



## Pander, Please

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The newspaper of record in our nation’s capital urges its much-preferred political party to “trim your principles, Democrats, and pander away.”

This is a very different media watchdog role, where instead of calling out bad behavior, *The Washington Post* [calls](#) for it.

Sure, some of President Biden’s policies “clearly pander to core constituencies,” acknowledges the editorial board, adding: “The problem is that some of these policies are quite bad — even dangerous.”

For the record, the editors explain that they much prefer “the kind of pandering that is less obviously dangerous but still violates common sense and principle.”

Well, on a ranking basis . . . but isn’t this all too rank?

Proselytizing for a lack of principle, the *Post* posits that these “means” of pandering to voters — i.e. buying their votes — is fully justified by “the end” of winning the election against former President Donald Trump.

“The only thing worse than” *Democracy [Dying] in Darkness* (per the paper’s masthead) is, the editorial board concludes, “losing.”

So, go ahead and delay again the Food and Drug Administration’s ban on menthol cigarettes, which, if implemented, would undoubtedly cost Mr. Biden the votes of many black men who make up the majority of that product’s customer base. Even though it is simply a trick of timing — for *after* the election, the Biden boys will be back to snuff out menthols.

Come’on, man! Who needs honesty, accountability, or fair media coverage when there’s an election to win?

Surprisingly, *The New York Times’* executive editor Joe Kahn [argues](#) the paper should *not* become an “instrument of the Biden campaign,” *not* “stop covering those things” such as immigration and inflation “because they’re favorable to Trump,” and *not* “turn ourselves into Xinhua News Agency or *Pravda*.”

He’s not wrong.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.