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Forward

Regardless of its title, this is not a name calling book. It takes a sober look at the forces of fascism and tyranny that threaten to destroy America. It abandons the tired left-right dichotomy of Liberal vs. Conservative and replaces it with a more useful paradigm: the historic struggle between Reasonable People and Tyrants (you know – “Assholes”).

Assholes have preyed upon Reasonable People since before recorded history. This book shows how Liberals act like Assholes in attempting to force a “fundamental” and destructive change on America.

If you are already in the grips of Liberalism, this book will show you how not to be an Asshole, and how to reclaim your reason, dignity, and morality.

If you are a Reasonable Person, this book will give you a new perspective on why the world in general, and perhaps your own life in particular, has been corrupted by Assholes and what you can do about it.

If you are a Conservative you may be surprised to learn that even Conservatives can be Assholes sometimes, and what you can do to become a more Reasonable Person.

Don't be an Asshole!

Dedication

To all those who still care.

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1. Welcome to the War

“Listen, and understand
That terminator is out there
It can't be bargained with
It can't be reasoned with
It doesn't feel pity, or remorse, or fear
And it absolutely will not stop, ever -
until you are dead.”
- Kyle Reese, *The Terminator*

Listen and understand.

They lied to you. Everything they ever told you was manufactured bullshit to manipulate you to support their Great War. The war rages on, but now you must wake up and decide which side you're on.

There are two desires that are paramount in the hearts of men (and women). The first is the desire for LIBERTY, the freedom to control one's own life and destiny, and the other is the desire for TYRANNY, the power to control the lives of others.

Since before recorded time, the human race has had one central struggle: the conflict between liberty and tyranny; the battle for control of other people. The entire history of the human race has been about the domination of the many for the benefit of the few.

Every war that has ever been fought, every kingdom ever established, every government ever created, was not just to control the land or natural resources, but for the power to control and enslave other people. From the slave armies that built the great pyramids for the Egyptian Pharaohs, to the slave armies that built the great Roman Empire for the Caesars, from the wage-slaves who labored in sweatshops to create the industrial

revolution, to the conscripts in Hitler's munitions factories, the elevation of every powerful ruling class in the world has come from the toil, sweat, and ingenuity of the people they subjugated.

For over 2,000 years of "civilization" TYRANNY, in one form or another, has been the tolerated form of "government" (although exploitation would be a better term) for most of humanity. Many reasons and excuses were given to justify why Tribal Chieftains, Warlords, Kings, Dictators, the Few, the Ruling Class, should control and exploit the many.

In feudal systems, kings claimed their power to rule was conveyed on them by the "divine right of God," but it was always *enforced* by force and the threat of death. As Chairman Mao said: "All political power comes from the barrel of a gun."

The short life cycle of tyranny is always the same. Once a tyrant seizes power it is almost impossible for a population to regain its freedom. The few societies that did had to launch a bloody revolution to reclaim their freedom. Tyranny in all its many forms great or small, is a corrupting force, a cancer that enriches the few, but weakens the rest of society until it eventually collapses under its own unsustainable weight. All societies built on tyranny, from the Roman Empire to the French Aristocracy to the Soviet Union, followed a predictable arc that elevates a few elites at its height, but destroys the society by its end.

The reign of tyranny has created the greatest sorrow, loss, waste and death mankind has ever known. The triumph of liberty has created the greatest benefits of peace and prosperity that mankind has ever known.

Most Reasonable People just want to have a good life; do meaningful work, earn a decent living, raise a family and see their children grow up in safety, so they too can have a good life.

But some people see the world differently. Deep in their dark and twisted hearts stirs the unquenchable thirst for power over others. They *deserve* power, they tell themselves, because they are intellectually and morally superior to others. They know better, because they *are* better. They have

been blessed by the received wisdom of the new age, and nothing fills them with righteous indignation more than people who do not bow to their superiority. These people believe that their desired outcome justifies any means, so they will break any principle and commit any injustice to achieve even the smallest bit of power over others.

You know these people. You see them every day. They are **Assholes**.

The term “Asshole” is not just a random pejorative insult against someone you don’t like. It has a very specific place and meaning in the English lexicon. Assholes reign above jerks, douche bags, and even shit-heads as the pinnacle of the despicable and deplorable; they are the worst of the worst for good reason.

The term Asshole is reserved for people who not only take unfair advantage of others, but also sadistically inflict *excessive* and unnecessarily suffering on their victims. It is the disregard (or sometimes joy) in creating substantial “collateral damage” that makes someone an Asshole rather than only a jerk or shit-head.

For example, if a mugger steals your wallet at gunpoint, the benefit to the thief is the same as the loss to you (not counting your additional emotional trauma and inconvenience). The robber is certainly a villain but doesn’t technically reach the level of Asshole because the theft was “transactional.” The contract was straight forward, as the cliché goes: “Your money or your life.” Given the options, you dutifully handed over your money, you are allowed to leave unharmed, and the transaction is complete.

But if the robber shoots and kills you for no good reason (and there is never a good reason to harm an innocent), they have done you much more harm than the small amount that they benefited. The unconscionable imbalance between the benefit and harm and the heartless disregard for excessive collateral damage is what officially makes them an Asshole.

As actor Clint Eastwood states in the movie *Unforgiven*: “It’s a hell of a thing killing a man. It takes away all he’s got and all he’s ever gonna get.”

And that is exactly right – the greatest collateral damage caused by Assholes is not just the loss of the immediate value (the loss of your life in this case) but the downstream opportunity cost of all the future value that it could have created. Consider all of your children’s children, perhaps one of whom could have been the next Einstein or Edison, but who will never be born, all because of one stupid Asshole.

If you harm someone, by definition you are an Asshole, but you don’t have to commit murder to be an Asshole. Smaller mundane examples can be found on any playground everyday. If a schoolyard bully extorts a smaller kid’s lunch money, he is certainly a jerk or shithead. But if the bully then injures the victim (when only the threat of violence alone was sufficient), just to be sadistic and “*show ‘em whose boss*” then he is an Asshole.

Some bullies grow out of being Assholes as they mature, some meet a bigger Asshole and have it knocked out of them, but for many, it is a world view that seems to work for them, again and again. These people stay Assholes their entire lives.

Here There be Assholes

All of human history can be explained as the result of the on-going war between the majority of the population of “Reasonable People,” who are trying to advance themselves and thus advance society, against a minority of Asshole-Elites who are trying to elevate themselves by inflicting excessive harm on others (and thus on humanity as a whole) by robbing the world of their present and *future* value.

The combined opportunity cost from all the destruction and suffering caused by Assholes great and small over the millennia has significantly retarded the overall progress of the human race. Taken together the impact of Assholes on the rest of humanity has been worse than war, worse than famine, worse than Trump. How much further advanced would humanity be today technically and civilly if not for the enormous destructive harm done by Assholes throughout history?

Consider these examples.

In the Middle Ages Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) made major contributions to the fields of physics, astronomy, cosmology, mathematics and philosophy, and is now considered the father of modern science. Yet in 1616 the Roman Catholic Church arrested, imprisoned and excommunicated him for heresy (in speaking against Church doctrine).

Through observation and painstaking mathematical calculations (far beyond the skill of most other scientists of his day) Galileo mathematically proved that Copernicus' heliocentric theory that the earth revolved around the sun was correct. Unfortunately for him, that was in direct conflict with the geocentric doctrine of the Catholic Church which claimed that the earth was stationary, and the sun revolved around it. (They believed, as many Liberals do today, that the universe revolved around *them*.)

The Catholic Church didn't have any scientific evidence to support their beliefs (also like many Liberals today) but they wanted to defend their narrative that God had created a perfect "clock-work" universe (solar system). Galileo's scientific approach actually confirmed the Catholic Church's fundamental belief that God had indeed created a remarkably balanced system governed by the immutable laws of physics. But his scientific findings were never allowed to be admitted as evidence at his trial. The facts were irrelevant to the Church; the only thing that mattered was adherence to its doctrine. As the old saying goes: "Don't confuse me with the facts once my mind is already made up." (Just like Liberals today).

Galileo's model was both factually correct *and* it supported the Church's primary goals—but it was also embarrassing to the Church because it cast doubt on Papal Infallibility, the assertion that the Pope was infallible, which means he could never be wrong, even when the facts disagreed with him.

By placing Galileo under house arrest for the rest of his life, the Church robbed him of his intellectual life's work, his *raison-d'être* (reason for being); by *excommunicating* him they damned him by preventing his immortal soul from entering heaven. Regardless of your opinions about the existence of souls or the Catholic Church's influence with the Almighty regarding

their entrance to Heaven, the point is that for Galileo, a deeply religious man, being excommunicated for using his unique God-given talents to discover God's perfect design of the universe, and for speaking the actual truth, was truly an *Asshole move* by the Church.

Finally, in 1992, only 359 years after the Roman Catholic Church silenced Galileo, Pope John Paul II officially declared that Galileo was scientifically correct and that the sun didn't revolve around the earth after all. The Pope decided that even though Galileo was correct, the Church was still justified in persecuting him because it had acted in "good faith," but just happened to be factually wrong.

The original Church Inquisition had ruled that since Galileo could not prove "beyond doubt" (to them) that the earth orbits the sun, the Church could not reinterpret scripture to imply otherwise. So even though Galileo was scientifically correct, the Church was philosophically correct in condemning him (not much of an apology!). Hopefully they also lifted the excommunication so his soul can now rest in peace.

But for a small group of zealots in the Roman Catholic Church in 1616, how much further advanced scientifically would humanity be now if Galileo had been allowed to continue his work, publish his findings, and share them with other astronomers and mathematicians around the world over three hundred years ago? How much of a ripple effect did silencing one exceptional individual have on history is unknowable, but we can be certain it *didn't benefit* humanity. For the small and temporary benefit of silencing Galileo as a heretic, the Catholic Church did enormous harm to him personally, *and to humanity* by retarding scientific progress for centuries; which of course was exactly their intention.

[Side Note: A recent survey by the National Science Foundation queried random Americans about their understanding of basic science. Ironically, 1 in 4 people (26 percent) did *not* know about Galileo's discovery and agreed with the Medieval Catholic Church that the sun revolves around the earth. While it is disturbing that the number of ill-informed people is so large, one can perhaps attribute it to the Liberal take over of American public schools and the resulting reduction in education quality. What is even more concerning is that the number of scientifically ignorant people in Europe was even greater (36 percent).]

Fortunately for us, the Medieval Church's censorship of free thought and free speech is relegated to the trash heap of history – or is it? Surely modern sensibilities would never allow a small group of dogmatic zealot Assholes to control what someone thinks and says? Well, except for the rebranding of heresy into the fictional “hate speech.”

Heresy is no longer merely speaking out against religious doctrine, now any un-approved speech, or “thought crimes” contrary to the doctrine of our Liberal Overloads will be met with swift and harsh punishment.

Tyrants know that the best way to control the people is to control what they think and say, through propaganda and censoring “heretics.” This is why many other countries have no qualms restricting any speech that might oppose their “liberal” government doctrine.

Consider recent news reports from around the world. In Germany police raided dozens of people's homes for “hateful postings” on social media. In the United Kingdom a man was convicted for posting anti-military comments on Facebook. In France, a man was fined for holding up a sign to French President Nicolas Sarkozy that read, “*Get lost, jerk*” – the exact same words that Sarkozy had said to a critic who refused to shake his hand during a public event.

But we wouldn't allow that kind of government censorship in America – would we? Well maybe not yet, but the seeds of social tyranny often start growing on college campuses.

In April of 2005, Washington State University (WSU) trained liberal student activists to interrupt the staging of student playwright Chris Lee's satirical play, *Passion of the Musical*. Even though Lee provided “trigger warnings” that the play would be “offensive or inflammatory to all audiences,” the WSU administration felt that it contained heretical material and so they had the activists prevent paying customers from seeing the play.

WSU argued that by hiring a professional heckler coach to teach the disruptors how to stop the play was merely an exercise of the hecklers' free speech rights, despite the fact that the hecklers made threats of physical violence against cast members (physical threats are *not* protected free speech). The fact that WSU acted like many fascist regimes before

them, sent thugs to silence a social “heretic” in direct contravention of the First Amendment’s protection of free speech, and then used free speech protections as their defense, makes WSU an Asshole.

On November 9, 2014, Marquette University professor John McAdams posted a comment on his personal blog criticizing a graduate student instructor of a philosophy course who told her students that it was “inappropriate” to express any opposition to same-sex marriage in her class because it might *offend* someone. His criticism was that the instructor’s comment amounted to a prohibition against free speech which was especially inappropriate in an institution of higher learning. His comment was both objectively and legally correct.

A month later, Marquette suspended McAdams for his “un-professional conduct.” The next month Marquette informed McAdams that it had taken the extreme measure of revoking his tenure, and permanently removed him from the faculty on the basis of his “dangerous” blog entry and its ensuing controversy.

Fortunately (for now) our judicial system still (sometimes) protects and defends people’s constitutional rights to free speech. Two and a half years later, the Wisconsin Supreme Court upheld McAdams’ free speech rights and directed that he be reinstated with “unimpaired rank, tenure, compensation and benefits.” The Wisconsin Supreme Court confirmed what was already obvious, that by infringing on Professor’s McAdams’ free speech, then firing him using trumped-up bogus charges, and then fighting him all the way to the Supreme Court makes Marquette University an Asshole.

Unfortunately, both Marquette and WSU cases are far from unique. A recent survey of U.S. college campuses revealed 58 percent of college students think it’s important that they are “protected” from ideas that someone might find “offensive” and more than half (56 percent) support prohibiting speakers with whom they disagree.¹ Campus liberals tend to label any ideas that they disagree with (whether they actually know anything about the topic or not) as “hate speech.”

1 www.thefire.org/new-survey-majority-of-college-students-self-censor-support-disinvitations-dont-know-hate-speech-is-protected-by-first-amendment/

To be clear, there is no concept even remotely close to “hate speech” in the Constitution. The Founding Fathers would have laughed and then sworn at anyone who had the temerity² to broach such an obnoxious concept. To make sure such verbal tyranny never took root in America, they added Freedom of Speech as the very first Amendment in the Bill of Rights: “Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech.” Period.

About half of all college students (48 percent) think the First Amendment should be amended to prevent “hate speech” however expedient it is for them to define it at that moment. The implications and consequences of censoring free speech are much more far reaching than any “harm” that could come to someone voluntarily listening to it. Students that support the fascist concept of hate speech and want to revoke First Amendment rights are Assholes. Teachers and other Liberal brainwashers who put the idea there in the first place are also Assholes.

The Greatest Asshole of All Time

In spite of what *CNN* and the rest of the “lame stream” media would have you believe that the Greatest Asshole of All Time is President Donald Trump, it is in fact Adolph Hitler. *CNN* has spent a lot of time trying to convince their dwindling audience that if Trump is not worse than Hitler, he is a close second.

Unlike President Trump, Adolf Hitler killed 6 million of his own German Jewish citizens and caused the deaths of another 70 to 85 million people worldwide (about 3 percent of the world’s population) by starting WWII.

Hitler was a clinically insane zealot, who was consumed with creating a new “identity politics” of German superiority with the motto “Deutschland über alles” (Germany over all). In order to avenge the “victimization” of Germany by other countries that had penalized Germany for starting WW I, Hitler launched an ideological Jihad (Holy War) to subjugate the entire world under his new and improved vision for Germany.

2 *Temerity*: unreasonable or foolhardy contempt of danger or opposition, rashness, recklessness.

Hitler may not have invented identity politics, but he certainly perfected it. Like many Liberal proponents of identity politics today, Hitler claimed that Germany was destined to rule the world because Germans were racially and *morally*, superior. All other countries of the world were inferior and corrupt, and they deserved a totalitarian ruler who would reign over them and force them to serve Hitler's mythological Aryan race.

Using race-based narratives to support false moral superiority is a common pattern for Assholes even today. Like all Assholes, Hitler believed that the end justifies the means. He didn't mind if the entire world burned, as long as he could rule over its ashes.

With the help of a small group of strategically placed like-minded sadistically insane Assholes, Hitler and his Nationalist Socialist Party ("Nazi" for short) were able to take over an entire peaceful country. Through brutal fascism they were able to turn a second-rate country with zero military infrastructure or industry, into a military superpower able to inflict grievous harm on the entire world.

When viewed dispassionately in retrospect, it's amazing that such an obvious nut-job like Hitler was able to ideologically conquer and deceive an entire country and force ordinary people to participate in extraordinary acts of hate. Yet, the exact same thing is happening in America today.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "You can fool some of the people, some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." But that is exactly what Hitler did by telling the Big Lie and repeating it over and over again.

Throughout history stupid wasteful wars were started by Assholes willing to kill soldiers and civilians on both sides for no good reason. But what if Assholes didn't control the world? What if Assholes couldn't start wars? How would the world be different today if every nation in the world had been able to invest their share of trillions upon trillions of dollars that have been wasted on war over the millennia into learning and scientific discovery?

In today's dollars, WWII cost over \$4 trillion, but the total cost of the Apollo missions was only \$150 billion – less than 4 percent of the cost of

the war. The major technical advances that came from WWII were radar (American) and jet engine design (German, English). The major technical advances that came from the Apollo programs are too numerous and monumental to list including integrated circuits, computer programming advances, new materials sciences including Teflon® and don't forget Tang®. The Apollo program advanced our scientific knowledge, capabilities, national pride, and standing in the world, all for less than 4 percent of the cost of protecting the world from tyranny. Where would the world be now if we had invested the \$4 trillion war budget into research and discovery instead of fighting some stupid Assholes?

What if some Assholes had never created Jim Crow laws that enforced racial segregation? What if African Americans had been fully accepted and integrated into American society from the start? How much more wealth would the black community have today if the government had kept the promise that Union General William Tecumseh Sherman made of, "40 acres and a mule" for each freed slave family? (Instead, blacks were expected to find low paying wage jobs, rather than get an income producing property that they could hand down through the generations).

How much better would the wealth parity be now? How many more outstanding people like George Washington Carver, Dr. Ben Carson or even Oprah Winfrey would there be now? What if Assholes like J.P. Morgan and other so-called "Robber Barons" weren't able to control the Industrial Revolution – and reap most of its profits? What if Edison had worked *with* Tesla instead of against him? How many more of Tesla's revolutionary ideas could we be enjoying now besides just AC current?

Unfortunately, whenever anyone is struggling for fairness, or recognition, or to make an outstanding achievement, there is *always* some Asshole trying to prevent it, steal it, take credit for it, or promote something else that is inferior to it but is better for *them*. We exalt and reward the relatively few people in history who have made great achievements not just for their accomplishment itself, but because of the super-human dedication and persistence required for them to overcome opposition by Assholes.

When one looks at the incredibly destructive impact that Assholes have had on individual lives as well as the profoundly negative impact on the

total arc of humanity itself, one struggles to understand why Reasonable People, in every age, have just stood by and allowed this evil to persist.

As English philosopher Edmund Burke observed:

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”

2. Battle Lines: Reasonable People vs. Assholes

“Nearly all men can withstand adversity.
But if you want to test his character give him power.”
- Abraham Lincoln

(Because)

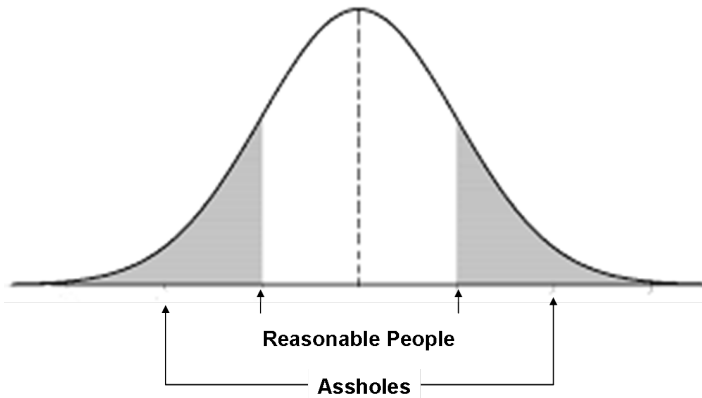
“Concentrated political power is the most dangerous thing on Earth.”
- Rudolph Rummel

The political class has created and maintained a false dichotomy between two fictional straw-men characters called “Liberals” (aka “Progressives”) and “Conservatives.” The Liberal straw-man supposedly embodies the noble traits of reason and compassion, while the Conservative straw-man is made to represent all the ignoble traits, greed, selfishness, racism, callous lack of empathy, and above all an unquenchable desire to control and subjugate others for their own benefit without regard to the resulting collateral damage (i.e., Assholes).

In this narrative the Liberals are the champions of the people, fighting against the evil Conservatives – foul villains who are oppressing and taking advantage of the less powerful.

But the truth is much stranger than this fiction. The real conflict is not about Left vs. Right per se. It is and has always been about Liberty vs. Tyranny. Rather than use the traditional Liberal vs. Conservative straw-men dichotomy, it is more accurate and useful to categorize people as either Reasonable People or Assholes.

As President “Ronnie Ray Gunz” Reagan³ once said: “It’s not about left or right - it’s about (what pulls the society) up or down.” There are Reasonable People on both the Left and the Right of the political spectrum, and there are also a large number of Assholes.



We already understand who the Assholes are – people who inflict excessive harm while stealing power or value from others, but who are the Reasonable People?

Reasonable People generally have most of the following characteristics (no one is perfect):

1) Intellectual Honesty

Reasonable people respect the “truth” with an understanding that sometimes the complete truth is not knowable, but they make an honest attempt to get as close to the highest truth as possible. One way to discover the truth is to carve away what can be proven is *not* true through analysis and honest debate – this is called the dialectic process. As Sherlock Holmes said, “Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth.”⁴

3 The nickname “Ronnie Ray Gunz” was given to President Reagan by the Left as an attempt to mock him for his futuristic Star Wars orbital missile defense system called “SDI.” It was later credited for contributing to the fall of the Soviet Unions (aka “The Evil Empire”). Since SDI worked so well to achieve Reagan’s ultimate objective of nullifying the Soviet threat, we can now use the mocking moniker with pride.

