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## Letter from a Connecticut Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro

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WASHINGTON OFFICE

Westport, CT  
August 7, 1984

Representative Geraldine Ferraro  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

Dear Mrs. Ferraro:

First of all, let me congratulate you on your nomination for VP. I will be there in November voting for you and Mr. Mondale.

I am writing to let you know that I am terribly offended at Mr. Reagan's latest statement that we Democrats are "so far left we have left America". I was infuriated when I heard it and finally wrote him a letter to say so (copy enclosed). I just feel that a lot of us feel the same way I do and hope that you and Mr. Mondale point it out as frequently as you can! It is just a rotten thing to say about us---I'm about as patriotic as you can get--even a little "schmaltzy" about it I guess, but no one better ever accuse me of not loving my country!

Right on, Mrs. Ferraro---just know that I think you are doing a fantastic job of keeping your cool and telling it like it is.

Good luck in November.

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]  
Westport, CT [REDACTED]  
August 7, 1984

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to make a complaint to you about your statement that the "Democrats are so far left they have left America". Please, sir, do not even attempt to take my country away from me. I am as patriotic as you are, as your wife is, as Gerry Falwell is or anyone else you can mention. I am 63 years old, a Democrat (but I have voted for many Republicans--it depends on how honest a person is for me to vote for them) a Catholic (who is certainly against abortion but who feels it is up to an individual to decide for themselves whether they want to commit what to me is an atrocious act) God is their judge----not me!!!! I go to church each Sunday and sometimes in between---in fact I figure I am about an average Democrat and I resent you setting me up as something less than an American. I cry when I see my flag, I get a lump in my throat when I hear my National Anthem and I love seeing the Olympic teams and individual win the medals for MY country. Don't you dare impugn my patriotism Sir. You have no right, even if you are President of my country (and supposedly of all Americans) to deny any of us the title of Americans.

Hurray for Gerry Ferraro and for Walter Mondale. I cannot wait to vote for them in November!!!!

And while I am at it, don't try to take Americans for stupid either---you know very well you have to raise taxes to pay off your deficit if you are reelected---and calling taxes "revenue enhancement" or whatever you call it will not fool us. Other presidents have tried that tactic---it does not work, sir. We are smart---believe it or not.

I don't believe you anymore, Mr. President---you promised a lot in 1980 also--but it did not happen. But again, don't take America away from me--it is mine as much as it's yours!

Very respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

cc: G. Ferraro  
W. Mondale

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