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The other day my husband pointed out a car's bumper sticker he thought odd. It said, "I <heart> Haters." Thinking about it, I thought, actually, I hoped, rather than agreeing with "the haters", the person agreed with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s thoughts, "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." The car's owner meaning being, respond to hate with love.

That got me wondering why more people on the left, aren't denouncing the hate and violence targeted at President Trump, his supporters, and free speech. They talk about what a **great** man Dr. King was, while ignoring what he was **about**. They get you can't change the hearts and minds of people and leaders in other countries through war and force, but think it's appropriate to do so to shut down conservatism and ideas with which they disagree.

The left shuts down free speech, rather than debating. They pressure liberals working with the President to quit or face shunning. Isn't working and engaging with President Trump and conservatives more likely to effect positive results? You can't influence if you're not in the room.

Dr. King also said, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress have been acting the fools. Yes, there are many and great differences in the basic beliefs of the two parties. But certainly, there's common ground, too. Feuding like the Hatfield's and McCoy's gets no one, nowhere. Our greatest Statesmen's common trait was reaching across the aisle to make the Country's best and biggest changes.

President Trump has been a Democrat, a Republican, and an Independent. Foremost, he's a businessman. He's gathered a team from all sides and walks of life to work together to make America better. Neither Democrats nor Republicans should pass up this opportunity.

Thank you for listening. And have a nice day on the Wild Rivers Coast.