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Raitt frenzy shows why politicians sheep-like

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I could not help but notice the juxtaposition of the editorial cartoon in Thursday's paper showing cabinet ministers being turned into sheep above that of Naomi Lakritz's unreasonable article calling for federal minister Lisa Raitt's resignation.

As a former political staffer, or "underling," to use Lakritz's offensive term, I can tell you that cabinet ministers can and do vent in private their frustrations about other people and situations just like every other human being I have ever met. And just like every other human being, politicians also say very concerned and caring things about other people in private as well.

For example, while Raitt received her public flogging, how many sanctimonious members of the public and the media bothered to note the fact that this woman's own brother died of cancer when he was only 37? Such are the heights of ignorance (and hypocrisy) our national sense of outrage toward all politicians has reached.

If we do not allow our politicians to be human, then they will have no choice but to act like sheep. They will be mild-mannered sheep that will never cause offence, while real leaders with their all too human foibles will either stay hidden in the backrooms or, more likely, far far away from politics all together.

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