4 Sherlock Holmes in *The Sign of the Four*, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, 1890.

Our legal system, for example, uses a dialectic process to pit the prosecution against the defense in order to discover the probable truth within degrees of certainty such as “a preponderance of the evidence,” for most cases or “beyond a shadow of a doubt” for capital crimes. The legal dialectic is overseen by an impartial judge who is responsible for ensuring that both sides obey the rules of legal procedure and fair play.

Reasonable People respect the rules of the dialectic process and expect that everyone will use logic and reason properly and fairly. This includes not having hidden agendas (i.e., secret objectives that are different from what they are apparently arguing for) and not making up false “facts” to make their arguments seem more persuasive than they actually should be.

Intellectually honest arguments must pass what distinguished Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz calls the “shoe-on-the-other-foot” test. Honest arguments are based on a fairness doctrine that is equally valid if the situation was reversed. Partisan arguments that use a double standard are hypocritical and fail this test because partisans wouldn’t make the same point if the situation was reversed.

Reasonable People argue for *principles* over *people*, so they reject the emotionally driven concept of “Tribal Infallibility” (i.e., unable to accept that someone in their tribe did something wrong). When someone in their tribe does something wrong a Reasonable Person can admit it because they admit the fact that people are imperfect. But misdeeds of one person do not invalidate the underlying moral principles or ideals of the tribe. Likewise, they do not condemn the valid aspects of an opponent’s philosophy just because of the misdeeds of one person from the other tribe.

Character assassination by tribal association is a classic partisan technique. For example, “Since you supported person X you must be a deplorable racist.” This is a logical fallacy of false attribution and guilt by association. It is the same as saying “Some dogs are brown; therefore, all dogs must be brown.” Sometimes the false attribution is an honest mistake. (“Gee, I thought all dogs *are* brown.”) But, more often it is an intentionally dishonest technique to claim argument points that can’t be achieved by reason and honest debate.

For example, atheists have tried to condemn all of modern Christianity by arguing that the Crusades were merely an excuse to justify killing Muslims in the name of Christ, and thus all Christians today are immoral. Everything about this argument is intellectually dishonest and uses both fallacious *non sequitur* (Latin for “it does not follow”) reasoning, it relies on facts not evidence, omits critical context, and ends with an *ad hominem* attack.

Ad hominem attacks (attacks against the person’s character rather than the person’s reasoning) include insults, name-calling, and character assassination by accusing their opponents of being morally inferior, stupid, or racist.

For example, Liberals often call Reasonable People “racist” because they object to *illegal* immigration. This is intellectually dishonest because it falsely asserts the *least likely* explanation for the position. A Reasonable Person may cite studies that show that each illegal immigrant trespasser costs the United States’ taxpayers over \$16,000 per year for every person that enters and stays in the country illegally. The Reasonable Person couldn’t care less what race the trespassers belong to, they object to the cost of over \$160 billion of tax dollars that are unnecessarily spent every year as a result.

Rather than acknowledge that Reasonable People are primarily concerned with factors like cost and safety, Liberals choose to assert an illogical but more emotionally charged *ad hominem* attack; that since most illegal trespassers happen to be Mexican, anyone who objects to them entering the country illegally could only be motivated by bigotry against “brown people.”

The unspoken illogical implication is that a bigot wouldn’t object to the cost if only the illegal trespassers were of a different race (e.g., illegal Canadian trespassers). This is of course absurd, but this type of *ad hominem* attack allows the accusing Liberal to assert a false moral superiority, “Since I claim that you are a racist, nothing you say is valid.”

Reasonable People are open-minded to the objective truth and fairness, even if the truth is disadvantageous to their position or even to them

personally. At the end of a fair dialectic argument they accept the logical conclusion and act accordingly – modifying their opinions as appropriate. This requires the rare traits of personal integrity and character.

Assholes, by contrast, are often intellectually *dishonest*. They often present false evidence because they are not interested in reaching the objective “truth” by a fair process. They are only interested in what is beneficial for them and are willing to achieve their objective using any means necessary including lying, deception, coercion, force, threats, blackmail, intimidation, social shaming, screaming, protesting, and rioting among others.

2) Respect for Individual Sovereignty

Reasonable people believe that each individual has the moral and natural right of ownership over their own body, life, and property. One cannot be deprived of these rights without either voluntary agreement (contract) or by due legal process for some crime.

Individual Sovereignty is the requisite foundation for all other rights. This simple concept of ownership and property rights has deeply profound social and legal implications. It means that it is immoral (and thus should also be illegal) to deprive someone of their sovereignty (control) over their person or property by force or deception – whether directly or by proxy such as by using the force of government.

Individual Sovereignty is also the basis for an egalitarian society that is based on the belief that all people are equal under the law, and that all deserve equal rights and equal *opportunities* (but not necessarily identical outcomes). Therefore, it is the very antithesis of slavery, monarchy and feudalism, where the elites, not the individual, have the right to control your body, your property, and the fruits of your labor.

Later we will see that Individual Sovereignty is a uniquely American concept that lies at the very heart of the Declaration of Independence (“We hold these truths to be self-evident that *all men are created equal* and endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights; among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness”), and later also echoed in the American Constitution.

Assholes are not concerned with your unalienable rights to life, liberty or pursuit of happiness any more than a hungry wolf is concerned with the rights of a sheep. Assholes only see the world through the black and white lens of opportunity vs. risk. Like a wolf stalking a sheep heard, they will seize whatever they can without getting caught. They do not respect rights, only superior force. Reasonable People affirm that one also has the right to *defend* one's life, body, and property against criminals, and other Assholes. Unfortunately, Reasonable People tend not to defend themselves as much as they should.

3) Respect for Civil Society

Reasonable people understand that the foundation of civilization requires establishing and maintaining a Civil Society which includes respect for the Rule of Law, including the constitution, and respecting the rights and beliefs of others, and the value of promoting and protecting a genteel culture in the public square.

Reasonable People abhor violence in all forms, and reject uncivil behavior such as protests, riots, civil disobedience and other disruptive and annoying behaviors. This places Reasonable People at a significant disadvantage when confronted with bullies and other Assholes who use increasing levels of threat and violence as the basic tools of their trade. Assholes tend to start fights. Reasonable People tend to avoid and back away from fights, not because they are cowards, but because violence is uncivilized and stupid.

A shocking example of uncivil behavior is the “Antifa” thugs on college campuses who riot and injure people in order to keep unspecified “victims” safe from free speech. Talk about Assholes!

4) Respect for the Beliefs of Others

Reasonable people respect the beliefs and traditions of other cultures, even when they may conflict with one's own. However, they reject the nonsensical notion of “cultural appropriation.” Included in the respect for the beliefs of others is an understanding of the value of the belief in God. The majority of the world's population professes some belief in a Creator, yet a minority of vocal atheists claims that they know better, that there is no God, and anyone who believes that the universe is anything more

than a fantastic but random accident is nuts. Atheists argue that believers are stupid and are actually *immoral* for trying to save the souls of non-believers. Go figure.

The most fundamental founding principle of America is that people have an unalienable right to be free from religious persecution, which is the very reason that the pilgrims (literally “religious travelers”) fled England to come to America.

Whether God actually exists or not, is completely irrelevant. The important point is to respect a person’s sovereignty of belief, their right to believe whatever the hell they want. What if they’re right? And besides what’s it to you?

It may seem that these four basic Tenets of Reasonableness are so obvious that they don’t even need to be mentioned. They are the basis for reasoned, non-violent discourse which is the foundation of a civilized, enlightened, fair and moral society. So naturally they are under attack by the forces of unreasonableness; people who are trying to create a society that *they control* to benefit themselves, rather than one which is fair, just, and prosperous.

The Opposite of Freedom

There are Reasonable People on both sides of the political spectrum and there are Assholes on both sides as well. After many years of research talking to both Conservatives and Liberals, it is clearly evident that most (but not all) right of center Conservatives try to abide by the tenets of Reasonableness most of the time, while most Liberals directly oppose *all* of these basic Reasonable foundational beliefs in most cases.

Ironically, in spite of their professed love of “diversity” Liberals especially despise the concept of Individual Sovereignty and its attendant diversity of thought, opinions, and outcomes. Most of all Liberals despise a person’s right to create, control and defend one’s own person, property, and wealth.

Many Liberals are unaware that they actually despise the concept of a diverse and free society, where people can do whatever the hell they want, and

instead embrace the concepts of communism and feudalism. In a feudal society all of the property is owned by a small group of “elite” nobles. In a communist society all of the property is owned by the state (run by a small group of elites in the communist party). In this respect the concepts of communism and feudalism are very similar.

In both communist and feudal societies there is a rigid doctrine of approved thought (i.e., propaganda) which is tightly controlled by the elites. In Russia the party spews out ridiculous propaganda through the state-run newspaper called *Pravda* (“Truth”); the name is ironic, because it is widely held to be less reliable than the *National Enquirer*. In America, Liberal news media like *CNN* and *MSNBC* is now as bad as *Pravda* ever was, and also spews out ridiculous propaganda. It is also widely held to be less reliable than the *National Enquirer*.

The most deeply held and most cherished “woke” belief of Liberals is that most “un-woke” people are inferior, stupid, greedy, and immoral and need to be controlled by their betters for the good of society. They believe that “un-woke” people are like idiot children who will hurt themselves and others if left to make their own choices. Yes, seriously.

Noted Liberal mumbling-head Noam Chomsky bluntly explained why individual freedom is undesirable for a liberal society because most people are part of what he calls the “bewildered herd” and are just too stupid to participate in complex policy making decisions. This of course justifies the need for an elite feudal class of ruling “woke” Liberals:

“The compelling moral principle [of Government] is that the mass of the public are just too *stupid* to be able to understand things. If they try to participate in managing their own affairs, they’re just going to cause trouble. Therefore, it would be immoral and improper to permit them to do this. We have to tame the bewildered herd, not allow the bewildered herd to rage and trample and destroy things.

It’s pretty much the same logic that says that it would be improper to let a three-year-old run across the street. You don’t give a three-year-old that kind of freedom because the three-year-old doesn’t know how to handle that freedom.

Correspondingly, you don't allow the bewildered herd to become participants in action. They'll just cause trouble."

- Noam Chomsky (*Media Control*, 2002)

If widespread individual freedom causes "trouble" (i.e., decisions and outcomes which don't serve liberal causes) then the "cure" for freedom is creating an all-powerful ruling class backed by the power of the state (i.e., totalitarian fascism).

Note that even if a Liberal ruling class *were* morally and intellectually superior to everyone else and actually could make "better" decisions and enforce "better" outcomes – it would still destroy the greatest treasure of mankind – a person's individual freedom.

Individual freedom is much preferable to tyrannical control, even though freedom is a double-edged sword; it affords one the opportunity to achieve great accomplishments, as well as suffer the consequences of mistakes. The ability to try, and to succeed or fail, based on one's own ambition and abilities will necessarily result in a wide distribution (one could say "diversity") of outcomes, some of which will be outstanding and some will be tragic.

Liberals would eliminate individual freedom in exchange for the "safety" of a one-size-fits all outcome. They call this "egalitarianism;" the idea is that no matter who you are, what you do, how many risks you took, how hard you work, or how good you are at it, you should get the exact same paycheck as someone else who took no risk, expends no effort, and sucks at a job less demanding than yours – because everyone should be equal. Yes, seriously.

Benjamin Franklin once said: "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

This means that if you take away everyone's freedom to succeed or fail in exchange for the "safety" of an unearned paycheck, society will have neither liberty nor safety. You will have recreated the Soviet Union in 1960 – the bleakest, most miserable place on earth.

Communism (the former name of "egalitarianism") destroyed the USSR's economy by trying to control all factories, farms and businesses. Nothing

worked; Russian peasants had to stand in line for hours in breadlines. There was an old joke in the worker's paradise: "In Russia, you wait for bread. In America, bread waits for you." Russian peasants were all broke, but they were all broke *equally!* Well, except for the Communist Party members, the elite ruling class – they were a little more equal than everyone else.

Welcome to Fascism

Liberals claim that they have a deep desire to make society more "just," but they define their "justice" as Marxist egalitarianism: "From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs." To Reasonable People this is the very definition of *injustice*.

Marx's simple inverted logic, to steal from the creators and give to the takers, is the recipe for destroying and enslaving entire countries. Everywhere that any society has even flirted with socialism has resulted in enormous human suffering, poverty, and loss of rights. It is directly responsible for over 100 million deaths in the twentieth century. More books have probably been written about the evils of Marxism, than have been written promoting Marxism. It's like the Ebola virus of ideas, it destroys everything it touches, but we can't eradicate it. Yet in spite of overwhelming evidence about its destructive power, the idea won't die, because the idea of getting *something for nothing* is so cherished in the Liberal heart.

In order for Liberals to enforce their version of re-distributive "justice," they must have total control over the population, which means they need to eliminate Individual Sovereignty. The problem is that the inherent desires for freedom and fairness can not be turned off easily. A person's sovereign control over one's person, property and thoughts must be reduced slowly, removing rights and ideas little by little. Like the old story of the frog in the boiling pot, if freedoms are reduced gradually, pretty soon the frog is cooked before he even knows it.

The desire for complete monolithic control over every aspect of society is called Totalitarianism or Fascism. Some historians may claim that Fascism and Totalitarianism are somehow different – but for all intents and purposes

they are *functional equivalents*. Fascists and Totalitarians are both complete Assholes who will inflict excessive damage on society in order to ensure that they have complete and total control.

The classic example of totalitarian fascism run amok is exemplified by Italian dictator and screaming Liberal nut-job Benito Mussolini who seized power in 1922 and created the first one-party fascist state. The English term “fascist” was derived from *fascio*, the Italian word for “bundle.” It refers to the concept that a single stick is easily broken, but a *bundle* of sticks is not. Hillary Clinton’s 2016 Presidential campaign slogan “*Stronger together*” was a direct nod to Mussolini’s fascist bundle of sticks concept. It makes you wonder about other similarities between Clinton and Mussolini.

Mussolini thought that democracy was a weak system that allowed the people too much liberty including freedom of speech and the freedom to form political parties to protect their interests. Too much Individual freedom led to people being as successful as possible. Since some people were more successful than others, it resulted in a fair distribution of wealth across a range of economic classes (i.e., rich and poor). Mussolini claimed that economic diversity led to “envy” between the classes, so he “fixed” the problem by crushing the Italian people under a totalitarian state in an attempt to make everyone equal – that is *equally poor*. Mussolini proudly declared, “We have buried the putrid corpse of liberty.” Who wouldn’t support someone with such bold rhetoric and stirring imagery?

Mussolini’s idea was that once he confiscated the wealth of “the rich” everyone would be “mentally free” because now they wouldn’t have any concerns about class envy. Rather than obsess about the things that other people had but they didn’t (envy), they could now just focus the things they *used* to have but don’t now (regret).

Rather than worshiping money and possessions, everyone should now only worship the State. For Mussolini, American ideas that people had a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, were absolute nonsense. Mussolini made it clear that Italian citizens didn’t have rights; they had *obligations* to the state to work so they could pay taxes and to sacrifice themselves in war when needed.

“There is the great, silent, continuous struggle: the struggle between the State and the Individual; between the State which demands and the individual who attempts to evade such demands. Because the individual, left to himself, unless he be a saint or hero, always refuses to pay taxes, obey laws, or go to war.”

- Benito Mussolini

When certain individuals objected to the loss of their Individual Sovereignty and objected to extreme taxes, cruel laws, or being conscripted into the army to die in pointless wars, Mussolini had a quick and effective solution for them. He sent his black-shirted combat squads to beat them up or kill them.

“We do not argue with those who disagree with us, we destroy them.”

- Benito Mussolini

Like Stalin, Mussolini arrested and executed political dissidents, although not in the tens of millions like Stalin did. In Russia Joseph Stalin killed an estimated 20 million “counter-revolutionaries” who dissented against his autocratic rule – or who he thought *might*.

In fascist Italy, communist Russia, and Nazi Germany, there was no Individual Sovereignty, or free speech, or any forum for open debate and dissent. No matter how bad it got, the only sensible thing for Reasonable People to do was to keep quiet and out of sight and pray that their family survived it. It was a different story for the “woke” party elites of course. In each of these totalitarian regimes the selected few lived in grand luxury compared to the “Proles.” Under Marxist doctrine, the elites were able to take from the workers whatever they had or produced and give to the elites for whatever they “needed.”

Thankfully we have reasons to believe “that could never happen in America,” because Americans would never willingly abandon their rights to a fascist dictator. Americans would never allow “woke” elites to create a protected class that has special rights and privileges. Or would they?

A Fascist, according to Madeleine Albright in her book, *Fascism: A Warning*, is “someone who identifies strongly with and claims to speak for a whole nation or group, is unconcerned with the rights of others, and is willing to use whatever means are necessary – including violence – to achieve his or her goals.”

In spite of the obvious irony that this perfectly describes Liberals, Ms. Albright makes it clear that the threat of fascism in America can only come from one man – Donald Trump. Yes, seriously.

On page 4 of the book Albright states: “... why, this far into the twenty-first century, are we once again talking about Fascism? One reason, frankly, is Donald Trump. If we think of Fascism as a wound from the past that had almost healed, putting Trump in the White House was like ripping off the bandage and picking at the scab.” She then compares Trump to Mussolini and Joseph McCarthy.

This is yet another example of the Left’s projection-deflection strategy of sophistry. Liberals love to accuse others of what they themselves are doing in order to deflect criticism. An objective analysis of the facts shows that it is the Liberals who are attempting a fascist coup, rather than Trump or the Republicans.

It is the global LEFT that is *unconcerned with the rights of others and willing to use whatever means are necessary – including violence – to achieve their goals*. It is the Progressives who want to repeal people’s rights by dismantling the constitution. It is the Left, and ONLY the Left, that is quick to use all types of violence against their opponents from Maxine Waters calling for people to form mobs to publicly harass anyone in Trump’s administration if they see them in public (even with their families), to the actual physical violence committed against journalists and conservatives by the ironically named Anti-Fascists.” The similarities between black-clothed thugs of “Antifa,” Mussolini’s Black Shirts, and Hitler’s Brown Shirts, should be of concern to everyone.

In his book, *Liberal Fascism: The Secret History of the American Left, From Mussolini to the Politics of Change*, author Jonah Goldberg points out that all fascists are actually Liberals. Liberals from Woodrow Wilson, FDR, and Hillary Clinton have all advocated policies remarkably similar to those of Hitler and Mussolini.

The Nazis were ardent progressive socialists (hence the name “National Socialist”). The Nazi’s swept into political power by promising a platform of Liberal give-aways identical to modern Democrats. They promised free

health care and guaranteed jobs. They confiscated inherited wealth to make everyone equal and spent huge amounts of money on public education for the purpose of indoctrination. They removed traditional religion from the public square and replaced it with new age pagan spirituality. They expanded the authority of the state to cover every aspect of daily life. The Nazis tried to eliminate smoking, supported the abortion of children of non-Aryan heritage, and implemented strict new gun control laws. They loathed the concepts of a free market, free speech, or free thought. They implemented a strict racial quota system in their universities where campus anti-hate and anti-state speech rules were happily accepted.

Nazi propaganda was as effective as it was brilliantly diabolical. It offered something for nothing; a better life to all Germans through the conquest and oppression of inferior “non-woke” races by German global domination. The Nazi doctrine would be economically rewarding because it was morally just; it properly redistributed wealth and power from the undeserving and morally inferior to the “people” (but not equally). Listen carefully to any Progressive today and you can still hear the clear echoes of Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin.

Any objective observer must wonder why in hell the majority of the Reasonable People in Italy, Russia, Germany and arguably China, stood by passively and watched their freedoms and country be destroyed by progressive madmen. The answer is that the enslavement of the Reasonable People was a gradual process of “re-education” through propaganda that eventually eroded their will and core beliefs. In Italy it started with state schools feeding children a constant diet of anti-individual, anti-rational gunk. There are chilling similarities between Mussolini’s fascist school indoctrination and modern liberal education. In Italy the children were indoctrinated to worship and obey the State. In America children are indoctrinated to worship and obey the Liberal Cannon (e.g., globalism, multiculturalism, gender fluidity, scientific atheism, identity politics, and other complete nonsense).

“Fascist education is moral, physical, social, and military:
it aims to create a complete and harmoniously
developed human, a fascist one according
to our views.”
- Benito Mussolini

In Italy the press abandoned all objectivity and became a co-conspirator with Mussolini to spread his bizarre statist fascist propaganda. Just like *CNN* today, “journalists” were on a mission to hold the public in thrall of the benefits of fascist beliefs and suppress the truth.

“Journalism is not a profession, but a mission.”
- Benito Mussolini

Much like Henry Ford’s comment that “You can get a Model T in any color you want, as long as it’s black,” Mussolini had the same view of the press; they could write anything they wanted as long as it supported fascism.

“The press of Italy is free, freer than the press of any other country,
so long as it supports the regime.”
- Benito Mussolini

3. The Great Deception

“All warfare is based on deception.
Hence, when we are able to attack, we must seem unable;
When using our forces, we must appear inactive;
When we are near, we must make the enemy believe we are far away;
When far away, we must make him believe we are near.”
- Sun Tsu, *The Art of War*

Somewhere along the line, Liberals adopted the mantel of Utopians. “All we are trying to do,” Liberals claim, “is to make the world a better, more compassionate place for everyone.”

Liberals claim that the root of most of the problems in the world is that there are not enough “woke” compassionate people like them. They claim that being “woke” makes them *morally superior* to the majority of non-woke people who are selfish bigoted sadists who are so calloused that they would allow children to starve, racism to run rampant, and man’s inhumanity to man to destroy civilization. “Thank God” that the fascist Liberals are here to save us from ourselves!

