Clinton: “I love having the support of real billionaires”

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In a speech Wednesday in Lake Worth, Florida, near West Palm Beach, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton gushed about her support from the super-rich, praising her billionaire supporters and contrasting them to Republican candidate Donald Trump.

An excerpt is worth quoting as a demonstration of the abject subservience of the Democratic candidate to the capitalist financial aristocracy. According to the transcript supplied by the Clinton campaign, she said:

“You know, I love having the support of real billionaires. And they’ve been speaking out, because Donald gives a bad name to billionaires.

“Warren Buffett says, ‘Raise my taxes. It’s wrong I’m paying a lower tax rate than my secretary pays.’ That is wrong. He knows it. Mark Cuban says every time he’s sold a company, he has shared the profits with his employees, making 300 millionaires, from security guards all the way up to executives. Mike Bloomberg says he knows a con artist when he sees one.

“So we can do better. We’re going to raise taxes on the wealthy, because they’ve gotten most of the gains from the economy. And I don’t think it’s right that Donald Trump, a guy who claims he’s worth $10 billion, should have paid zero in federal incomes taxes for 20 years. He paid less taxes than probably everybody else here.”

There is no recorded response to these remarks from Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, who claimed that his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination was to free the political system from the domination of the “millionaires and billionaires.”

Now Sanders is engaged in a most demeaning—and revealing—effort, barnstorming college campuses and other arenas to which he has been assigned by the Clinton campaign, claiming that the election of Hillary Clinton, the sycophant of billionaires, is the necessary next stage of his “political revolution.”

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