

## **My Two Cent's Worth**

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### **Polarizing funerals**

Who knew it would come to this? I guess it's naïve to think it wouldn't. It's been going off and on for quite a while, especially with the dipshits at the Westboro Baptist Church. They protested by yelling and carrying signs denigrating fallen soldiers at their own funerals because God allegedly hates homosexuals. What that has to do with deceased soldiers — your guess is as good as mine.

And now we had the dual funerals of John McCain and Aretha Franklin. True to form, at McCain's funeral, there were many moments of Trump bashing and the press played into it strongly. Then Aretha, in her six, or was it nine-hour funeral had Sharpton and Jesse holding hands as the Trump bashing continued with Al leading the way.

Song, dance, and politics. Was that the way to honor her? Maybe two out of three. Then we saw a past U.S. president obviously ogling a young singer, who was later groped by a pastor, who said her name sounded like a menu item at Taco Bell. Funny, huh? I think not, but it probably had a polarizing effect on some Latinas.

When another pastor offered his criticism of the Black Lives Matter group, fatherless children, and black on black crime, he was, of course, trolled and belittled on Twitter. What he said made sense, but it didn't sit well with the haters.

I didn't watch any of it as I sort of knew there would be loads of disrespect for our president. I would object to a funeral being a forum of belittling any president, not just the current one. I could only read about it. That was more than enough.

Then there was Mollie Tibbets. The young, vibrant 20-year old woman abducted and stabbed to death in Iowa for the crime of jogging down the highway.

Then almost immediately the haters on both sides of the aisle did their best to politicize her murder, further polarizing the citizens and only adding more grief to her loved ones. Her father had to put out a statement, telling the politicians and the press to not politicize his daughter.

I doubt either one cared or listened.

Vita é bella.