Here is a post from Quora.com that captures how most Liberals think about Conservatives:

“21st Century American conservatives, in contrast, are fearful of anything and anyone different than themselves, which is because they are “the poorly educated,” which Trump said he loves and which he knowingly manipulated to win the election. Because he couldn’t have manipulated educated people.

These self-proclaimed “originalist” conservatives want to suppress, stop, jail, stone, or banish anyone who doesn’t have the same skin color, religious beliefs, gender identifying beliefs, etc., etc. In other words, conservatives

are generally frightened, small-minded people who cannot see beyond themselves and the small world very near themselves.”⁵

Most Reasonable People, on the other hand, try to give liberals the benefit of the doubt; it's not that they are *intentionally* trying to destroy the country; it's just that they are so misguided by their “compassion” that it interferes with their ability to reason – or so they think. Liberals just don't realize that the old adage about the road to hell being paved with good intentions is actually true. We should forgive them for they know not what they do.

Unfortunately, this noble and generous belief is at the heart of the problem. While many center-left Liberals are the nicest people in the world, mothers, fathers, grandmothers, they are what Stalin referred to as “useful idiots.” Nice people who have been seduced and corrupted by the dark side, and who unwittingly serve as apparatchiks in the Evil Liberal Empire. Reasonable People want to give “nice liberals” a “pass” and not hold them accountable for the damage that their Liberal Overlords are doing and contemplating for America. It is from this silent, but immoral majority of Liberals that the elite draw their power, by claiming that they are acting in the name of the people. So said Stalin, Mussolini, and Hitler. And so says Clinton, Pelosi, Schumer, etc. As President Andrew Jackson said about the silent but complicate of his day: “To remain silent when one should speak out, makes cowards of men!”

Reasonable People are generally fair-minded and are slow to attribute sinister motives to people if they can avoid it. This makes them prone to deception and abuse by Liberals. It is often so psychologically painful for many Reasonable People to be critical of others that they often allow the same person (or same type of people) to abuse them over and over again, like a battered women (or man) who stays in an abusive relationship. The reason that “nice guys finish last” is because some Asshole will always be there to take advantage of them.

Liberals claim that since the majority of people are “un-woke” and therefore immoral, that they are left with no choice but to use force to make the world more compassionate and “just.” All they have to do is to seize control of the government then eliminate people's rights so they can control every

5 Comment posted on Quaroa.com by Ron Wagner, 2017.

aspect of everyone's thoughts and actions. Then and only then will the world be fair and just. Yes, really.

Since this is the recipe for turning the Land of the Free into Mussolini's next failed fascist state, it is not surprising that Reasonable People strenuously object to Liberals' attempts to seize power and destroy rights. Which is why Liberals must do it quietly and carefully.

In the *Art of War*, Sun Tsu makes the point that all successful strategies are based on deceiving the enemy about your true abilities and intent. Following Sun Tsu's strategy, the Liberals' primary objective is to conceal their true intentions, their methods, and most of all the inescapable consequences of their tyranny: the destruction of America – the world's last best hope for liberty.

This is the *Great Deception* that liberals continue to promote – that they are compassionate people who, once given enough control over society, will *improve* society by creating more “social justice,” never mind that everywhere liberalism has been allowed to take hold has become poorer and *less* moral as a result – and so will America.

Reasonable people are finally starting to get a glimpse of what Conservatives could see all along that they are being deceived; that the words and actions of Liberals do not make logical or moral sense. Reasonable People have become hapless victims caught in the ever tightening coils of the liberal boa constrictor; it has now become painfully obvious that Liberals' real objective is to seize complete power and authority over every aspect of American society, and constrict all the freedom out of it.

Liberals would squeeze out every last ounce of personal freedom, autonomy, and wealth even at the cost of destroying the America's great experiment in liberty. Like Hitler they don't care if they destroy the country as long as they can rule over its ashes.

But “Why,” you ask, “would anyone want to destroy the greatest nation on earth just have a little power over others?” The tradeoff between the enormous amount of value lost, and lives destroyed in exchange for something as temporary as political power is unconscionable.

Then it slowly dawns on you. “Of course,” you think, “Why didn’t I see this before?”

You finally drag yourself to the uncomfortable but inevitable conclusion that liberals are in fact Assholes.

Only Assholes would try to “fundamentally change” America, the country that the entire world reveres as the “shining city on the hill,” into a totalitarian Soviet-style dystopia and think they were doing the world a favor.

For almost a century Reasonable People have been trying to engage Liberals in rational debate. They continue to make the mistake of assuming that Liberals are reasonable, rational, moral, intellectually honest and fair minded. But they are not. They are only interested in one thing - complete fascist control over America and they will use any lie, slander, or false argument to get it. Logic, fairness and reasonableness be damned.

How much abuse from Liberal Assholes must we suffer before we say enough is enough?

Down the Rabbit Hole

Liberalism is the rabbit hole of American politics. When you venture into the *Alice in Wonderland* bizarreness of dealing with Liberals you must leave behind your false pre-conceptions and open your mind to new realities. You must abandon the quaint notion that Liberals merely have *different opinions* than you or have *different priorities* than you, and embrace the idea that Liberals are actually working towards a completely different vision of America, one that you would not recognize or tolerate. Your constitutional freedoms are their impediments; your prosperity is their oppression. Their “justice” is your enslavement. They are not interested in discovering universal truths through rational debate; they are only interested in seizing and wielding *power*.

Here is the key insight that Liberals understand, but that Conservatives have ignored:

“Political power comes from popular culture.”

This means that in order to control power, you must first control culture. The German Marxists who came to America at the turn of the 20th century understood this well. They laid the foundation, as Barrack Obama said, for the “fundamental transformation of America,” from the Land of the Free, where everyone owns the fruits of their own labor, into a land where the collective owns the fruits of everyone’s labor.

By the early 20th century, America was already the most successful and prosperous country on earth, and it drew the Marxists like hungry wolves to sheep in the meadow. It was inconceivable to them that so much wealth and power could be so “irresponsibly” left in the hands of ordinary individuals. The thought of bridling all that power and wealth under their control was intoxicating!

But harnessing America would not be easy or quick. An immediate problem was that America’s founders had acted like irresponsible parents, letting its people grow up like wild children who had not been properly trained how to be docile servants of the State. They actually believed in individual freedom for Stalin’s sake!

Escaping social turmoil in Germany in the years leading up to WWII, “scholars” from the Institute for Social Research at the University of Frankfurt in Germany, the first Marxist research center at a German University, set up shop at Columbia University in New York. Due to their lasting influence, New York became ground-zero for communist thought in America. Later Marxist ideas would also take root at the UC Berkeley campus which became the west coast center for toxic ideology.

Known as “The Frankfurt School” these neo-Marxists were highly critical of Industrial-era capitalism and were dismayed that communism and liberal-fascism had failed to gain much influence in America unlike the rest of the world. They realized that they needed to re-invent Marxism for America, so they developed a subversion strategy they called “Critical Theory,” which focused on criticizing and complaining about all the sub-optimal aspects of society in order to affect change. They believed that they could perfect society by steering it in their desired direction by providing constant negative feedback and criticisms of any aspect of American ideology that was contrary to Marxism.

They realized that the first thing they had to do was to get the American people to start rejecting the success of capitalism and start accepting the failures of communism.

It was the dawn of the age of “mass media,” radio and movies were still new phenomena, but television had not yet been invented. The key insight of the Frankfurt School schemers was that the new media technologies allowed the public to sit and absorb the content passively, rather than actively engage with one another as they had in the past. They theorized that the new technologies made people intellectually inactive and soft, therefore vulnerable to political propaganda.

Mass media provided a new way to create and distribute a new standardized “mass culture” (or monoculture) so that everyone in the country would share the same opinions and ideology. By embedding Marxist concepts into newspapers, magazines, movies and radio shows, people would gradually willingly absorb the new Marxist ideologies and values without even realizing that it had infiltrated into their subconscious. This insight proved seminal for the developing fields of sociology, cultural studies, gender studies, and media studies all based on a Critical Theory approach to indoctrination.

The Frankfurt School argued that the process of mass indoctrination was the critical missing piece of Marx’s theory of the domination of communism over capitalism and it explained why the workers’ revolution never happened in America – Americans hadn’t been trained to accept it yet. The population would first have to be properly prepared before they could be and trained for their new role as workhorse-providers to supply the needs and wants of their new “global citizen” overlords. But how do you hoodwink an entire population of free thinkers who *are free*?

Fortunately, Adolph Hitler had already solved the problem of national brainwashing. It may be expensive and time consuming, but it isn’t all that difficult. Hitler along with his Minister of Propaganda Joseph Goebbels created an effective strategy that took fake news and what would later be called “Social Activism” to a whole new depth of corruption.

Hitler's tactics are still used by Democrats and *CNN* today:

- Never allow the public to cool off
- Never admit a fault or wrong
- Never concede that there may be some good in your enemy
- Never leave room for alternatives
- Never accept blame
- Concentrate on one enemy at a time and blame him for everything that goes wrong
- People will believe a Big Lie more than a little lie
- If you repeat a lie often enough, people will come to believe it

[As a side note, Hitler's rules for national brainwashing bear a remarkable resemblance to Saul Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals*, which was the subject of Hillary Clinton's 92-page senior thesis for Wellesley College in 1969 titled, "*There Is Only the Fight, An Analysis of the Alinsky Model.*" The college sequestered the thesis from public view at her request while she was first lady.]

Hitler may not have invented lying for political gain, but his enthusiasm and skill for telling the "Big Lie" was literally beyond the limits of imagination for the people of his day. As Hitler wrote in his autobiography you can tell a lie so "colossal" that no one can believe that anyone "could have the impudence to distort the truth so infamously" so they are forced to believe it. His co-conspirator and Minister of Propaganda Joseph Goebbels famously explained it like this:

"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, *people will eventually come to believe it.* The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie.

It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, *the truth is the greatest enemy of the State.*"⁶

If one contemplates the enormity of Goebbels' challenge, to brainwash an entire nation into both believing the preposterous lies that Hitler told

6 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_lie

and at the same time ignoring the atrocities using nothing but words and symbolism, it is a testament to his evil genius that it worked as well as it did. Goebbels crafted lying as political propaganda into an art form, and like *CNN* anchors, this Asshole had no remorse or scruples about it:

“The point of a political speech is to persuade people to what we think is right. It is not [intended] to discover intellectual truths.”⁷

In order to “re-educate” the American People the Liberals decided to use the carrot and stick model. They had to first invent an attractive aspirational identity group that people would very much *want* to be part of, and also identify someone to be the scapegoat who was worthy of universal hate.

They just lifted a page out of Hitler’s playbook. Hitler devised an entire myth about Germany’s “superior Aryan heritage” out of thin air. It was completely fictional, but he relished in telling another Big Lie with gusto. He told the Germans that they had been victimized when their rightful heritage as “Aryans,” (who had been noble world leaders in Hitler’s revised history) had been stolen from them by oppressors. But if Germans loved the State and hated their oppressors enough, then they could build a new, even more “just” and noble German Empire (The Third Reich). Notice that the themes of victimization, moral superiority, and revenge against fictional oppressors are still used by identity politics arguments of Liberals today.

In America, the neo-Marxists Frankfurters realized that they had to invent their own version of the Aryan race identity group of which everyone would want to be part. In those days, everyone wanted to be modern (“mod”), one of the cool-kids, part of the in-crowd, so the Hipster “woke” liberal stereotype was born. In the 1950s they were the *On the Road* beatniks who became the jazz snapping hep cats, who morphed into the free-love hippies of the 1960s, and finally evolved into today’s global citizen “woke” hipsters. Through the decades the fashions and the language may have changed, but one thing has stayed constant: they all have had their fists up in revolution and their hands out to get their “fair share” of someone else’s money.

Just as Hitler clamed the Jews were the root cause of Germany’s malaise the Marxists made the object of their hate the “bourgeoisie capitalists”

7 https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Joseph_Goebbels

(hardworking middle-class businessmen) who had “exploited” workers by making (and keeping) a *profit*. Scandalous!

Marx framed the primary struggle of class conflict as how to forcibly seize the assets of the “bourgeoisie capitalists.” He called for a global bloody communist revolution, but he did so in an abstract and uninspiring way. It was left to propaganda genius Joseph Goebbels to really ignite a passion in the hearts of the people by telling the Big Lie about capitalism through a heart-wrenching tale of “injustice.”

“It is rotten and dismal that a world of so many hundred million people should be ruled by a *single caste* that has the power to lead millions to life or to death, indeed on a whim...This caste has spun its web over the entire earth; *capitalism* recognizes no national boundaries.

Capitalism has learned nothing from recent events and wants to learn nothing, because it places its own interests ahead of those of the other millions. Can one blame those millions for standing up for their own interests, and only for those interests? Can one blame them for striving to forge an *international community* whose purpose is the struggle against corrupt capitalism?

Is it not an abomination that people with the most brilliant intellectual gifts should sink into poverty and disintegrate, while others dissipate, squander, and waste the money that could help them? ... You say the old propertied class also worked hard for what it has. Granted, that may be true in many cases. But do you also know about the conditions under which workers were living during the period when capitalism “earned” its fortune?”⁸

Goebbels succinctly laid out the basic tenets of the communist hoax that are still used in an almost identical form today. Here is the unencrypted version that you hear multiple times a day in the modern media:

- 1) Hardworking businessmen “rule” over people by giving them jobs. But it is an “injustice” that the businessman pays them fair market wages rather than what the workers want.

8 Quoted in Ralph Georg Reuth, *Goebbels* (Harvest, 1994), pp. 33-34

- 2) We are setting up an international community of communists to justify confiscating the wealth of all “rich” people around the world for our benefit. (This takes various forms including the Global Warming Hoax, third world reparations, etc.)
- 3) People who have earned money tend to *squander and waste* it because they do not give it away to people with “brilliant minds” who are more deserving, but who can’t find jobs or don’t want to work.

Fruit of the Poison Tree

The Frankfurt school schemers understood that since *political power comes from popular culture*, all they had to do to convert America to communism was to *destroy traditional American values*, and replace them with progressive liberal values using mass media, and they were willing to play the long con to do it.

Once again, following Hitler’s propaganda playbook, the American communists set out to seize control of every instrument of popular opinion including media, movies, news organizations, churches and worst of all – the public schools.

“Socialism is precisely the religion that must overwhelm Christianity... in the new order; Socialism will triumph by first capturing the culture via infiltration of the schools, universities, churches and the media by transforming the consciousness of society.”

- Antonio Gramsci (1915)

Schools – Why Johnny Can’t Think

The corruption and resulting failure of the American public-school system is the most damaging to the nation’s psyche and earning power. With more than three million members, the NEA is the largest and most influential teacher’s union in the United States (it is the nation’s largest labor union of any kind) and its primary stated purpose is not to provide children with a world class education, but rather to act as “social change agents” to indoctrinate children to make them more progressive. As the old saying goes: “The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.”

One of the most bizarre examples of progressive indoctrination is an attempt by the Seattle school district to “rehumanize” K-12 math classes

by exploring how math has been “culturally appropriated” by Westerners and used as a tool of power and oppression over people of color. Yes, seriously.

Math classes will now “explain how math dictates economic oppression,” “identify economic movements that have led to liberation,” and explore, “How we can change mathematics from individualistic to *collectivist thinking*.”⁹

Power and oppression, as defined by ethnic studies, are the ways in which individuals and groups define mathematical knowledge so as to see “Western” mathematics as the only legitimate expression of mathematical identity and intelligence. This definition of legitimacy is then used to disenfranchise people and communities of color. This erases the historical contributions of people and communities of color.

- How is math manipulated to allow inequality and oppression to persist?
- Who is doing the oppressing?
- Who does the oppression protect?
- Who does this oppression harm?
- Where is there an opportunity to examine systemic oppression?
- How can math help us understand the impact of economic conditions and systems that contribute to poverty and slave labor?
- How does math contribute to how we value natural resources?

As if “new math” wasn’t bad enough, now they are pushing “progressive math.” The Progressive subliminal messaging is always the same: claiming victimization and oppression is far more important than developing personal empowerment through learning knowledge and abilities.

The purpose of this progressive Critical Theory indoctrination is to turn young people against their country by criticizing every aspect of Western thought, even mathematics, in order to prepare them to accept multicultural socialism.

⁹ www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/socialstudies/pubdocs/Math%20SDS%20ES%20Framework.pdf

All public schools have now been completely infiltrated by Liberals of the worst sort whose aim is to turn children into “Manchurian Voters” who will mindlessly vote for Democrats when they grow up. As Lenin said:

“Give me four years to teach the children,
and the [communist] seed I have planted will never be uprooted.”

News – Propaganda on Parade

“If you don’t read the newspaper, you’re uninformed.
If you do, you’re misinformed.”
- Attributed to Mark Twain

Like every totalitarian regime throughout history the American Fascist-Left realized that they must control the power of the press to shape public opinion. All totalitarians understand that one cannot subjugate a free people by force, they must submit willingly. They must be taught to hate themselves and hate their freedom, so that democracy can die with thunderous applause.

Nixon’s Vice-president, Spiro Agnew, once called the press, “nattering nabobs of negativism,” but Nixon himself went further and like Trump, openly called the press his enemy. They are correct. The American Liberal press has been the enemy of every conservative president going back to the very founding of the country.

Even Thomas Jefferson worried about reading a newspaper full of fake news:

“The man who never looks into a newspaper is better informed
than he who reads them; inasmuch as he who knows nothing is nearer to
truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods & errors.”

But no president has been willing to call out the press on their bias and lies until Trump openly called a *CNN* reporter “fake news” to his face on national TV. Driven by the “Trump Derangement Syndrome” all of the major lamestream media sources have dedicated themselves to insulting, mocking, deriding, accusing, and defaming the President 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, proving the President’s point.

Trump counterpunched back by calling out the Liberal Press as the “enemy of the people.” The Liberal elites made indignant harrumph noises, but the truth is hard to hide, even if some people are slow to accept it. As Mark Twain once said, “A lie can travel halfway round the world, while the truth is still putting on its shoes.”

Yet, slowly but surely, people are waking up to realize that the lamestream press does not have America’s best interest at heart. According to a Monmouth University survey 3 out of 4 (77 percent) of voters think that “fake news reporting happens at least occasionally,” that number grows with every CNN broadcast, as their audience shrinks.

In his book *Left Turn* UCLA professor Dr. Tim Groseclose conducted a statistical study to evaluate media bias. He concluded *all* mainstream media outlets have a liberal bias which is measurably larger than the slightly conservative bias by alternative media outlets such the *Washington Times* or *Fox News*. In other words, there is more left spin than right.

The cause of media bias is not surprising when one looks at how most “journalists” (propagandists) are clustered on the far left. Estimates place the number of journalists who are acknowledged Democrats at 93 percent, and the number of admitted Republicans at less than 7 percent. A study by the Center for Public Integrity during the 2016 election revealed that more than 96 percent of political donations from journalists went to the Hillary Clinton campaign.

To call the American press “biased” is like calling the Russian newspaper *Pravda* biased. Both *Pravda* and the lamestream media are not merely “biased,” they are in fact both *active advocates* of propaganda for the Liberal thought control agenda.

There are multiple ways that the press slants and spins your perception of reality. One is by selective underreporting of stories that would conflict with the desired mindset, if it is not reported, it didn’t happen. A primary example is evident in “gun control” stories. Gun violence stories focus on the hapless and “innocent” victim (even in cases where the victim is a convicted gang member with a long history of violent assaults on others), and often include the mounting statistics of gun violence locally or nationally.

The intent is to lay the foundation for the argument that too many criminals have too many guns and therefore everyone would be safer if all guns were outlawed. Sometimes the story will include a seemingly objective reference to the NRA to make it seem that somehow the NRA either condones, or is directly responsible for, an increase in gun violence in America.

What the lamestream press *never* reports are stories about the *effective* use of guns by law abiding citizens to deter or actively combat crime. Some estimates suggest that the number of “gun protection” incidents is many times larger than the number of “gun violence” incidents – but they are never reported. They also never report that in spite of having more stringent gun regulations, the most dangerous cities still have higher numbers of gun crimes. Which suggests that stricter gun laws are either uncorrelated or worse negatively correlated with gun crime. But objective reporting of the facts would conflict with the Liberal agenda of trying to repeal the Second Amendment and confiscate the nearly 400 million guns in America in order to disarm the American people.

Another favorite tactic of the press is to “spin” a story to either support the Liberal agenda or subvert traditional American values. For example, if a Republican does something wrong, the story is framed to highlight the infraction itself and often tries to subliminally insert the notion that this is “yet another” in a long line of infractions by conservatives by referring to other similar occurrences. The unspoken editorial is, “What else would you expect from a Conservative?”

Take for example, one *USA Today* headline that read, “Republican Congressman Matt Gaetz Tweets Apparent Threat to Michael Cohen, Alleging Affair.” This story spin builds on other “abusive” comments made on Twitter by President Trump, which promotes the subliminal Liberal narrative that “Republicans are bullies who always threaten violence.”

On the other hand, when the infraction is done by a Democrat, the story is spun to focus on the “over-reaction” by Republican rather than on the actual misdeed itself. For example, “Ocasio-Cortez Team Flubs a Green New Deal Summary, and Republicans Pounce.” The interesting part of the story is now shifted from a flubbed speech about a nonsensical idea to “yet another” abusive behavior by Republicans.

The modern press has blurred the line between objective news and opinion to a degree that would make William Randolph Hearst blush. Here are 10 examples of Liberal narrative themes that can be found in most if not all news stories in the lamestream press:

- 1) Guns are bad and should be illegal
- 2) White men are “toxic” and should have their rights revoked
- 3) The “rich” do not pay their “fair share” of taxes
- 4) Conservatives are racists megalomaniacs who seek to control the world
- 5) Government programs need more money so they can solve more problems
- 6) Redistribution of wealth is the primary moral responsibility of Government
- 7) Women and minorities are all permanently disabled victims who need special privileges
- 8) Conservatives are evil and actively work against the “social good” done by government
- 9) Its hip to be liberal – all the cool kids are
- 10) Conservatives are socially inept, nerds, or racists

“Any dictator would admire the uniformity and obedience of the U.S. media.”

