right now, at least read the following passages and ask yourself how well they match @RichLowry's misrepresentations:



There is a strong case to be made for the Flight 93 Election essay being the single most impactful piece of political writing of the decade. I can think of no other work that has provoked so many responses, over so long, of so much anger and yet so little substance.

It makes these people so personally, uncontrollably angry not simply because they've never been able to comp up with a good response to its main point, but because it directly implicates THEM.

It nails them for just how far they deviated from standing athwart history, for how their failed stewardship of conservatism brought the GOP and the country so low that a Trump could rise. Deep down, @RichLowry et al. can't deny it -- and they can't handle it.

And, in the case of @RichLowry and the many objectively-bad people he allowed to stain @NRO's pages over the last five years, they simply lack the character to not lie in response, to not lash out with the very demagogic tendencies they claim to abhor.

If William F. Buckley was half the man most of us (myself included) think he was, it is inconceivable that he would be proud of @RichLowry this week, or what Lowry has done with the magazine WFB entrusted to him.