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That was no retraction.

Hillary Clinton's retort, "I regret saying 'half' – that was wrong" to Trump's objection after she said that half his supporters are "a basket of deplorables" echoes the famous reply of Benjamin Disraeli. When the Speaker of the House of Commons called Disraeli to order for declaring that half the cabinet were asses, he retorted, "Mr. Speaker, I withdraw. Half the cabinet are not asses."

Mrs. Clinton is a lady who not only knows her mind, she knows how to speak it. And her retort to Trump indeed is evidence that she can connect to the voters. [Hillary Clinton regrets 'basket of deplorables' remark as Trump attacks, The Guardian Newspaper, On-Line, September 10, 2016]

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