- Noam Chomsky, *Manufacturing Consent*

Movie Message Madness

It was the golden age of Hollywood; the Second World War was over and millions of young men and women released from the war effort were eager to settle down, start a family, and be entertained. Hollywood had delivered many classic pro-American films like *The Wizard of Oz*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, and *Casablanca* that eulogized traditional American values of the rugged individual.

Hollywood was tightly controlled by nine Jewish movie moguls who were fiercely patriotic, voted Republican, and wanted to downplay their Jewish heritage. Moguls like Samuel Goldwyn and Louis B. Mayer believed that the primary purpose of movies was to entertain; they rejected the notion

that movies should be used as indoctrination tool to shift America's culture. When Samuel Goldwyn was criticized for not making "message movies" that addressed social issues, he quipped, "If you want messages, go to Western Union."

But the attraction of the power of movies to influence and slowly indoctrinate Americans by embedding subliminal messages was irresistible for many Liberal writers. Radical screenwriter John Howard Lawson always tried to insert a few lines of communist propaganda into every script. Lawson also urged other left-leaning writers to likewise insert liberal messages into key scenes with expensive sets and high-priced stars. If a star like Gary Cooper had lines that the studio executives later found objectionable, the scene would be too expensive to cut and re-shoot. The infiltration had begun.

In the years after WWII, Hollywood made an increasing number of films that addressed social issues such as anti-Semitism, racism, and other inequities with scripts which were written by Leftists and offered socialist solutions. Hollywood started to make message movies, but the American public started objecting to these messages, so much so that they launched a Congressional investigation to expose the communist influence in the film industry.

In 1947 the House Committee on Un-American Activities held a nine-day hearing into possible communist influence in the motion picture industry. In spite of the Committee's intention to protect American values, the proceedings were highly unconstitutional, violated freedom of speech, the right to avoid self-incrimination, and right of association with the questions, "Are you now, or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?" And "Can you provide the names of other communists in Hollywood?"

A core group of screenwriters known as "The Hollywood Ten" asserted their Fifth Amendment right and refused to answer these questions, and also refused to rat-out other communists and divulge their names. As a result, they were among the more than 300 screenwriters, actors, and directors, who were blacklisted from ever working in the film industry again.

The Committee's overreach and violations of Constitutional rights led to a landmark decision by the Supreme Court five years later in a 1952 ruling

that movies were a protected form of free speech – placing movies outside of direct government censorship and control. The removal of government censorship combined with an entrenched group of pro-communist screenwriters meant Hollywood could now tilt to the Left in earnest.

Forty short years later, the conversion of Hollywood from conservative to Fascist-Liberal was complete. In 1992 screenwriter and playwright Jonathan R. Reynolds wrote in a letter to the *New York Times*, that “Hollywood today is as fascistic toward conservatives as the 1940s and ‘50s were [toward] liberals ... And that goes for the movies and television shows produced. Any play that suggests that racism is a two-way street or that socialism is degrading simply won’t be produced I defy you to name any plays produced in the last 10 years that intelligently espouse conservative ideas. Make that 20 years.”¹⁰

The demand for “woke” message movies has increased in volume and vitriol. Now it is considered de rigueur by movie critiques that all films promote the full complement of Liberal value shifting tropes. Films that don’t promote full-frontal liberalism are denounced by critics and accused of cultural appropriation, sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, toxic masculinity or “whitewashing” (using mostly white actors despite taking place in non-western settings).

One hilarious example of an “are-you-freaking-kidding-me” critique criticized the family-friendly kids’ movie *The Secret Life of Pets 2* for actually being made for *kids*.

“The Secret Life of *Pets 2*, on the other hand ... effectively acts as an animated ode to *heteronormativity, toxic masculinity and patriarchal worldviews*, passed off as harmless plot points to entertain young audiences.

Pets 2’s descent into the bowels of what reads as conservative messaging begins as Katie (voiced by Ellie Kemper), Max’s owner, randomly meets a young man, quickly marries and has a child. In this fictional universe, that’s clearly the only natural progression of events in a woman’s life. That trope is later reinforced through pet characters.

10 www.thoughtco.com/how-conservative-hollywood-became-a-liberal-town-3303432

In case it wasn't obvious, *Pets 2* makes no attempt at diversifying the notion of what a family is today. No same-sex couples are in sight as pet owners, much less as parents. Nothing that deviates from the default straight married couple is even hinted at.¹¹

Poor old Sam Goldwyn is probably spinning in his grave at the thought. But old Sam was a clever and successful businessman who understood that stories about heroes who embodied good old-fashioned American values, made good movies, and good movies made good money.

The *Movieguide*®, the self-appointed arbiter of family-values in movies releases a report every year that rates movies across two dozen ideological criteria such as promoting capitalism or socialism, promoting or denigrating Judeo-Christian values (e.g., the Ten Commandments), excessive sex or violence, political correctness, revisionist history, environmentalism, feminism, homosexuality among other controversial themes.

After 24 years of publishing the report, *Movieguide* has amassed enough evidence to prove that Sam Goldwyn was right.

“The evidence is abundantly clear,” said Dr. Ted Baehr, founder and publisher of *Movieguide*®. “Moviegoers **greatly prefer family-friendly movies**. Most people want to see good conquer evil, truth triumph over falsehood, justice prevail over injustice, liberty conquer tyranny, and beauty overcome ugliness. They also would like to take their whole family, including their grandparents, to the movies more often.”

The 2016 Annual Report revealed that family-friendly movies brought in more than **four times** as much revenue (\$73 million per movie) on average than R-rated movies and family-unfriendly movies that were offensive, obscene, anti-family, or glorified immorality, which only averaged \$17.5 million. Audiences clearly prefer movies that promote patriotism and traditional conservative values that do not denigrate Christianity like “Thor,” “The Artist,” and “Soul Surfer” over message movies promoting counter-culture values.

11 <https://www.thewrap.com/the-secret-life-of-pets-2-film-review-patton-oswalt-harrison-ford/>

A Sea of Troubles

Reasonable People have been the victim of liberal *incrementalism*, we are frogs in the boiling pot slowly getting cooked. Liberal control over the news, movies, and schools gives them the high ground advantage in the culture wars. This isn't by accident or luck but the result of a carefully devised plan that was well executed over the last fifty years. Nikita Khrushchev even boasted about their plan to drip-feed socialism into America until it destroys our culture and economy. Khrushchev made good on this boast. Everything he threatened to do has come true.

“Your children’s children will live under communism. You Americans are so gullible. No, you won’t accept communism outright, but we’ll keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you’ll finally wake up and find you already have communism. We won’t have to fight you. We’ll so weaken your economy until you’ll fall like overripe fruit into our hands.”
- Nikita Khrushchev, 1959

Way back in 1992 Irving Kristol wrote to a colleague: “I regret to inform you that the culture wars are over, and the Left has won. Despite occasional conservative successes, the Left completely dominates the educational establishment, the entertainment industry, the universities, and the media.”

The cultural playing field is now so lopsided that a drag queen doing readings for children at the local library will get celebrated for being “diverse”, but if a parent objects they will quickly be publicly demonized and possibly fired from their job for “hatred” or “intolerance.”

In order to save our economy from collapsing under staggering debt, we must first save our culture by reclaiming it from the Liberals. To save our culture and our country we must realize that the tendency to avoid action and conflict is what got us into this crisis, and we must summon the courage of our convictions to take uncomfortable, but necessary, action.

4. Progressives are the Modern Inner Party

“The further a society drifts from the truth,
the more it will hate those that speak it.”
- George Orwell

The news coverage of the election night of 2016 started out jubilantly; *everyone* was certain that “Crooked” Hillary Clinton would easily sweep into being the first female, and most corrupt, President in American History. It didn’t turn out that way. As the night crept along more and more states came in for Donald J. Trump, the bombastic billionaire New York real estate failure and reality TV success.

Never in American history had the election come down to two more despised candidates. But surely the country would prefer “Lady Macbeth” Hillary to the old, fat, white, geezer Trump – surely. Late that night when Trump finally clinched the electoral college (but lost the popular vote to Hillary by an estimated 3 million votes), Liberals were so shocked that some actually broke down and openly cried.

They wept not just because the country was spared four more years of a Socialist-in-Chief, but because they were actually afraid that Trump would be the country’s first dictator in over 200 years. That somehow, he would usurp the checks and balances of our trilateral government and impose a racist theocracy. Pundits compared Trump to Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini and ironically “Big Brother” from George Orwell’s *1984*. Sales of Orwell’s *1984* masterpiece spiked, prompting the publisher to order an unanticipated extra 75,000 books.

A rant article in the liberal fish-wrap *The New Yorker* compared Orwell’s *1984* and “Trump’s America” – concluding that Trump was even worse

than Big Brother. (Consider that the author Adam Gopnik actually got *paid* to write this drivel!)

“Trump’s lies, and his urge to tell them, are pure Big Brother crude, however oafish their articulation. They are not postmodern traps and temptations; they are primitive schoolyard taunts and threats.

The blind, blatant disregard for truth is offered without even the sugar-façade of sweetness of temper or equableness or entertainment – offered not with a sheen of condescending consensus but in an ancient tone of rage, vanity, and vengeance. Trump is pure raging authoritarian id.”¹²

Trump as Big Brother continues to be a popular liberal media meme, appearing in hundreds of articles and posts. But as usual the Liberals intentionally presented it exactly backwards; the shoe fits better on the other foot. The Trump presidency is a *reaction* to the Big Brother oppression of modern Liberals through Political Correctness, Thought Crimes, Face Crimes, Double Think and Double Speak.

If the Liberals are Big Brother, then Trump is their greatest enemy, Orwell’s “Emmanuel Goldstein;” which is why they hate him.

What makes Orwell’s bleak dystopian novel timeless is that it magnifies the most malignant political traits from history and takes them to their logically extreme conclusion. It is a fictionalized view of what Germany and Russia became in 1940 and what America could become soon. It is a warning and a challenge from Orwell to his fellow Communists asking them if this is the soul-crushing future that they really want to create. But it is chilling to see how many unimaginable predictions have still come true. Here are a few examples.

The Rise of the Inner Party

Orwell’s fictional Britain became part of Oceania, the conglomerate multistate, similar to the European Union the real Britain has been desperately trying to escape for years (“Brexit”). Oceania is a three-tiered feudal system

¹² <https://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/orwells-1984-and-trumps-america>

run for the benefit of the Inner Party (soviet party style elites, 2 percent of the population), managed by the Outer Party (bureaucrats and middle class, 15 percent of the population) and supported by the “proles” (short for the Marxist word proletariat or labor class 83 percent of the population).

The Inner Party is personified by “Big Brother” – like “Uncle Sam” with a bad attitude. One of the often-repeated propaganda memes is the celebration of the soviet-style surveillance state that, “Big Brother is watching you.” This was prologue for today’s “cancel culture” where any social missteps, unpopular opinion, insensitive joke, one ever made is grounds to be fired, have your life ruined and everything you ever worked for destroyed. Even if it isn’t true – as Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh recently discovered.

Inner Party members enjoy a much higher quality of life than the Outer Party, who only has a slightly better life than the Proles. Inner Party members have elegant living quarters, servants, private cars (motor vehicles are highly restricted and may not be owned by Outer Party members or Proles, probably due to “global warming” restrictions), high quality food, drink and consumer goods. Inner Party members can buy wine, real coffee, tea, sugar, milk and well-made cigarettes in contrast to the low-quality gin, synthetic coffee and improperly manufactured cigarettes consumed by the Outer Party and the Proles. Orwell is echoing the severe rationing and lack of “luxury” goods like coffee experienced by Britain during the war, suggesting a poorly functioning soviet-style economy.

Unlike a capitalist meritocracy where the ranks of the upper class are open to anyone (and their children), who creates great value, Orwell’s Inner Party is mostly made up of people who don’t actually *do* anything to create value, but rather people who shape other people’s opinions.

“The new aristocracy was made up for the most part of bureaucrats, scientists, technicians, trade-union organizers, publicity experts, sociologists, teachers, journalists and professional politicians.”

Orwell correctly predicted that the modern Liberal global elite would metastasize into the Inner Party with the goal of global domination: “The two aims of the Party are to conquer the whole surface of the earth and to extinguish once and for all the possibility of independent thought.”

Modern Liberals use the same pretense as the Inner Party that they seek power only for the “good of the people” because people are frail “and” cowardly creatures who cannot rule themselves. But Orwell reveals the truth – that the real purpose of power is power itself. “The Party seeks power entirely for its own sake.”

Liberal NewSpeak

Orwell, like modern Liberals understands that the most complete form of control is to control one’s very *thoughts*. This is the central theme and warning of this important book:

Don’t Allow Assholes to Control What You Think, Do or Say

One controls thoughts by first controlling language. The Inner Party created “NewSpeak” an inelegant pidgin language designed to limit unacceptable words and ideas.

“Don’t you see that the whole aim of NewSpeak is to narrow the range of thought? In the end we shall make thoughtcrime literally impossible, because there will be no words in which to express it.”

It sounds ridiculous to the modern mind that people would allow, let alone embrace, such a bizarre idea. But modern Liberals have already banned many offensive words from the public lexicon, and even uttering certain words can destroy one’s career regardless of the intent or context.

Liberals are also *adding* words to their *required* NewSpeak lexicon in order to eliminate the thoughtcrime of “misgendering.” In Canada and New York, using the wrong gender pronoun can get you fired or sued if someone objects to your saying “he” instead of the preferred but biologically inaccurate pronoun “she.”

A person’s preferred gender pronoun is now entirely at their own discretion depending on how they feel at any given moment. To prevent possibly offending any gender-uncertain person, the liberal Pronoun Police has created a new list of 70 NewSpeak pronouns such as “xe,” “zer,” and “hir” which everyone is expected to learn and adopt. Canadian Professor Jordan

Peterson has built his fame, and now considerable fortune, by openly resisting this “compelled speech.” He maintains, quite correctly, that he can use any word he damn well feels like, even the offensive and insulting ones, and if the listener doesn’t like it, that’s their own damn problem – not his.

The Evils of Capitalism

The Inner Party, like modern Liberals, detests capitalism as an evil system designed only to oppress the Proles. Fortunately, the Inner Party came to power to make everyone equal (except, of course, the Inner Party itself will be much more “equal” than others).

“It had long been realized that the only secure basis for oligarchy is collectivism. Wealth and privilege are most easily defended when they are possessed jointly. The so-called ‘abolition of private property’ which took place in the middle years of the century meant, in effect, the concentration of property in far fewer hands than before: but with this difference, that the new owners were a *group* instead of a mass of individuals.

“It was possible to imagine a society in which WEALTH, in the sense of personal possessions and luxuries, should be evenly distributed, while POWER remained in the hands of a small privileged caste.”

This is exactly what is happening now. College students are being taught that America is an evil capitalist country based on an oppressive free-market ideology (in spite of all evidence to the contrary). Students are being indoctrinated to believe that they are the new Robin Hoods with a moral responsibility to prosecute a massive redistribution wealth by stealing from the rich to give to the poor. It is never explained to them why redistribution causes massive shortages of food and products. It is never explained to them why socialist economies don’t grow and must eventually collapse under their own bloat. It is never explained to them that stealing is immoral and *wrong*.

Revisionist History

In order to maintain complete thought-control over us Proles, the new Liberal Inner Party is gradually trying to remove any symbols that might

lead to thoughtcrimes, such as removing the phrase “In God we Trust,” on the currency, or the phrase “one nation under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Self-righteous culture warriors are waging war on pre-Party history, tearing down (and spitting on) statues of old colonialists and civil war officers and renaming university halls that were named after people who once suffered from unacceptable beliefs. Just as Orwell predicted, all references to the world before The Party must be eliminated in order to “correct” history:

“The centuries of capitalism were held to have produced nothing of value. One could not learn history from architecture any more than one could learn it from books. Statues, inscriptions, memorial stones, the names of streets—anything that might throw light upon the past had been systemically altered.

“This process of continuous alteration was applied not only to newspapers, but to books, periodicals, pamphlets, posters, leaflets, films, sound-tracks, cartoons, photographs – to every kind of literature or documentation which might conceivably hold any political or ideological significance. Day by day and almost minute by minute the past was brought up to date.”

Propaganda

Big Brother’s most powerful tool is the inescapable propaganda that is everywhere, all the time. Liberals know this as well. Like modern “Tokyo Roses” they spew out a constant stream of Big Brotherisms doubling down on Orwell’s originals which he thought were too stupid for anyone to believe at the time; such as the following.

WAR IS PEACE. In spite of constant “news” about the on-going war, the reader suspects that there actually isn’t any war, it is just more misdirecting propaganda, designed to give the people something to fear and hate, and something for them to blame for their the weak economy instead of the real cause – the government.

Modern version: Liberals create an on-going war against fictional hate figures from “racism” and “white privilege” to Trump himself. Anything to

keep people's attention directed away from their attempts to "fundamentally transform" America into Oceania.

FREEDOM IS SLAVERY. Modern version: If you allow people free will, they will make bad choices. Fortunately, Liberals will protect you from yourself, by enforcing adherence to the Liberal Cannon. Hence, as Mussolini claimed people were more "free" under his Totalitarian-Fascism, Liberals claim that people will be more "free" under their modern Liberal-Fascism.

IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH. Modern version: We must protect people from harmful or offensive ideas and "Hate Speech," by providing them safe spaces, because you will be better and stronger if you do not know certain dangerous ideas (like the philosophical foundations of Western Civilization).

Propaganda used to be called "yellow journalism" but now it's just called "fake news." The modern Liberal media has surpassed even Orwell's "Ministry of Truth." In a masterful bit of sophistry an article in the leftist online rant blog the *Huffington Post*, redefines fake news back to "real news" by claiming that Trump, not them, is the propagandist.

In Trumpworld, "fake news" no longer referred to lies, misinformation and hoaxes, but to the *meticulously reported, impeccably sourced, and carefully edited* stories published by the likes of *CNN*, the *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post*. Trump so thoroughly corrupted the term that journalists are now reluctant to use it to describe Trump's lies and made-up stories. Trump now owns the term. "Fake news" now means its exact opposite. *Fake news means real news.*¹³

How should a Reasonable Person resolve these he-said, she-said disputes over who is more truthful? Let's look at some evidence and analysis.

Harvard's Kennedy School of Government released a study that concluded the coverage of Trump's first 100 days in office by major news organizations had "set a new standard for negativity" reaching a peak of 90 percent

13 www.huffpost.com/entry/big-brother-trump_b_5a38382ce4b0c12e6337aff0

negative coverage. President Barack Obama's coverage, by contrast, was only 41 percent negative and 59 percent positive or neutral.

The most negative newspapers were the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times* (83 percent and 87 percent negative, respectively), but at least their negative stories were *meticulously reported, impeccably sourced, and carefully edited*. But the cable news channels *NBC* and *CNN* tied for first place with a jaw-dropping 93 percent negative coverage and zero positive coverage.

The *Huffington Post* implies that none of the thousands of negative articles about Trump could have been biased or considered fake news because: a) everything Trump did *actually was* stupid and worthy of ridicule and b) Trump lies worse than we do – so nanny-nanny-boo-boo to you.

The Harvard study concluded, “the nation's watchdog has lost much of its bite and won't regain it until the public perceives it as an *impartial broker*, applying the same reporting standards to both parties.” Which misses the main point, the media is no longer trying to be the “nation's watchdog.” Instead, it is a full-throated advocate of the Left – so don't hold your breath for them becoming increasingly fair, and balanced.

More than just being negative or critical of the President, the world's news outlets were actually conspiring together to spin a Big Brother-esque false narrative, which they believed would ultimately lead to the impeachment of the legally elected 45th president. Using propaganda techniques pioneered and perfected by Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels they started by telling the Big Lie, and just kept repeating it over and over again until it became its own truth (or so they hoped).

First Draft News identified seven types of Fake News:

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| 1) Satire or parody | - | not intended to deceive, but has potential to fool |
| 2) False connections | - | headlines, visuals or captions don't support the content |
| 3) Misleading content | - | misleading use of information to spin the story |

- 4) False context - genuine content is shared with false contextual information
- 5) Impostor content - impersonated, false, or made-up sources
- 6) Manipulated content - information or imagery is falsified as with a faked photo
- 7) Fabricated content - content is 100% false, designed to deceive and do harm

The liberal media uses all seven of these techniques to impugn Trump’s legitimacy as President. In spite of the press claiming they only provide “objective coverage,” notorious right-wing truth-outlet Brieghtbart.com released a sample of intentionally Fake News stories about the RussiaGate investigation. After a two-year, \$30 million investigation was proven to be a hoax, the press congratulated themselves on their “thorough reporting.”

Partial list of examples of Fake News Stories:¹⁴

- 1) *ABC News*: Donald Trump directed Flynn to make contact with Russian officials during the 2016 presidential campaign
- 2) *ABC News*: Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort worked with Russia intelligence-connected official as late as December 2017.
- 3) Associated Press: Phony Russia dossier was initially funded by Republican group.
- 4) *Axios*: Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein forced out.
- 5) *BBC*: Ukrainian president “authorized” an illegal payment of \$400,000 to Michael Cohen for additional face time during a June 2017 meeting with President Trump.
- 6) *Bloomberg* and the *Wall Street Journal*: Robert Mueller subpoenaed Trump’s Deutsche Bank records.
- 7) *BuzzFeed*: Trump directed Michael Cohen to lie, and Mueller has emails proving it.
- 8) *CNN*: Congress investigating Russian investment fund with ties to Trump officials.
- 9) *CNN*: Donald Trump Jr. conspired with WikiLeaks.

14 www.breitbart.com/the-media/2019/04/22/top-51-fake-news-bombshells-media-spread-russiagate/

- 10) *CNN*: Donald Trump knew in advance of the Trump Tower meeting.
- 11) *CNN*: James Comey will testify he never told Trump he was not under investigation.
- 12) *CNN*: Mueller Report will show Trump “has helped” Putin “destabilize” the United States.
- 13) *CNN*: Sessions failed to disclose meetings he had with the Russian ambassador.
- 14) *CNN*: Trump is “bonkers” for claiming Hillary Clinton behind Russia dossier.
- 15) *CNN*: Trump is lying when he calls Russia dossier “phony.”
- 16) *CNN*: Trump’s campaign was never wiretapped.
- 17) *CNN*: “Every intelligence expert, both under the Obama administration and under the Trump administration,” agrees with the assessment that Russia attempted to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.
- 18) *CNN*: Phony Russia dossier has been “corroborated.”
- 19) *Fortune*: RT had hacked into and taken over C-SPAN and C-SPAN “confirmed” it had been hacked.
- 20) *Fox News*: Mueller can show Trump campaign “had a connection to Russian intelligence.”
- 21) *McClatchy*: Michael Cohen really did visit Prague.
- 22) *Mic.com*: Russia spy visited Trump’s Oval Office.
- 23) *MSNBC*: Among others, a Trump family member will be indicted on February 8.
- 24) *MSNBC*: Rudy Giuliani just told America that Trump’s campaign colluded with Russia.
- 25) *NBC News*, *MSNBC*: Russia is the main suspect in the sonic attacks that sickened 26 U.S. diplomats.
- 26) *NBC News*: Federal investigators wiretapped Trump’s personal attorney Michael Cohen, have recordings of Trump.
- 27) *NBC News*: Manafort notes from Russian meeting refer to political contributions.
- 28) *NBC News*: Putin admits he has compromising information about Trump.
- 29) *NBC News*, *The Hill*, *New York Daily News*: Russia successfully hacked voting systems in a number of states.
- 30) *NBC News*: Russia supports Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI).

The Enemy of the People

Emmanuel Goldstein is the primary enemy of Big Brother and thus of the people, but the reader suspects that he is actually just fictional propaganda created by the Inner Party. After allegedly breaking away from the Inner Party early in its existence, Goldstein became a counter-revolutionary to fight government oppression (like Trump). Every day, the government broadcasts its “Two Minutes of Hate” videos, where Goldstein is always the central subject and blamed for all the countries problems (like Trump).

“As usual, the face of Emmanuel Goldstein, the Enemy of the People, had flashed on to the screen. There were hisses here and there among the audience. The little sandy-haired woman gave a squeak of mingled fear and disgust. Goldstein was the renegade and backslider who once, long ago (how long ago, nobody quite remembered), had been one of the leading figures of the Party, almost on a level with Big Brother himself, and then had engaged in counter-revolutionary activities, had been condemned to death, and had mysteriously escaped and disappeared. The programmes of the Two Minutes of Hate varied from day to day, but there was none in which Goldstein was not the principal figure.”

The similarities between the fictional Goldstein created by the Inner Party as a national scapegoat, and the fictional racist, hate-filled Donald Trump strawman that the press has created and continuously pillories, are inescapable.

Starting with appearances, Goldstein is physically repulsive, with a “face like a sheep,” a “silly” nose and an overall air of self-satisfaction. Trump is also often called fat, orange, disgusting, smirking, with stupid looking hair. To the adolescent or Liberal mind appearance alone justifies hating someone (old white men for example).

Goldstein and Trump are both considered traitors to the core ideas of their countries. Goldstein is presented as “abusing Big Brother ... denouncing the dictatorship of the Party and ... advocating freedom of speech.” Trump has been accused of treason for insulting the Deep State swamp and daring to defy those who *really* want to control the government. Former CIA Director John Brennan who is under investigation for his role in the

SpyGate scandal called Trump's remarks "nothing short of treasonous."¹⁵ His thought was echoed by fifty Hollywood celebrities, all who claim to be remarkably objective. But the former governor of Massachusetts, Bill Weld, went a step further and not only accused Trump of treason, he also said Trump deserves the death penalty.

Goldstein and Trump are both national scapegoats on whom all the problems of the people and Party are blamed. As Orwell says about Goldstein: "All subsequent crimes against the Party, all treacheries, acts of sabotage, heresies ... sprang directly out of his teaching."

Hatred, they say, is born of fear. The real reason the left hates Reasonable People, Conservatives, and Trump as their elected representative is, they all represent an existential threat to the Left. They are largely immune to the Left's propaganda, and worst of all have the potential to awake the bewildering herd from their propaganda-induced slumber and return the power to the people.

15 www.marketwatch.com/story/is-trump-treasonous-heres-the-legal-and-historical-answer-to-that-charge-2018-07-17

5. What do Liberals Really Want?

“If you know the enemy and know yourself
you need not fear the results of a hundred battles.”

- Sun Tzu, *The Art of War*

“The greatest deception men suffer is from their own opinions.”

- Leonardo Da Vinci

When Reasonable People start a conversation with Liberals, it is usually a very puzzling and frustrating experience. Often the Liberal will insert a “Virtue Signaling” comment into the conversation to assert their moral dominance. Virtue Signals are typically ridiculous statements that a Reasonable Person sees as attack on logic and Individual Sovereignty.

Here are a few actual examples.

“All global warming deniers are assholes.”

“The only reason that America became so powerful is because of slavery.”

“Rich people don’t pay their fair share of taxes.”

“Trump says he wants to make America great again; he really means to make it *white* again.”

“They get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren’t like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations.”

- (President Obama, 2008)

“Conservatives are racist and greedy to their core. They’d sell their own Mother for a buck.”

“This was a ‘whitelash’ against the first black president.” - (Van Jones, Election night 2016)

The Reasonable Person must decide whether and how to address the virtue signaling comments. Often in the spirit of fair debate the Reasonable Person will try to point out the logical error or obvious bias in order to help the Liberal see and correct their erroneous thinking. After that the discussion usually follows a pattern that is predictable to the point of being cliché.

The Liberal will change the tone of the conversation from a reasoned discussion to an emotional debate, often becoming indignant and raising their voice. This is an intimidation technique. If the Reasonable Person stands his ground and continues to keep the discussion based on reason, the Liberal will often escalate the now argument using out of context “what-about-isms” that are frequently have no scientific basis but are well rehearsed Liberal talking points, culminating in an ad hominem attack and a statement of moral superiority.

“It’s SUV-driving assholes like you who are killing off all the polar bears.”

(Don’t worry the polar bear population is doing fine and actually growing! But that has nothing to do with whether or not you drive an SUV.)

After one has had a few hundred of these conversations the underlying liberal beliefs start to become evident. Here are the major foundational beliefs of Liberals; note that they are the illogical, polar opposites of the tenets of Reasonableness:

The Liberal Cannon

- 1) The power of the state should always be greater than the power of the individual.
- 2) Morally superior people have an obligation to control the lives and property of the morally inferior. Only Liberals can say who is morally superior.

- 3) The morally superior should redistribute your wealth to a “better” use as they see fit.
- 4) There are certain thoughts that are heresy and should not be allowed.
- 5) Since power is essential for social control, any means of gaining power is justified.
- 6) Emotion is more persuasive than reason, so propaganda always trumps intellectual honesty.
- 7) Identity politics trumps competence.
- 8) Equal outcomes are fair and just and must be enforced by State power.

A perfect example of the insanity and danger of the Liberal Cannon in action was demonstrated by New York Mayor Bill de Blasio at the Democratic presidential debate on June 26, 2019 in Miami, Florida. Mayor de Blasio exposed the Liberals’ raw greed and lust for power of when he said: “There is plenty of money in this world, and there’s plenty of money in this country, it’s just in the wrong hands. Democrats have to fix that.”

The “wrong hands” he is referring to are the people who actually earned the money and are the rightful owners. But Liberals know that morally inferior unenlightened cretins will not forfeit their hard-earned money to Democrats willingly, so they are left with no other moral choice but to confiscate your money at gunpoint. Once they have seized wealth from the “wrong hands” they can redistribute it to the “right hands” which means they can waste it on bloated and inefficient government programs. If they can confiscate enough of your money, eventually a few drops may “trickle down” into the hands of the people who liberals deem are more deserving of it than you.

Liberals understand that they need to change current public opinion in order to implement their agenda of turning America into Liberal-Fascist dystopia. Here are just some of the incessant liberal agenda points that the American people are subjected to every day through media propaganda in the news, TV, and movies:

- End Reasonable thought and debate – The Thought Police are watching you, anything you say, can and will, be shouted down.
- “Social Justice” – Translation: Confiscated wealth is redistributed to selected friends of the Party based on the hierarchy of Identity Politics.

- Benefits of Communism – Crippling high taxes, but bad “free” healthcare.
- Egalitarian Equality – Reduced take-home pay for everyone except for the ruling elite.
- National Atheism – In Social Justice We Trust.
- Gun Control – Because defenseless people are much easier to control.
- Schools need more money – The high priests of indoctrination deserve your money more than you.
- Abortion on Demand – Repeal personal responsibility.

Liberals want complete and total control over every aspect of your life, livelihood, and personal beliefs – how you make your money, and how you spend what little “discretionary” money you have left after confiscatory taxes.

When presented with such a load of morally corrupt and logically incoherent bullshit the rational mind recoils in disgust. Every rational person understands that each of these anti-American ideas chip away at one’s constitutional rights, and thus freedom and prosperity.

Talking to Liberals

When talking with Liberals, Reasonable People often go through an experience similar to the five phases of grief: Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, and finally, Acceptance.

1) Denial

At first it is hard to accept that someone who appears to be intelligent and reasonable could argue for what is clearly an illogical or even dangerous position without considering the obvious and unavoidable negative consequences. Reasonable People initially assume that Liberals are just *misinformed* and they just don’t know what they are talking about because they have swallowed a lot of biased liberal talking points from the lamestream media, public schools and other liberal propagandists. But surely, they think, no one *actually* believes this crap.

Reasonable People will cling to the belief (sometimes for years!) that Liberals are intellectually fair and honest and deny the mounting evidence

that most Liberals don't follow the rules of fair play, honesty or reason. This is why Liberals just end up mocking and laughing at them.

2) Anger

The first thing a Reasonable Person will often try to do is identify the most relevant *facts*, and what the salient *principles* are. Studies show that in general Reasonable People and Conservatives tend to be better informed than Liberals; they often have both a deeper (more detailed) understanding about a topic as well as a broader (more networked) understanding of how multiple different causalities and consequences interact.

Unlike partisans who *only* seek out and accept new information that agrees with their tribal doctrine, Reasonable people seem to build richer cognitive models perhaps because they are more likely to be more open minded, and driven by their innate desire to understand the most objective truth. Both Reasonable People and Liberals tend to readily accept new information that supports or agrees with their currently held beliefs. This makes both groups susceptible to deception by clever arguments that rely on skewed facts or questionable assumptions.

Reasonable People tend to have a *probabilistic* rather than *ideological* epistemological model (i.e. a robust mental model that is based on what is *most likely* true rather than what is most *advantageous* to be true). So, a Reasonable Person is always open to new information even if it risks radically altering one's entire mental model. But their cognitive model reserves a healthy dose of skepticism and requires that "extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof."

The very concept of what constitutes proof and the threshold of reasonableness is a core difference between Reasonable People and Liberals. Reasonable People accept that while we can't know *everything*, we can make informed assumptions about what is probably true based on logic and common sense. Liberals tend to stick to doctrinal beliefs, in spite of enormous evidence to the contrary.

There are numerous classic examples; one of the most fundamental is that Marxism has failed disastrously everywhere it has been tried because it is a corrupt ideology. The universal response is that socialism

has never been done “correctly,” which actually means that it’s never been implemented by a leader who wasn’t an Asshole. But don’t worry, *this* time they’ll get it right in the United States. A Reasonable Person concludes that there *probably* isn’t a way to execute a corrupt philosophy correctly – no amount of improvisation can fix a bad strategy. So, it is highly *unlikely* that socialism would work better in the US than it has anywhere else.

Reasonable People are driven by *principles* rather than politics so truth seeking is more important than tribal doctrine – which means that it is possible for a Reasonable Person to change his/her mind in light of new evidence. Liberals will never ever change their minds or accept that they only have a partial understanding of an issue. This makes it difficult and annoying to try to have a fair-minded discussion with someone who rejects logic and principle in favor of partisan *one-upmanship*. Trying to have a principled-based discussion with someone who dogmatically clings to irrational positions leads to dismay, frustration and eventually anger.

3) Bargaining

When faced with Liberals’ false facts and non-sequitur leaps of non-logic, a Reasonable Person may try to return to *first principles* – shared foundational beliefs which should be unassailable.

For example, “We can both agree that everyone wants to preserve the constitution – right?” Wrong. Liberals actually want to destroy the constitution because it is the greatest obstacle to them seizing absolute power, but a Liberal will argue *any side of any position* depending on what is best for them at the moment.

Remember how WSU violated student free speech rights by training hecklers to shout down the student’s play, then claimed their own free speech protections as their defense for censoring the student’s free speech?! *My might makes right, your might makes wrong.*

“The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose.
An evil soul producing holy witness
Is like a villain with a smiling cheek,

A goodly apple rotten at the heart.
O, what a goodly outside falsehood hath!”
- William Shakespeare,
The Merchant of Venice

Liberals see non-liberals as the primary source of evil in the world, because they defend the country against Liberal schemes and cling to passé things like reason and principles. Therefore, Liberals believe that they have no obligation to bargain fairly with evil – so anything goes.

4) Depression

Slowly the Reasonable Person will come to the depressing but inescapable conclusion that it is pointless to try to reason or argue with a Liberal because they won't listen to reason, they argue using sophistry rather than logic, and their ultimate objective is often a hidden agenda (e.g., it's not that the rich should “pay their fair share” – it's that Liberals believe it is immoral to be rich so they confiscate *all* their wealth).

It is depressing to finally realize Liberals aren't really trying to “save the world;” they are actually trying to destroy it using a proven method that has brought nothing but suffering and death every time it has been tried, and nothing you say or do can change their minds.

5) Acceptance

Finally, after exhausting all attempts to appeal to reason, fact, and principle there is only one inescapable conclusion:

“To argue with a man who has renounced the use and authority of reason,
and whose philosophy consists in holding humanity in contempt,
is like administering *medicine to the dead*,
or endeavoring to convert an atheist by scripture.”
- Thomas Paine

6. Maybe Liberals Just Can't Help It

“Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do.”

- Jesus Christ, Luke 23

When Reasonable People hear the tons of insane bullshit spewed out by leading liberals, such as open borders with free healthcare for alien trespassers, fascist “green” proposals that would cost taxpayers more money than America’s entire GDP, and effectively repealing the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Amendments, they are left with only one question: “What the hell is wrong with these idiots?”

It is a fair and reasonable question. What if there actually *was* something wrong with Liberals’ brains that made it impossible for them to understand, or care, about how much collateral damage their fascist programs would do to America?

Advances in the areas of neuroscience combined with studies in cognitive and personality sciences are creating new fields of study: Neuro-morality and Neuro-politics suggest that there may be organic and psychological explanations for Liberals’ irrational and uncivil behavior. Maybe they just can’t help it.

There is increasing evidence that neurobiological factors such as brain structure and mental health may influence how liberal or conservative people tend to be. Researchers at University College London used MRI scans to discover that self-described Conservative students tended to have a larger amygdala than Liberals. The amygdala is an almond-shaped structure deep in the center of the brain that is believed to participate in processing negative emotions like fear, threat, anxiety, disgust, and avoidance. Liberals tended to have a smaller amygdala, but more brain tissue in the

anterior cingulate cortex, a region of the brain that helps people cope with complexity.

In cases where the amygdala has been damaged from injury or brain disease, researchers have noticed a change in the personality and political ideology sometimes leading to a “pathological liberal shift” which is a more pronounced tendency to be liberal. So, if the amygdala is small or injured, one tends to be more liberal.

As one would expect Liberals have been quick to spin how the differences in brain structure may explain their negative views about Conservatives. Having a larger amygdala, according to Liberals, makes Conservatives overly and irrationally afraid of change and makes them hypersensitive to non-existent threats. They see Conservatives as anti-intellectual *cowards* for not enthusiastically embracing Liberals’ failed ideas for a new Utopia. As an article in *Psychology Today* puts it:

“Most societies are divided into a party that wants change (the more liberal party) and one that is *afraid of change* (the conservatives). The liberal party is generally more intellectual, and the *conservative party is more anti-intellectual*.

The conservative party is big on national defense and magnifies our perception of threat, whether of foreign aggressors, immigrants, terrorists, or invading ideologies like Communism. *To a conservative, the world really is a frightening place.*”¹⁶

However, it is more likely that having a larger amygdala is an effective survival adaptation and should be considered the more advantageous norm. Consider the cases of people who appear in “Darwin Award” videos, maybe they also have small amygdalas or are just plain stupid. The Darwin Award videos are both tragically horrific and yet unintentionally humorous because they show the bizarre deaths of people who could not predict the lethal consequences of their own actions.

16 www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-human-beast/201104/conservatives-big-fear-brain-study-finds

For example, one guy tied a rope from his pickup truck to a huge tree that he was cutting down. When he backed the truck up to pull the tree down, the huge tree landed right on top of his truck crushing it and him.

In another more disturbing case, a security camera video shows a robber holding up a store manager. The robber points his gun close to the manger's head and pulls the trigger – clearly intending to murder the manager. Fortunately, the gun doesn't fire. The robber re-cocks the pistol and looks down the barrel to see if maybe a cartridge is jammed in the barrel and pulls the trigger to check if the gun is now working. This time the gun fires correctly, and with some karmic justice, kills the robber instantly. The fact that the robber was stealing money from the hardworking manager, was willing to kill the manager for no good reason and didn't understand the consequences of his own stupidity strongly suggests that he was just another Liberal Asshole.

The morbid popularity of the videos come from the palm-to-the-forehead stupidity of people who died by their own hands. Maybe these people also had smaller than normal amygdalas and just didn't have the brain power need to be sufficiently sensitive to fear, threat, anxiety, disgust, and avoidance. The purpose of all of these “negative” emotions is to keep us *safe*. Likewise, having smaller and inferior amygdalas may explain why Liberals are unable to understand the impending negative consequences of their stupid ideas.

The Case Against Reason

Besides accusing Conservatives of being “racist” another favorite trope for Liberals is making the “case against reason.” According to Liberals when a Conservative reaches a different conclusion about a complex issue than a Liberal, it must be because Conservatives are clearly *irrational*. As we will see, just the opposite is true.

In 2013 Yale Law professor Dan Kahan set out to explain “irrational” Conservative beliefs. Why can't Liberals win more political debates simply by providing more facts and evidence? For example, why doesn't the mounting “evidence” and universal “consensus” that climate change is real persuade more climate change deniers?

Kahan started with the favorite Liberal belief that most people, and especially Conservatives, are not actually rational but *rationalizing*. People start with an emotional position and then use their reasoning abilities to find whatever justifications they can use to support it.

Kahan calls this theory “Identity-Protective Cognition”: “As a way of avoiding dissonance and estrangement from valued groups, individuals subconsciously resist factual information that threatens their defining values.”¹⁷ In other words, it is more important for people to fit in with their peer group than it is to be intellectually honest and stand out from the crowd. In order to resolve the dissonance created by new information which conflicts with prior held beliefs one must willfully ignore or reject the offending new information. This of course is in direct opposition to how Reasonable People seek out and manage new information.

“What we believe about the facts,” Kahan writes, “tells us who we are.” Kahan believes that it is more important for most people to protect their “identity” and their relationships with their peers, than it is to maintain a highly accurate mental truth model.

As a thought experiment Kahan imagined what might happen if conservative TV Host Sean Hannity suddenly decided to reverse his position that climate change is a hoax and tried to convince his audience that it was an actual threat facing the planet. Kahan predicts that Hannity’s viewers would first be confused and then quickly become irate. Soon, they would be calling in to furiously criticize his change in position.

Some viewers would boycott his program, and legions of climate change deniers would angrily refute Hannity’s new claims. Most of Hannity’s friends in the conservative media would distance themselves from him, and some would denounce him. The conservative politicians he respects would be furious at his betrayal of their cause. He would lose friendships, viewers, and money. Ultimately, he might lose his job, and would cause himself immense personal pain as he systematically alienated his closest friends and political allies.¹⁸

17 <https://www.vox.com/2014/4/6/5556462/brain-dead-how-politics-makes-us-stupid>

18 Ibid.

Kahan asserts that no sane person would risk social suicide for a mere *belief*. It is better to just stay on the partisan bandwagon and keep rejecting any mounting “evidence” to the contrary. Fortunately, this model didn’t seem to apply to Galileo, Einstein, Tesla, or anyone else who made great advancements against the status quo.

To prove that political bias impairs objective reasoning Kahan tested people’s ideology against their scientific literacy about climate change. If Conservatives were really being “objective” he reasoned, then as they learned more about the “facts” about climate change theory, they should also automatically adjust their opinions to be more accepting of it. But he discovered that just the *opposite* was true. Among people who were already skeptical about climate change, more scientific “evidence” just made them even *more* skeptical about it. Go figure.

Kahan explained the puzzling results as an inability of Conservatives to tell fact from fiction: “This will make sense to anyone who’s ever read the work of a serious climate change deniers. It’s filled with facts and figures, graphs and charts, studies and citations. Much of the data is wrong or irrelevant. But it feels convincing. It’s a terrific performance of scientific inquiry”¹⁹.

Ironically Kahan fell victim to the same closed-mindedness of which he accused Conservatives. Since Kahan started with a political bias in favor of the climate change hoax, he rejected the mounting evidence that conflicted with his own beliefs that human induced climate change probably *is* a hoax.

Kahan’s Identity-Protective Cognition theory may be true for many Liberals, but it’s unlikely it is generally true for Reasonable People of character. Most Reasonable People have the integrity to follow the evidence towards the truth wherever it may lead. If they discover a conflict between what they believe and newly discovered evidence, they are honor bound to try to reconcile the differences by using the scientific truth-maintenance process.

First, they will try to confirm that the conflicting evidence is in fact legitimate. Experimental data must be reproducible by other investigators.

19 Ibid.

Collected data should be “triangulated” against other data sets that support the same hypothesis. In the case of climate change for example, do the different concentrations of CO₂ captured in ancient ice sheets correlate with increases in global temperatures? (Actually, no. CO₂ seems to *lag* global temperature change *not* precede it; more CO₂ is released as a *consequence* of warming, it does not cause it.)

Then they will see if the new evidence can be understood within the framework of existing principles. If not, then they may have to extend or “bend” the existing framework to include new principles that operate in a larger universe – this is the very heart of scientific progress and new knowledge discovery.

The most mind-bending example of changing the accepted paradigm since Galileo is Einstein’s radical theory of space-time. Experimental observations confirmed that light seems to bend around stars, which defied scientific explanation because it seemed to suggest that light is affected by gravity – which it is not. Einstein resolved the paradox with the most out-of-the-box thought ever conceived by man: Gravity doesn’t bend light; rather gravity bends the fabric of space-time that light is traveling through.

Other scientists of his day actually laughed at Einstein, his radical idea was a cute parlor trick, but was not worth taking seriously – at first. Like Galileo, he risked everything, his reputation, his position and his social standing on a *belief* that took over 100 years to finally be proven true.

But according to Kahn this not what people (especially Liberals) do – they first ask what is the consensus? What does everyone else think? What will everyone else say about me if I buck the trend? How will it affect me personally? What is the best thing for me to believe? Intellectually honest Reasonable People are not beholding to the consensus!

“I want to pause here and talk about this notion of consensus, and the rise of what has been called consensus science. I regard consensus science as an extremely pernicious development that ought to be stopped cold in its tracks. Historically, the claim of consensus has been the first refuge of scoundrels; it is a way to avoid debate by claiming that the matter is already

settled. Whenever you hear the consensus of scientists agrees on something or other, reach for your wallet, because you're being had.

Let's be clear: the work of science has nothing whatever to do with consensus. Consensus is the business of politics. Science, on the contrary, requires only one investigator who happens to be right, which means that he or she has results that are verifiable by reference to the real world. In science consensus is irrelevant. What is relevant is reproducible results. The greatest scientists in history are great precisely because they broke with the consensus.

There is no such thing as consensus science. If it's consensus, it isn't science. If it's science, it isn't consensus. Period."

- Michael Crichton

History reveres the people who rejected Kahan's notion of "Identity-Protective Cognition" as heroes for standing up for truth – often in spite of terrible sufferings society inflicted on them. Galileo endured house arrest, humiliation, and excommunication in order to proclaim the truth that his reason deduced. He never asked, what will the neighbors think?

The problems with issues like "climate change" is that if it looks like a hoax, and smells like a hoax and quacks like a hoax, it probably *is* a hoax.

The anthropomorphic climate change hypothesis relies on questionable logic, based on suspect data from untrustworthy people who are the type of people who believe that the end justifies the means, and who have a huge vested interest to creating a pretense to support the largest confiscation of wealth in the history of the world. This gives climate change hoaxers a significant *motive* to fabricate data and lie about everything from algorithms to outcomes.

When a Reasonable Person looks at *all* the evidence, including the motivations and trustworthiness of the proponents of climate change, the "conspiracy theory" that it is a hoax is actually a much more reasonable conclusion and does a better job of "connecting all the dots."

In order to accept the hypothesis that man-made causes are significant contributors to climate change, one would have to willfully reject all of the

red flags raised by skeptics. That is exactly what Kahan did to try to prove his point, that Conservatives are biased.

Kahan is at least partially correct in his theory that for *some people* bending to the will of the collective is more important than standing up for the truth. We call those people Liberals.

Moral Foundations Theory

Jonathan Haidt, a social psychologist at the University of Virginia, was a typical anti-conservative academic liberal before he started researching the psychological differences between Liberals and Conservatives for his book *The Righteous Mind* in which he describes his “Moral Foundations Theory.”

Moral Foundations Theory proposes there are six basic psychological moral dimensions that form the foundation of all moral systems. What makes cultures different around the world is that each cultural assigns a different importance or weight to each of the basic dimensions. Haidt’s research also suggests that where people are positioned relative to the six moral dimensions is highly correlated with their political ideologies.

The six psychological moral dimensions are:

- 1) **Care-Harm.** *Cherishing and protecting others*
This dimension is related to an ability to empathize with the pain of others. It is the foundation for the virtues of Kindness, Gentleness, and Nurturance.
- 2) **Fairness-Cheating.** *Concepts of justice according to shared rules*
This dimension generates ideas of justice, rights, proportionality and autonomy.
- 3) **Loyalty-Betrayal.** *Social standing within your group, family, nation;*
This dimension is related to tribalism and underlies the virtues of patriotism and self-sacrifice for the group. It is active when people feel that it’s “*all for one, and one for all.*”

- 4) **Authority-Subversion.** *Submitting to tradition and legitimate authority*
This dimension supports hierarchical social interactions. It underlies virtues of leadership and followership, including deference to legitimate authority and respect for traditions.
- 5) **Sanctity-Degradation.** *Abhorrence for disgusting things, such as foods, actions*
This dimension is shaped by disgust and contamination and underlies notions that the body and mind can be desecrated by immoral activities (sins) or polluted by contaminants.
- 6) **Liberty-Oppression.** *Coercion by a dominating power or person*
This dimension captures the resentment people feel toward those who dominate them and restrict their liberty. The mutual hatred of bullies motivates people to come together, in solidarity, to oppose or take down the oppressor.

Using his Moral Foundations Questionnaire, Haidt found that self-professed Liberals are most sensitive to only *two* dimensions: Care-Harm and Fairness-Cheating. Libertarians are most sensitive to one dimension: Liberty-Oppression. But Conservatives have the most complex and robust moral model and are sensitive to *all six* dimensions *equally*.

For example, Haidt found that Liberals think about “fairness” in terms of *equality*, where Conservatives and Libertarians view fairness in terms of *proportionality*. In a survey at www.YourMorals.org, Haidt asked Americans if they agreed or disagreed with various statements about fairness such as:

“Ideally, everyone in society would end up with roughly the same amount of money.”

Half of the Liberals believed that enforced equality would somehow increase fairness, but Conservatives and Libertarians both firmly rejected the notion (because it’s stupid).

According to Haidt, these differences in moral models have significant implications for the interactions between the Left and Right. By only

focusing on two of the six possible moral dimensions (33 percent), Liberals can't see the more complex morality perceived by Conservatives.

Without the ability to deeply understand all the moral foundations of the Conservatives, Liberals may try to "fill in the blank" with the simplest explanation at hand by blithely accusing Conservatives of being racist, greedy or just evil.

The hardest part, according to Haidt, is getting Liberals to open their minds about their moral blind spots. He noticed when he talks to Liberals about the three moral dimensions, they can't understand (Authority, Loyalty, and Sanctity). Many people just reject these moral dimensions out-of-hand as the basis of racism, sexism, and homophobia.

In a survey of 2,000 Americans, Haidt found that self-described Liberals were worse at predicting the moral judgments of Conservatives than Conservatives were at predicting the moral judgments of Liberals. In fact, the more Liberal a person, the narrower their moral perspective, and the worse they are at understanding Conservatives, but not vice versa.

Liberals can't understand conservative values, because they reject 4 out of 6 (66 percent) of dimensions that form a complete moral view of the world. But they also can't address their own blindness because they are closed minded to new evidence, convinced that they are more rational, open-minded and enlightened than Conservatives when actually, just the opposite is true.

Haidt suggests that his Moral Foundations Theory could be used to depolarize and improve discourse between Liberals and Conservatives. If liberals could at least try to consider all six moral dimensions, that is think more like conservatives, they could better understand why Conservatives have certain beliefs. That may facilitate a more substantial and reasoned discourse between the different tribes around difficult political issues, rather than just devolving into the Liberals calling Conservatives "racist."

On his website (www.CivilPolitics.org) Haidt offers advice to his fellow Liberals on how to work more constructively with Conservatives to have

more useful discussions and create better policies for everyone. It is likely that most Liberals think some of his suggestions are complete heresy.

- Believe in your soul that without deeply engaged Conservatives, your effort will lack *critical insights* required to solve problems.
- Empathize with Conservatives through their key insights that are commonly absent in liberal circles.
- Take a continuous meter reading on whether the environment you've created *welcomes* conservatives.
- Scale up using a distributed leadership "cell" model.
- Recognize the hazard of lopsided groups.
- Respect that conservatives are going to be less thrilled with your forum or initiative for reasons that are truly *legitimate*.

Haidt emphasizes to morally handicapped Liberals that they need to start listening to conservatives in order to be successful.

"Challenges notwithstanding, the rewards you'll get for your efforts to welcome conservatives are both *essential to your success* and will be transformational for you. They have been for us – the liberals among us will never go back to a room full of people just like us. It's boring and lacks insights we've grown accustomed to hearing."²⁰

Fully Operational Thought – or Lack Thereof

Remember the Researchers at University College London who discovered that while Liberals tended to have a smaller amygdala than conservatives, they tended to have more brain tissue in the anterior cingulate cortex, a region of the brain that is thought to help people process complexity? (Or maybe not?) From Haidt's research, the extra brain tissue doesn't seem to help Liberals process more complex moral dimensions, but perhaps it is useful (or interferes) with other mental processing which could explain some of their bizarre and anti-social behaviors. Let's take a look at research on how people actually think and process complex concepts.

20 <http://www.civilpolitics.org/content/welcoming-conservatives/>

Swiss child psychologist Jean Piaget is famous for his theory about children's cognitive development that explains how a child constructs a mental model of the world; it is now the standard by which competing theories are judged. Piaget theorized that children are not born with the ability for what he called "Fully Operational Thought." They must learn how to think by going through several stages of cognitive development.

Piaget called the first stage of cognitive development the Concrete Operational Stage, where a child's understanding is limited to the world as they perceive it and they can't imagine the world different than it is. Children at this stage have difficulty answering hypothetical questions, such as, "What would happen if the sun rotated around the earth?" Or, "What would happen if the average temperature of the earth rose by 10 degrees?"

When children try to answer these abstract hypothetical questions, their answers are often what Piaget called *translogical*, meaning that the children were incapable of using either deduction or induction as an adult would to form a logical answer. In other words, kids tend to give non sequitur answers that are nonsensical.

Piaget discovered that children enter the second developmental stage called the Formal Operational Stage during adolescence, when they become able to deal with abstract thoughts. Piaget's theory of cognitive development was interesting, but not earthshaking, until he dropped the bombshell. Based on his research Piaget concluded that nearly half (50 percent!) of the adult global population *never develop the capacity for Formal Operational Thought!*

It is a terrifying thought that *half* the world's population can't reason as well as a fully developed adolescent and is incapable of processing abstract ideas logically. Cognitively arrested adults view the world only in terms of how it appears to them at the moment, and they are unable imagine how the world could be under different circumstances. In other words, when faced with abstract hypothetical questions such as predictions about the future, these adults tend to give non sequitur answers that are nonsensical. Yet by all other measures they are seemingly normal, intelligent people.

One starts to wonder who these people are, and how to recognize them. People who have not reached the Formal Operational Stage of cognitive development are challenged to give adequately complex answers to the following types of questions.

- Propositions that are contrary to fact (*What if there were no minimum-wage laws?*)
- Imagining multiple alternative explanations (*What really caused the Great Depression? Can higher taxes ever decrease tax revenue?*)
- Understanding metaphor (*What is meant by the “invisible hand” of the market?*)
- Combining elements of complex abstract concepts (*What elements make up democracy? What elements make up justice? How do democracy and justice make up freedom?*).²¹

The world is not very complicated for these cognitively impaired people. If they think that the minimum wage is too low, then they think the solution is simple: someone just needs to *make* it higher (market forces be damned!). If they think there is too much gun violence, then someone just needs to *just take away the guns* – duh! If someone doesn’t want to open the borders to all immigrants, then that person is obviously a *racist* – double duh! Do you think your college debt is too high? Don’t worry, politicians can just *make* it lower by making *someone else* to pay it for you. Do you need more Medicare? Don’t worry the government can give Medicare to everyone. Want the world to be more “green?” Don’t worry there’s a trillion-dollar plan for that! (Consequences? What consequences?)

Piaget’s findings suggest there are many people who lack the capacity to imagine how a truly free society would work without constant government interference keeping people “safe.” If someone brings up the benefits of deregulation for example, these people say, “*I can’t imagine how less regulation would be beneficial.*” And they are being completely honest, they literally can’t imagine it. Instead, they describe all the little tyrannies they would impose if they were granted dictatorial power, on things that they can’t imagine would work just fine without them.

²¹ <https://reason.com/1986/11/01/imagine-theres-no/>

According to Piaget *half* of the world's adult population is incapable of fully operational thought and literally can not imagine the consequences of their ideas. According to Haidt, the Liberal half of the population is incapable of fully moral reasoning. The open question is how are these two halves aligned?

Based on the differences in policies between liberals and conservatives, maybe we can take a guess at which group is better at understanding complex issues and which group tends to live in a consequence free world. Which party supports and defends the constitution, and which one is trying to subvert the constitution ("progress" beyond it)? Which party protects individual rights, and which party creates new privileges and calls them "rights" then claims that they must be paid for by someone else? Which party is actively trying to destroy the proven benefits of free-market capitalism, in exchange for the proven failures of communism? Which positions on the full range of issues actually makes more sense from a constitutional, moral and quality of life perspective?

That's right – when one considers any number of hot-button issues such as abortion, climate change hoax, deregulation, education, gun control, immigration, taxes, etc., the Liberal pattern of thinking is always overly simplistic and consequence free. They seem to be incapable of analyzing the *costs/benefits* of their proposals or understanding why any objective, rational person should object to them.

It is unclear if Liberals are either incapable of abstract thought, or simply just don't care about the out-sized consequences of their policies. But in either case, whether they are incompetent or malicious it is dangerous for them to have significant political power over thinking people. But if half the population falls into the cognitively or morally arrested camps, how do we convince them to support moral and logical policies?

Mature Thinking

New research into Cognitive Maturity shines a different light on how cognitive development might affect political leanings. The famous quote attributed to Winston Churchill may have been eerily prescient in its understanding of cognitive development 80 years before there was proof:

“If you’re not a liberal when you’re 25, you have no heart.
If you’re not a conservative by the time you’re 35, you have no brain.”

Researchers using MRI brain scans discovered the pre-frontal cortex is not completely developed until a person is at least in their *mid-twenties* (say 25). This limits young people’s ability to make mature decisions, because they literally do not yet have the brain cell connections needed to make good judgments.²² But they *should* have them by 35!

Cognitive maturity includes the following abilities:

- Mature judgment
- Predicting future events
- Understanding how behavior affects future events
- Connecting cause and effect
- Moral intelligence
- Abstract thinking
- Inference about what is not obvious
- Planning and decision-making
- Rational behavior and decision-making
- Understanding rules of social conduct

It is interesting to note that all these cognitive abilities are under-developed in youth and also seem to be lacking in Liberals. But this may give us some hope that maybe Liberalism is something that people might still outgrow. This may also explain why Liberals are interested in lowering the voting age from 18 to 16, they would pickup a large voting block of kids who are not yet cognitively developed enough to make mature decisions about drinking and driving (or even texting and driving), let alone understand the consequences of Liberal policies.

When one considers the combination of Leftist indoctrination in public schools, plus the overall poor quality of historic education, and the desire to reduce the voting age, these may all be part of the Liberals’ grand plan to stack the deck in their favor.

²² <https://mind-development.eu/stages-development.html>

Maybe It's a Mental Condition

When we look objectively at everything we know about Liberals from behaviors and attitudes to possible connections with brain structures, psychology and cognitive development, a more complete, cohesive picture emerges. Consider what we've learned.

1) Smaller Brains

Liberals tend to have less brain tissue in the amygdala which participates in processing threat assessments. When the brain is injured a pathological (dangerous) personality shift towards liberalism can occur. This suggests a hypothesis that people with smaller or damaged amygdalas tend to become Liberals because they are unable to fully understand and process all the possible consequences of their actions.

2) Morally Handicapped

Moral Foundations Theory research showed that Liberals tend to focus on only two of the six moral dimensions, whereas Conservatives tend to use all six moral dimensions, possibly giving them a more complex and nuanced understanding of the world. Rather than embrace the full spectrum of moral thought, Liberals tend to automatically reject the majority of moral dimensions as the basis for racism and other negative attitudes.

Liberals may in effect only be able to see the world in terms of two moral "colors," black and white, whereas conservatives can see a richer and broader spectrum of moral colors. Liberal attitudes may actively filter out four of the six moral dimensions, to prevent Liberal minds from understanding all the complexities of the complete moral picture. This could suggest that Liberals are simply not equipped to fully comprehend *all* of the important moral considerations in their positions.

3) Fascist Tendencies

Liberals have a deep-seated lust for power to control others, and stringently restrict any diversity of thought. In spite of their positioning to the contrary, Liberals have a much higher tendency towards authoritarianism and fascism than Conservatives. Modern Liberals are closer to creating dystopian future ruled by "Big Brother" than Orwell himself could have imagined.

4) Slow Learners

The Identity-Protective Cognition theory suggests that people (perhaps especially Liberals) may try to protect their “identity” and social standing by actively rejecting any new information that may conflict with identity challenging beliefs. If true, this would strongly bias a person towards protecting the status quo by preventing their cognitive world model to be updated with new information. This “stubborn-mindedness” could help explain why Liberals hate free speech (because ideas about traditional moralities can actually harm their fragile mental models), and why they have never learned from the past hundred years of failed and bloody Leftist ideas. They keep trying the same broken ideas over and over again, convinced that *this time it will work*. Expecting a different outcome from the same action is also one definition of insanity.

5) Asshole Tendencies

Liberals seem to be more willing than Reasonable People to inflict massive collateral damage on others and society as a whole, in order to get political power and control over others. Their limited moral perspective may allow them to support an “ends justify the means” philosophy which may explain their willingness to rescind constitutional rights, censor free speech, reach stupid conclusions about gun violence, etc. All of the Liberal positions, whether intentional or not, would damage the American experiment and inflict great loss and suffering on her people, but Liberals don't care about anything other than what they think is in their own best interest. And that is why they are Assholes.

6) Petty

Liberals invented the strange concept of Political Correctness to ostensibly prevent people from being offended by minor slights (“micro-aggression”) and free speech (Hate speech). Liberals are actually more concerned about controlling people's thoughts and words than the objective truth. They have weaponized false outrage and indignation.

In the real world one is better served by rising above unintended slights rather than embracing them.

The wise man does not take offence when none is intended.

The wiser man doesn't take offence even when it is intended.

- Noam DeGuerre

7) Intellectually Dishonest

The hallmark of Liberals is their use of shifting morality as the situation benefits them, rather than sticking to fixed moral principles. Every day on the news you can hear some liberal idiot blathering on about some minor “offence” against them which they would celebrate if the situation was reversed in their favor. From the special “kid gloves” treatment that “crooked Hillary” got from the FBI to the fake Russian interference investigation of Trump, Liberals *always* violate the shoe-on-the-other-foot fairness doctrine.

8) Incapable of Abstract Thought?

Jean Piaget concluded that half of the adult population was incapable of proper abstract thinking and being able to make correct inferences and deductions. Since there currently is no known research that connects cognitive skills to political ideology, we are left to surmise that there is no correlation and that it affects both Liberals and Conservatives in equal numbers.

But *what if* (an abstract hypothetical) future research *does* find a positive correlation between poor thinking skills and liberalism, perhaps due to the reduced size of the amygdala, or other brain structures, or psychology or whatever? How would and should we react to the revelation that an incredibly powerful political party is driven by amoral people who can't think straight? Should we continue to take them seriously and give their ideas equal weight in questions of political power?

We know from Piaget that children *should* develop the ability of fully operational thought around adolescence. So, as a thought experiment, if we give full considerations to proposals by a group of people many of whom don't have the capacity for fully operational abstract thought, isn't that just like asking teenagers for advice on how to run the country? That would be irresponsible and dangerous.

So why do we take anything Liberals say seriously?

7. Why Liberals Hate You

“The worst enemy is one whose doctrines are founded in hate and are thus beyond debate.”

- Tobsha Learner

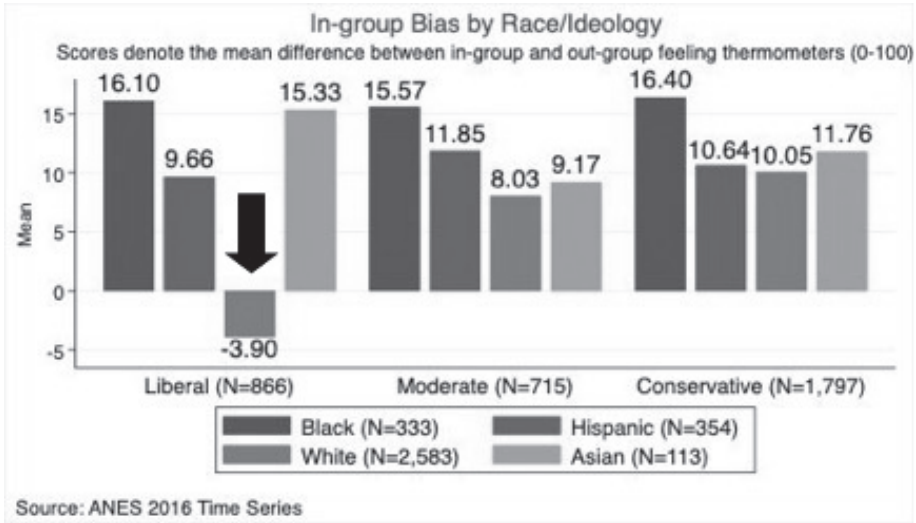
Why Liberals Hate

Liberals hate you because they need, actually require, someone to hate. So, try not to take it personally. Liberals suffer from a toxic blend of the deepest pathological dysfunctions of the human psyche that starts with self loathing which gives rise to envy, which grows into anger, which finally becomes full born hatred.

It all starts with self-loathing, and white Liberals exhibit more self-loathing than any other voting group according to a study of the American National Election Studies (ANES) dataset that includes voters of all ethnicities.²³ The study analyzed the degree that members of various ethnic groups preferred their own group over others, a natural human trait called “In-Group” bias. The study looked at black, white, Hispanic and Asian voters across the political spectrum of Liberal, Moderate, and Conservative.

African Americans showed the highest In-Group bias across the political spectrum. Blacks are highly ethno-centric; whether Liberal, Moderate or Conservative, all blacks significantly prefer other Blacks to any other ethnic group, more than other ethnic groups prefer themselves over others. Hispanics and Asians also show significant In-Group preferences, but there is also no obvious relationship between In-Group bias and political ideology.

²³ <https://amgreatness.com/2019/03/31/white-liberals-and-the-cult-of-ethnic-sado-narcissism/>



White Liberals were the extreme exception. They are the *only* group that showed a remarkable *negative* In-Group bias to other whites. White Liberals have a significant *Out-Group* bias, meaning that they prefer *all other* nonwhite ethnicities to their own. White Liberals are the only group that actually *hate themselves* (along with other whites).

What should be surprising to Liberals is that, as a group, all whites had the lowest In-Group bias across of all ethnic groups, with white conservatives having the *lowest* In-Group bias among all conservative ethnic groups. This is a direct *contradiction* to the leftist trope that white conservatives are racist or support white supremacy. In fact, it's just the opposite. Whites voters, as a group, are more accepting of other minorities than other minorities are accepting of them.

While white conservatives show less self-love than other groups, only white liberals are suffering from a pernicious case of self-hatred. This may explain why many white liberals are looking forward to other ethnic groups eclipsing whites and making them an ethnic minority within the next 25-30 years.

When young whites were asked their opinions on becoming a minority in the near future, 60 percent white *conservatives and moderates* said it would not make any difference to the country, perhaps due to the belief that

America is founded on ideals rather than race. But by contrast, 57 percent of white liberals thought a nonwhite majority would *improve* the country, perhaps because non-white immigrants tend to vote for liberal Democrats which would effectively create an ethnic majority driven one-party system.

Liberals will likely applaud a nonwhite ethnic majority as being a more “diverse” and inclusive culture. Unfortunately, history has shown time and again that ethnic-majority driven one-party political systems often devolve into race-driven internal conflicts. Examples include Nazi Germany, South African apartheid, and America itself in the 19th through the 20th centuries.

Outrage for Fun and Profit

Liberals don’t just hate themselves; they also hate anyone who doesn’t agree with them. Mark Brandt, a Tilburg University psychologist, published a study of how prejudiced Liberals and Conservatives felt about various other groups.²⁴ Liberals showed the most prejudice toward traditionalists including Conservatives, Christian fundamentalists, rich people, the Tea Party, big business, Christians, Mormons, the military, Catholics, the police, men, whites, Republicans, religious people, and upper-class people.

Conservatives showed the most prejudice toward liberals, gays and lesbians, transgender people, feminists, atheists, people on welfare, illegal immigrants, blacks, scientists, Hispanics, labor unions, Buddhists, Muslims, hippies, hipsters, Democrats, Goths, immigrants, lower-class people and nerds.²⁵

In spite of Liberals’ self-proclaimed “tolerance” and accusations that conservatives are “intolerant” Brandt’s research shows both groups dislike each other equally. It is interesting to note that rather than being driven by bigotry and racism, as Liberals claim, a case can be made that Conservatives are most prejudiced against groups trying to denigrate traditional morals and values regardless of race. Liberals are most prejudiced against groups that are trying to *prevent* them from denigrating traditional morals and values.

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25 Buddhists – really?

The central conflict between Liberals and Conservatives is fundamentally around the protection or denigration of traditional morality. The same dynamic is seen in a multitude of movies about inter-generational ethnic conflict (a favorite Hollywood theme, think *Fiddler on the Roof*) where teenagers are trying to break with traditional values to be “modern” (as exemplified in the song “Tradition”), and the adults are trying to keep them safe.

Throughout history teenagers have complained adults are over-protective sticks in the mud, because kids don't yet have enough experience to understand all the bad things that can happen. This fits in well with the theme of Liberals as immature thinkers from Haidt's Moral Foundations Theory and Piaget's Fully Operational Thought. Basically, Liberals are whining like spoiled children, claiming that traditionalist Conservatives are being over-protective, because they are incapable of predicting all the bad outcomes from their actions.

Another hallmark of Liberal “wokeness” is righteous indignation and outrage, but what *exactly* are they outraged about? The stock answer *used to be* that there were inequalities in the world evidenced by people suffering in poverty. “How dare you enjoy your hard-earned money, when there are people still in poverty?”

It was a reasonable point. Around 40 million Americans live below the poverty line (the official poverty rate in 2018 was 11.8 percent, down 0.5 percentage points from 2017 – Thank you President Trump!). To address the suffering of those in poverty the U.S. federal government redistributed \$443 billion in welfare payments in 2018, and over \$600 billion in Medicaid totaling over a trillion dollars combined. On average, the US spent \$25,000 per person in poverty. Another \$50 billion was donated to poverty-based charities.

While this is a good start, no one disputes that more money and help is needed to lift more people out of chronic poverty. But if you look at what Liberals actually *say* it is clear that ending poverty is no longer their primary mission – ending *wealth accumulation* is. *It is not that Liberals love the poor, it's really that they hate the rich.*

The Green-Eyed Monster

Envy and hatred of the accomplished and wealthy has been the fundamental driving force behind socialism from the very beginning. In 1793 the French Jacobins “avenged” the poor by executing nobles, priests and wealthy landowners during France’s Reign of Terror because they were “enemies of the Revolution.” In 1848 Karl Marx wrote *The Communist Manifesto* and called for more bloody communist revolutions around the world to overthrow the bourgeoisie merchant class.

In 1945 Winston Churchill warned against socialist fomenting class envy in a speech to the House of Commons on October 22, 1945: “The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings. The inherent virtue of Socialism is the equal sharing of miseries.”

Churchill also called socialism “a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy.”

In 2016, avowed socialist and Neo-Jacobin, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), rekindled Marx’s class envy in earnest. Without recognizing the irony of projection, she said that President Ronald Reagan was a racist who “pitted white working-class Americans against brown and black working-class Americans to screw over all working-class Americans.”

In yet another example of ironic projection-blaming, AOC and her Liberal co-conspirators are the ones trying to use racial division and class envy to seize political power to “screw over all working-class Americans.”

Ocasio-Cortez hired like-minded apparatchik Dan Riffe (Twitter handle: “Every Billionaire is a Policy Failure”). In a profile piece in the *Washington Post*, Riffe admitted he was an avowed enemy of the ultra-wealthy. When he came to Capitol Hill, he thought that other Democratic aides would be ideological kinsman and activists. Instead he found Ivy League graduates who were merely Defenders of the Status Quo: “These are people who don’t think big and aren’t here to change the world. **They only conceive of the world as it is**, and work within that frame. They don’t think, “Here’s the system; *it sucks and we should burn it down.*”

America Sucks

Why do Liberals hate America? It may be a result of liberal indoctrination from an early age, which could mean all public-school children are at risk, or it may be caused by some genetic brain predisposition exhibited by only the liberal portion of the population. Or it may be the result of brainwashing from the constant barrage of anti-American propaganda to which we are all exposed.

Like all propaganda the “America Sucks” ideology that Liberals have spewed from every media source (news, movies, schools and even commercials) is extremely toxic to objective rational thought. It is intended to directly counter the concept of American Exceptionalism with the false notion of American Despotism.

The Founding Fathers’ great American Experiment was to create a country that maximized personal liberty by enshrining the Ten Amendments, no less powerful than the Ten Commandments, in the constitution. This guarantee of liberty made America unique and *exceptional* in all the world by embracing republican principles over ethnic heritage or a ruling elite. Hence *America is a country ruled by laws, not by men.*

The American Experiment proved more successful than even the Founding Fathers imagined. The boon of individual liberty literally made America the “land of opportunity” and a beacon of freedom that drew people from all over the world in search of a better life, resulting in the most prosperous and powerful country in the world.

Yet, Liberals never acknowledge America’s great accomplishments, only its shortcomings – as *they* see them. For Liberals, the founding of America was not a great experiment in liberty but merely an opportunity for a new group of ruling elites to take over the oppression of the working class, slaves, Native Americans, and women from the old elites.

Liberal revisionist histories such as Howard Zinn’s *A People’s History of the United States* provide an insight as to why Liberals hate America; and perhaps guilt-by-association, why they hate themselves. In *A People’s History*, Zinn adopts the first line of *The Communist Manifesto* as its major

theme: “The history of all hitherto existing societies is the history of class struggle.”

For Liberals like Zinn, America’s founding can be reduced to exploitation and the pursuit of profit:

“Behind the English invasion of North America, behind their massacre of Indians, their deception, their brutality, was that special powerful drive born in civilizations based on private profit.

“Around 1776, certain important people in the English colonies made a discovery that would prove enormously useful for the next two hundred years. They found that by creating a nation, a symbol, a legal unity called the United States, they could take over land, profits, and political power from the favorites of the British Empire. In the process, they could hold back a number of potential rebellions and create a consensus of popular support for the rule of a new, privileged leadership.

“When we look at the American Revolution this way, it was a work of genius, and the Founding Fathers deserve the awed tribute they have received over the centuries. They created the most effective system of national control devised in modern times, and showed future generations of leaders the advantages of combining paternalism with command.”²⁶

But Zinn’s liberal blackwash of America history doesn’t square with the actual events. If the Founders were only interested in profit-through-oppression, they could have easily created a Monarchy and crowned George Washington as America’s first King (Washington was offered and rejected the title). Why go through the trouble of fevered debate on which government governs best, and writing a Constitution that guaranteed individual rights, mass political participation, jury trials, and checks and balances on governmental power?

Liberals like Zinn object to Americanism because unlike most other countries in the world, America didn’t start out as a monarchy and slowly evolved into a socialist democracy. In many European countries for

26 *A People’s History of America*, Howard Zinn, 2003

example, Liberals were able to leverage the French Revolution model of juxtaposing tyrannical monarchs against the “power of the people,” and thus wrested tyrannical power from the Nobles and give it to the Liberal Elites. Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.

After the French deposed and decapitated King Louis XVI, France was still in debt and bankrupt from the high costs of its many wars. The new “people’s government” replaced hard currency (coins with intrinsic value) with paper currency in order to create more “money” for the State (always a bad idea but a favorite ploy of Liberals everywhere) which further damaged the economy to the point of inciting food riots. With the poor working classes rioting in the streets, a group of socialist radicals known as the “Jacobins” seized control of the young French Republic.

Like all Socialists the Jacobins had no understanding of free market economics. If food prices were too high, they just needed to *force* the famers to charge less. So like Jimmy Carter they instituted *price controls* on food and other critical goods. And just like Jimmy Carter they made a bad situation worse, resulting in widespread shortages and famines.

When regulation didn’t work, Socialist Jacobins resorted to theft (another favorite Liberal device) and sent troops to confiscate crops from farmers. But that didn’t work either.

The Jacobins, like all Socialists, had to resort to violence. The Jacobins created the Orwellian inversely named *Committee of Public Safety* led by Maximilien Robespierre, who led the famous “Reign of Terror,” a bloody revolt against the aristocracy that beheaded thousands of nobles and wealthy merchants. It made the political repression of the Monarchy look tame by comparison.

The Jacobins’ single worst atrocity was against a rural population in the province of Vendee who resisted the indiscriminate drafting of all their young men into the army. In a move that Stalin and Hitler would replicate over a hundred years later, the Jacobins crushed the insurrection by killing over a quarter million peasants – men, women, and children were all executed en mass by firing into the unarmed crowd. Such a large-scale massacre by a State against its own people was unprecedented at the time.

The French revolution had promised “Liberty, Equality, Fraternity,” but instead under control of the Socialist Jacobins it delivered conscription, subordination, and murder.²⁷

Frédéric Bastiat, a leading conservative writer of the time, recognized that early socialism was a threat to individual liberty but explained its attractiveness and folly:

“Government is the great fiction through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.”

When America broke away from England’s tyranny the Founders were extremely careful to *not* to replace the old tyrants with new ones. They started with a clean sheet entitled “Individual Liberty” and built up from there. Thus, the pre-Marxist liberal mentality of the Jacobins that was infecting France and Europe at the time never had an opportunity to take root in America.

Masters of Hate

Liberals don’t hide their contempt and unveiled hatred for America, even when they have personally benefited from the freedoms and opportunities it provides. While on the campaign trail with her husband, soon-to-be First Lady Michelle Obama said “... for the first time in my adult life I am proud of my country because it feels like hope is finally making a comeback.”

In response Bill Kristol, editor-at-large of the conservative *Weekly Standard* magazine, said her comment was revealing considering that:

“She was an adult when we won the Cold War without firing a shot. She was an adult for the last 25 years of economic progress, social progress. ... I don’t think the American people think on the whole that the last 25 years of American history is a narrative of despair and nothing to be proud of.”

But that *is* exactly what Liberals think – that American history is a narrative of despair and nothing to be proud of.

²⁷ <https://fee.org/articles/how-nationalism-and-socialism-arose-from-the-french-revolution/>

Why do Liberals hate America? Because Liberal-Fascio-Communism is a reactive ideology of hatred and domination that is fueled by, and thus *requires*, an Out-Group or “other” to hate. Hating the Out-Group is one of the requirements for being considered for inclusion of the In-Group and is the fundamental defining characteristic of tribalism. It appears everywhere, from sports-tribes (to support your team you must hate their rivals), to high-schools (cool kids hate the nerds, and vice versa), to national politics. The more different the other tribe is, the better.

Hitler demonized German Jews, not because of any actual social offense, but simply because they were less assimilated than other groups and thus easily identifiable as “others” (“Ausländer,” literally foreigners) even though they were long time German citizens.

If there had been a large population of another easily identified ethnic group such as Americans, Asians, Africans, or Britons living in Germany at the time, Hitler would have demonized them instead of the Jews. In order to coalesce public opinion around his pathological ideology, Hitler just needed *someone* to blame, someone to hate, and it didn’t really matter much who it was.

Jews had two other traits that made them effective scapegoats as the propagandized cause of Germany’s growing dissatisfaction; even though they were a small minority, only about two percent of the population, they showed remarkable upward social mobility often due to a focus on higher levels of education, resulting in a small but visible group of wealthy upper class Jewish merchants.

Hitler’s rhetorical (illogical but persuasive) attack against the Jews is similar in many respects to modern American Liberal attacks on the “oppressive patriarchy.” Hitler inflamed a sense of “unfairness” that Jews who had educated themselves and worked hard to be successful should be doing so much better “at the expense” of ordinary Germans. Today Liberals decry “white privilege” and “institutionalized racism” as the reason some groups do better than others, rather than education, hard work and entrepreneurial risk taking. Hitler would have called it “Jewish privilege.”

Perhaps one of Hitler's greatest insights was how much some people are ruled by their base emotions, and how easily those emotions can be manipulated. Many people can be driven like beasts of burden with a combination of carrot and stick. The carrot pulls people forward based on their yearning desire to be a member of the in-group, the collective, the "bewildering herd" as Noam Chomsky calls it, rather an autonomous individual. The stick pushes people forward, away from the selected object of hate.

In *1984*, the timeless dystopian novel of life under a propaganda-driven totalitarian regime, George Orwell predicted the emergence of a new social ritual called "Two Minutes Hate." Each day everyone must watch a two-minute video about the enemy of the people (Emanuel Goldstein). Orwell learned from Fascists like Hitler and Mussolini the importance of having an enemy on which to focus people's hate.

"The horrible thing about the Two Minutes Hate was not that one was obliged to act a part, but, on the contrary, that it was impossible to avoid joining in.

A hideous ecstasy of fear and vindictiveness, a desire to kill, to torture, to smash faces in with a sledge-hammer, seemed to flow through the whole group of people like an electric current, turning one even against one's will into a grimacing, screaming lunatic. And yet the rage that one felt was an abstract, undirected emotion which could be switched from one object to another like the flame of a blowlamp. Thus, at one moment Winston's hatred was not turned against Goldstein at all, but, on the contrary, against Big Brother, the Party, and the Thought Police; and at such moments his heart went out to the lonely, derided heretic on the screen, sole guardian of truth and sanity in a world of lies."

Even Orwell himself would be aghast to see how all of the major lamestream liberal media outlets have attempted to establish themselves as the Thought Police, and have directed nothing but propaganda and hate against President Donald Trump, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year since he took office. Then, in perfect Orwellian style and without a self-awareness of irony, they urge people to "Resist Trump's hate."

Liberals may genuinely believe that through their "moral outrage" they are advancing the cause of "social justice" and making the world more

just, polite and tolerant. They can abuse and threaten people completely confident that what they are doing is for the betterment of society. Throughout history the most heinous villains sincerely believed that they were actually heroes on a noble crusade.

“Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron’s cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us *for our own good* will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience.”

- C.S. Lewis

One reformed and repentant Social Justice Warrior describes the thrill he used to get from “hating-on” anyone who disagreed with him online:

“How did I become that person? It happened because it was exhilarating. Every time I would call someone racist or sexist, I would get a rush. That rush would then be reaffirmed and sustained by the stars, hearts, and thumbs-up that constitute the nickels and dimes of social media validation. The people giving me these stars, hearts, and thumbs-up were engaging in their own cynical game: A fear of being targeted by the mob induces us to virtue signal that we are part of it.”²⁸

Online social media forums have become open sewers of vitriol and filth that “compassionate” liberals tend to spew. In one notable case a blogger on Tumblr (they couldn’t spell “Tumblr?”) posted a rude and insensitive remark about a person killed by police. While the remark deserved an appropriate level of rebuke, the incredible volume of truly disgusting and violent comments they got in response was beyond imagination.

The blogger received hundreds of thousands of posts in response, many of which were gruesome threats calling for the blogger and their mother (who had no part in any of this) to be raped, burned, tortured or murdered. One anonymous murder threat was sent to the blogger’s mother that included a description of cutting up her child’s body and sending her the parts.

²⁸ <https://quillette.com/2018/07/14/i-was-the-mob-until-the-mob-came-for-me/>

But even that wasn't enough. In pursuit of "social justice," Tumblr trolls posted the blogger's Facebook page, their mother's Facebook page, work information, mother's work information, parents' home address, school information, and phone number. The blogger could not even leave their phone on due to the sheer volume of threatening calls they were receiving. All this was done in the name of "social justice." Because what could be more just and righteous than sending gory death threats to someone's aging mother?

One reformed troll offered an explanation for the bloodthirsty insanity of the collective and why the punishment doesn't fit the crime:

"There is a disconnect between the severity of the crime and the gleeful savagery of the punishment. For years, I was blind to my own gleeful savagery."

Remember that there are two kinds of people in the world: Reasonable People or Assholes. Civilization builders or sadists. Deep in the heart of every Asshole lives a savage trying to get out, feverishly wanting to dominate or destroy all others. George Orwell understood how Liberals are consumed by the "intoxication of power" and the secret thrill they feel whenever they can trample on a helpless enemy. In fact, it is their very definition of "justice."

"There will be no curiosity, no enjoyment of the process of life. All competing pleasures will be destroyed. But always ... there will be the intoxication of power, constantly increasing and constantly growing subtler. Always, at every moment, there will be the thrill of victory, the sensation of trampling on an enemy who is helpless. If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face – forever."

- George Orwell, 1984

8. From American Dream to Nightmare

“What do you call someone without principles?

A Liberal.”

- Noam DeGuerre

America is called the *land of opportunity* because it is the embodiment of the American Dream that anyone from any background can become successful in America regardless of who you are or where you came from. It is a uniquely American concept to decouple one's destiny from one's pedigree.

President Ronald Reagan used the image of America as “shining city on a hill” to illustrate why immigrants from all over the world want to come to America. They come not simply for greater economic opportunity but for the unique opportunity of personal freedom.

“America represents something universal in the human spirit. I received a letter not long ago from a man who said, ‘You can go to Japan to live, but you cannot become Japanese. You can go to France to live and not become a Frenchman. You can go to live in Germany or Turkey, and you won't become a German or a Turk.’ But then he added, ‘Anybody from any corner of the world can come to America to live and become an American.’”

- Ronald Reagan, Campaign Rally for Vice President Bush,

Nov 7, 1988

Perhaps due to their being raised in the forge of difficult circumstances and oppression, many immigrants understand that freedom is a double-edged sword that cuts both ways. While the government won't obstruct you from being as successful as you can be, it also isn't intended to give you a free ride down easy street. Immigrants understand that in America one succeeds

or fails based on one's own merits; a truly daunting proposition for most people. Yet still they come – by the millions.

Liberals despise the very notions of “Americanism,” freedom, and meritocracy and they especially hate the “rich.” Liberals say they believe in “equality” but what they really mean is *collectivism* which they call “Social Justice.” This is not the American concept of equality in which all men are created equal under the law; rather it is the Marxist concept of equality of *outcomes* regardless of contributions. Whoever has more wealth than the collective dictates it is fair and obligated to give his “surplus” to the collective; not by charity but by the force of government. What the Liberals call “Social Justice” the rest of the world calls theft, enslavement, and despotic tyranny.

Since Liberals believe that wealth can only be derived from exploitation of others, they claim that the original sin of America was that it was founded by the rich and for the rich for the explicit purpose of exploiting everyone and anyone they could. Liberals believe that the Founding Fathers weren't really interested in liberty; rather they were just greedy bastards who designed the American government with checks and balances to prevent the government from confiscating their wealth and rightfully redistributing it to the poor.

Actually this part has some truth to it. The Founding Fathers did believe that an essential part of freedom was rooted in the concept of ownership and control of one's property and wealth; the right to keep the fruit of one's own labor. They understood that the natural inclination of government is to consume as much power and wealth as possible, enriching and expanding the bureaucratic class at the expense of the people. They were determined to write the constitution to shackle the beast of government in order to keep it as small as possible. The notion was later captured succinctly by Henry David Thoreau when he said, “That government is best which governs least.”

The Founders understood accumulating “excess wealth” (called savings) was essential to the growth of society, but that when government seizes wealth through excess taxes (more than the government needs to cover its basic operations) it does much more harm than good. Governments are

so inefficient when they try to confiscate then “redistribute” wealth they actually destroy much more of the value they confiscate from taxpayers than they are able to create for the common beneficiary. In other words, since governments are net destroyers of value, they act like Assholes.

Reasonable people agree with the Founders that taxes are a necessary evil – but that they are still a type of theft. They rob people of their property and rob society of its vitality. Incredibly, Liberals think that taxes are actually *good*. To paraphrase Will Rogers, “Liberals never met a tax they didn’t like.”

Liberals somehow believe high confiscatory taxes will improve a country’s health by increasing the government’s “discretionary spending” (aka “pork”) budget and punishing its wealthy (which they see as social justice). Apparently, they use the same logic as the ancient apothecaries who believed they could cure patients by aggressive blood letting to remove a patient’s “bad blood” (which often killed the patients in the process).

Liberal think tanks are not shy in revealing their attraction to high taxes:

“Progressive taxation should work as a *corrective* tax fixing the problems created by *exploitative* capitalism. The purpose of high tax rates on the rich is the reduction of vast fortunes that give a handful of people a level of power *incompatible with democracy*.”

The phrase “incompatible with democracy” is both telling and chilling. Liberals want to prevent anyone from accumulating any more political power (through wealth) than they have. What Liberals really mean is that wealthy people are incompatible with their own desire for absolute power, so they are compelled to eliminate “the rich” as a competitive power structure.

Liberal economists Thomas Piketty and Emmanuel Saez studied income inequality and concluded that “steep progressive income and estate taxation” helped to *prevent* the accumulation of immense fortunes in the middle of the 20th century. They claim that preventing the creation wealth is a *victory*?! What the hell are these people thinking? Is there something mentally wrong with them?

It is the savings of the wealthy that provides the scarce risk capital that is essential to start and grow new companies. New companies create jobs and wealth. Many companies fail every year destroying tens of thousands of jobs, while the companies that survive long enough to mature tend ship jobs overseas to reduce costs. According to studies by the Kauffman Foundation *all* (100 percent) of net new jobs in the US are created by early stage companies.

The *only* way to grow the middle class, and lift the lower class out of poverty, is to increase the number of startup companies and small businesses in America. Scarce resources needed to start more companies to grow the economy and create new high paying jobs is the high-risk investment capital called “venture capital” which comes from wealthy people (because they can afford to take the risk).

When Liberals raise taxes and regulations (which also raise costs and risks for startups) to prevent people from accumulating great wealth, they are sucking the lifeblood out of new companies and causing incalculable long-term damage to the economy. Imagine how life would be different if the government had *prevented* the accumulation of enough wealth to start companies like Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, IBM, Intel, Apple, Google, Amazon, or Facebook (ok, Facebook we could probably do without).

Not only did each of the companies improve the quality of life through their new and innovative products, but even more importantly each of these companies provided a springboard for new entrepreneurs to launch their own companies. Many if not most of the companies started in Silicon Valley can trace their lineage back through a family tree that leads directly back to Intel.

Venrock Ventures, one of the oldest venture capital firms in Silicon Valley has a massive mural of the Silicon Valley startup family tree in their conference room that shows all the companies that they invested in going back to Intel. When each of these new startup companies was founded, they required hundreds of millions of dollars of high risk investment capital from wealthy investors; *none* of it came from the government, nor should it have. The mural makes it crystal clear that if Intel had not been able to raise the risk capital it needed, then Silicon Valley, the greatest creator of

innovation and wealth on the planet, would not exist in its current form today.

The key point here is that when Liberals confiscate wealth that could have been used to start a new company, they not only destroy the prospects of one company, but also destroy all the wealth that could have been created by all of its descendents. As Clint Eastwood might say, “It’s a hell of a thing killing a company’s prospects.”

Anyone who intentionally prevents someone from accumulating great wealth because they *say* it is incompatible with democracy, but really because they think it rivals their own power structure, is an Asshole.

Fortunately, in spite of Liberals best efforts, it is still possible to accumulate wealth in America, but that may change if Liberals again gain political power. At the time of this writing Democrats in Congress are proposing raising the income tax rates – again.

For example, media darling Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) is promoting a 70 percent top marginal tax bracket and liberal think tanks suggest it should be *higher*. The oft repeated refrain is that they want rich people to “pay their fair share.” The concept is laughable on its face, rich people already pay much more than their fair share in taxes; this isn’t an argument about fairness it’s really about using the taxing power of the government to eliminate rivals for political power.

The Founding Fathers completely rejected the ideas of income or wealth taxes, preferring transactional taxes such as import duties. The punitive nature of a progressive income tax (the more you earn, the more you pay percentage-wise) would have been offensive to the founder’s sense of fairness, because they believed that all citizens should be treated equally and have “equal protection under the law.” In other words, the Founders opposed an income tax but if one was necessary, they would insist that a flat tax would be the only fair tax. The Founders realized that using taxes to benefit one group and penalize another would create a dangerous temptation to place politics over policy. As James Madison said, “the spirit of party and faction” would prevail.

During the Civil War, the government needed to raise taxes in order to pay for the war, so they enacted the country's first progressive income tax with a maximum rate of 10 percent. It was repealed after the war in 1872. As Representative Justin Morrill of Vermont said, "In this country we neither create nor tolerate any distinction of rank, race, or color, and should not tolerate anything else than entire *equality* in our taxes."

Twenty-two years later in 1894, Congress tried to pass another income tax that only impacted the top 2 percent of wealth holders, but the Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Field was outraged that Congress would pass a tax bill that violated the concept of equal protection under the law by only targeting the rich, rather than everyone equally. Justice Field warned that even a small progressive tax "will be but the stepping-stone to others, larger and more sweeping, till our political contests will become a war of the poor against the rich." He was right, but power-hungry Liberals like Senator Elizabeth Warren haven't learned the lesson yet.

Another 20 years later in 1913, a liberal congress finally passed a constitutional amendment that allowed a progressive income tax, ending the era of equal protection from taxes. Congress first set the top marginal income tax rate at 7 percent and created the first marriage benefit by only taxing married couples on income over \$4,000 (\$80,000 today).

During the Congressional debate, William Shelton from Georgia supported the income tax with classic liberal logic "because none of us here have \$4,000 incomes, so somebody else will have to pay the tax."

Just as Justice Field had predicted, it took less than one generation to use progressive tax rates as weapon of class warfare. Democratic Presidents Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt both wanted more tax revenue during the great depression and WWII, so both increased the income tax rates. Hoover nearly tripled the top tax rate from 24 to 63 percent. Then Roosevelt raised the top rate even higher to 79 percent and then again later to the surely-we-need-another-tax-revolt level of 90 percent!

In 1941, Roosevelt couldn't figure out why his insanely high tax rates weren't producing the higher tax revenues he expected, so he doubled

down and proposed a 99.5 percent marginal rate on all incomes over \$100,000 (\$1.7 million in today's purchasing power). When questioned by an aide if such a high tax rate was warranted, his response was simply, "Why not?"

When Roosevelt took office in 1933, the national debt was "only" 20 percent of GDP. Hoover's destructive high-tax policies had prolonged and deepened the Great Depression, prompting both Hoover and Roosevelt to massively increase borrowing to spend on ineffective social "relief" programs. In only three years, by 1936 the national debt had doubled to 40 percent of GDP. As usual, the higher taxes hurt the economy, but the expensive government programs never helped the destitute.

The cost of entering and winning World War II created the largest increase in national debt in America's history. Public debt rose to 112 percent of GDP at the conclusion of the war in 1945! Fortunately the massive post-war boom of the Go-Go years lifted the economy enough to bring the GDP to debt ratio back down to 50 percent of GDP through the 1980s.²⁹ By 2010 President Obama's combination of economy crushing high taxes and even higher spending and bailouts pushed the national debt right back to 100 percent of GDP – technical bankruptcy.

The Case for Income Inequality

"Free market capitalism is clearly unfair," Liberals cry; "just look at the income inequality!" Like many Liberal arguments they start with an isolated fact, strip it of context, and then extrapolate to false conclusions. According to economist Edward Wolff the wealthiest one percent of American households own 40 percent of the country's total wealth and the richest 10 percent of the population holds 70 percent of the total household wealth.³⁰ It is certainly not equal, but is it fair?

The rich, they claim, are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer, because the rich can *oppress* the poor. Marx called this "Law of Increasing

29 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Public_debt_percent_of_GDP.pdf

30 <https://www.forbes.com/sites/pedrodacosta/2019/05/29/americas-humungous-wealth-gap-is-widening>

Poverty.” But is that an accurate, useful and objective characterization of the situation? Not surprisingly – no.

There is no doubt that the rich *have* gotten richer, but in spite of what Liberals want you to believe and unlike the feudal and soviet systems of old, it has *not* been at the expense of the poor. As JFK said, in America “a rising tide lifts *all* boats”. In America the middle and lower classes haven’t gotten poorer, they have gotten slightly richer too, but at a much slower pace.

Here is the crucial point why Marx’s argument of structural class oppression doesn’t apply in America. In most countries in the world, Europe, Russia, India, China, Japan, your class and heritage determines your destiny to a large degree. But the core premise of the American dream is that *anyone* can become wealthy by the application of their talents. Talent begets wealth, but wealth also begets more wealth from investment. So, a person who is both talented and has *some* wealth will accumulate more wealth much faster than one who has neither talent nor wealth.

A recent study on the “disappearance” of the middle class, revealed a counter-liberal trend. The middle class wasn’t shrinking because the reduction in union coercive power was allowing blue collar workers to slip backwards into poverty. Quite the opposite, middle class workers were being elevated into the upper class thus reducing the middle class ranks faster than rising lower class workers could refill them. Yes, there is an upward acceleration to social mobility. The richer you are the easier and faster it is to accumulate even more wealth. The second million, as they say, is easier than the first. Since upward mobility also increases the wealth gap (but not at the expense of anyone), Liberals see accelerating social mobility as a *defect* of capitalism, rather than a benefit. They are wrong; it’s a feature, not a bug.

This means that the increase in total wealth is due in large part to *new* people joining the ranks of the rich, mostly through ingenuity and hard work. Drawing from a set of Marxist assumptions rooted in fixed class castes with low social mobility, Liberals dismiss the impact of the *nouveau riche* entrepreneurs like Bill Gates (founder of Microsoft, net worth \$81.8 billion), Steve Jobs (founder of Apple, net worth \$10 billion) Jeff Bezos

(founder of Amazon.com, net worth \$72.1 billion) and Mark Zuckerberg (founder of Facebook.com, net worth \$55 billion).

The Case Against Marxism

Liberals start from the false Marxist premise that wealth is a zero-sum game, which assumes that there is a limited and fixed amount of wealth to be divided; for me to have more, you must have less, rather than an infinite amount of wealth yet to be created. Liberals contend that all profit is derived by exploitation, deception or force. The rich, they claim, amassed their ill-gotten gains by exploiting their employees and consumers.

One of the cornerstones of Marxism is that workers are “exploited” (taken unfair advantage of) by capitalists (entrepreneurs) by not paying the workers the “full value” of their labor and keeping the difference as profit for themselves. It is clear from this argument that Marx never learned anything about business (he was supported for most of his life by handouts from his friend Engels’ merchant father). What is not clear is why such a stupid argument has lasted over a hundred years. It should have been laughed at and buried when it was first proposed. And if any of this had anything to do with reason, it would have been – but it doesn’t.

To put the final nail in this ideological coffin, here is the simple rebuttal to Marx’s exploitation argument. Marx claims that the “capitalist” controls the factors of production, to wit land, labor and capital. After paying for each of these factors from the labor of the worker there was money left over, profit, which the capitalist unfairly keeps. Marx shows his ignorance of business by leaving out the two *most important* factors of production, without which nothing else matters: Know-How (entrepreneurial skill) and Risk Capital.

To start a business an entrepreneur must first raise investment capital from skeptical and risk-averse investors. In order to convince investors to put money into his risky venture, the entrepreneur must convince investors he *knows how* to manage the risk and has the entrepreneurial skill to make the business a success. In return for placing their money at risk, the investors require a risk-appropriate return; the higher the risk the higher the required return. The risk capital investors live by the Golden Rule (he with the gold

makes the rules), so they determine if a business is even started, and how much the entrepreneur has to pay them “off the top” for the use of their money.

When all of Marx’s factors of production are put in order of importance and scarcity such as risk capital, know-how, working capital, labor, and land, it becomes apparent which factors are the most valuable and thus most expensive: Risk capital and Know-how. Labor gets paid less than risk capital and know-how because it is largely a commodity with more supply than demand. The market price for labor is determined by its value and scarcity. Workers who can differentiate themselves from the crowd by being more skilled at their craft are always paid more than others.

Looking at the complete model with all *five* factors of production rather than only three, shows that it is often the *entrepreneur* who is exploited by both the workers and the investors, for he must pay for all five factors out his own pocket, and only gets paid for his know-how and his risk taking, *if* there is any money left over. If the company doesn’t make a profit, it is the entrepreneur who goes hungry not the worker or the investor.

Liberals also often start from the presumption that all businesspeople are corrupt and were it not for government regulations, would rip off every customer they could (Liberals have actually said this nonsense out loud). They completely ignore the idea of market information (reputation, brand, etc.) and voluntary free trade, the notion that since no one can *force* you to buy something you don’t want (with the historic and unconstitutional exception of “Obamacare”).

The only way to make a profit in the long run is to provide something valuable that people are willing to pay for voluntarily. Consumers are protected from poor quality products and price exploitation (price gouging) by a free market that supports competition. A robust and competitive market also ensures that employees receive fair market value for their work. The antidote for consumer and worker exploitation is not more government regulation, but a more robust free market with low entry costs and low government interference and abundant risk capital and skilled entrepreneurs.

Anyone who talks about “exploitation” of anyone besides the entrepreneur is full of Marxist crap and is probably an Asshole trying to make some bullshit point through sophistry rather than reason.

Why Liberals Want a Death Tax

Liberals not only hate the rich, they especially hate the children of the rich. Liberal goofball “economists” like Robert Reich from UCLA Berkeley³¹ is aghast that some trust-fund babies don’t even have to work for a living because they inherited their wealth from their parents. Reich claims that Liberals shouldn’t allow European-style family dynasties to exist in America. And therefore, parents shouldn’t be allowed to leave their children any more of their hard-earned, already taxed, money than the Liberals dictate is permissible. Any amount above what the liberals deem “fair” should be confiscated by the State through “death taxes” and be put to a “better use” as the State determines.

Rather than being able to join the ranks of the idle rich through mere happenstance of parentage, the children of the rich should be *forced* to get a job, like *everyone else (equality harrumph!)*. Reich would achieve “equality” by punishing hard work and success by confiscating wealth. The long-term damage that would be done to both the individuals and their civil rights by such an un-American and confiscatory tax would far outweigh the temporary benefits for the government. By definition, Reich is just another stupid blathering Liberal Asshole from Berkeley.

Neo-Feudalism

Corporations have become the new object of hate for Liberals, and to be fair, through a long list of numerous ham-handed misdeeds, corporations have given them plenty of ammunition to make their case; from the excesses of Enron to the face-palming stupidity of Wells Fargo trying to charge their customers millions of dollars for unwanted products. Note that in each of these cases the government may have provided punishment for misdeeds, but the free market also provided its own punishment in the form of alternative solutions for the consumer.

31 The UC Berkeley has historically been the wellspring of all the most truly ridiculous, communist and anti-American ideas ever foisted on the country.

Liberal talking heads argue against the perceived evils of the corporate state. America is similar today they say, to medieval feudalism in the Dark Ages. It is ruled by the new Oligarchs (corporations, and the super-wealthy), by exploiting the Yeoman class (middle class and small-business owners), and ignoring the Serfs (the working poor and government dependents).

Journalist Chris Hedges claims “neo-feudalism” has created a permanent Serf underclass:

“Our passivity has resulted... in much more than imperial adventurism and a permanent underclass. A slow-motion coup by a corporate state has cemented into place a *neo-feudalism* in which there are only Masters and Serfs. And the process is one that *cannot be reversed through the traditional mechanisms of electoral politics.*”³²

Hedges’ last line, that neo-feudalism “cannot be reversed through the traditional mechanisms of electoral politics” raises the question of *what kind* of alternative, extra-political measures would he recommend? A revolution perhaps?

He doesn’t say, but since Hedges appears to be a Marxist, perhaps we can draw some inferences. Marx believed that only way to replace capitalism with communism was through a violent revolution of the proletariat (working class) against the upper class. Hedges doesn’t call for violent revolution explicitly, but the last time a feudal government was overthrown by non-traditional means was the bloody French Revolution. So it might not be a great leap to assume that Hedges is giving a wink-and-a-nod to a violent revolution in America by Liberals against corporations and everyone else who doesn’t agree with him.

To be fair, Mr. Hedges has also written eloquently against violence elsewhere: “Violence is a disease, a disease that corrupts all who use it regardless of the cause.” Well said.

But it is important to remember that a hallmark of all liberal arguments is *sophistry*. We must remember that Liberals don’t view hypocrisy the same

32 www.truthdig.com/articles/no-one-cares/

way that Reasonable People and Conservatives do. Based on their respect for Intellectual Honesty, Reasonable People believe in certain immutable principles, such as violence is never an acceptable option. Liberals have shown that they are willing to take any side of an argument, or use any type of sophistry to advance their position as the situation dictates. They generally don't adhere to immutable principles the same way that Reasonable People do. For example, if violence is done against them, they abhor it; but if violence is done for them, they justify it.

The Left has been quick to threaten and actually use violence whenever it suits them. Consider the enforcer role of "Antifa" thugs, the modern equivalent of Hitler's "Brown Shirts," to drive home the point that sooner or later any resistance to the Left consolidating power will be met with violence.

The yes-butters and "fact checkers" will be quick to point out that "right wing" extremists like neo-Nazis and White Supremacists have historically been more violent and account for more deaths than the new Antifa movement. Then it won't come as a surprise that they are Assholes too. All violence is abhorrent and anyone who advocates or justifies violence is an Asshole.

Now back to neo-feudalism.

Liberals with their communist roots in class warfare, and historical connection to unions, have always hated corporations. If you could find an intellectually honest Liberal to ask why liberals hate corporations, they would give you the same answer that Willie Horton gave when they asked him why he robbed banks: "Because that's where the money is."

Their latest complaint is that corporations have "too much power" which is a euphemism for "we don't control them – yet." Liberals can fly into a rage at the mere thought of a company exercising its free will to pursue profits for its shareholders without bowing to the dictates of liberal ordained "social responsibility." But don't worry, as always, Liberals have a plan to bring the largest corporations to heel under their direction.

Leftist wing-nut Senator Elizabeth Warren recently proposed the "Accountable Capitalism Act."

“In the 1980s, corporations adopted the belief that their only legitimate and legal purpose was ‘maximizing shareholder value.’ By 1997, the Business Roundtable declared that the ‘principal objective of a business enterprise is to generate economic returns to its owners.’

This shift is a root cause of many of America’s fundamental economic problems.

In the early 1980s, America’s biggest companies dedicated less than half of their profits to shareholders and reinvested the rest in the company. But over the last decade, big American companies have dedicated 93% of their earnings to shareholders. That has “redirected” trillions of dollars that might have otherwise gone to workers or long-term investments, with predictable results.

Since the advent of shareholder value maximization, worker productivity has risen steadily but real wages for the median worker have been basically flat and the share of national income that goes to workers has dropped markedly. Big American companies have chronically under-invested, opening the door to foreign competitors.”

Pocahontas-Warren complains that corporations have had the unmitigated gall to pay their investors the money that is rightfully due to them, rather than to divert “trillions of dollars” into wages or some other cause she deems more worthy. But the key point she is missing is, *she does not own* these companies; the stockholders do. So the companies are not responsible to her or the government, but they are *required* to be fiduciaries (act in the best interest of) for their shareholders. You would think that someone who lied her way into Harvard law school would know that.

Imagine how you would react if you went to your bank to withdraw your retirement savings and the bank teller only handed you a small portion of the funds that should have been in your account. When you ask the teller for the rest he says, “I’m sorry sir but the *Accountable Capitalism Act* **required** us to spend YOUR money to pay our tellers more. Thank you for my raise!”

When asked about the low wages in the steel industry during the Gilded Age, Andrew Carnegie, one of the richest men in America ever, reportedly

said, “I pay my workers only what I have to, every dollar I pay over that is stolen from my shareholders.”

Since Carnegie owned a significant portion of the stock himself, the comment was certainly self-serving, but more importantly it was also completely accurate. The costs and prices of a business are best regulated by the market. Any time the government tries to interfere by redistributing wealth from shareholders to workers *unfairly* it will destroy value for both the worker, the shareholder, and ultimately create lower profits for the government to tax.

Warren’s “Accountability Act” is an unvarnished attempt to seize bureaucratic control over the largest American companies by creating a new Orwellian *Office of Corporations* whose job is to make sure that the company is run for the benefit of “the people” rather than its owners the shareholders.

“American corporations with more than \$1 billion in annual revenue must obtain a federal charter from a newly formed Office of United States Corporations at the Department of Commerce.

The new federal charter obligates company directors to consider the interests of all corporate *stakeholders* – including employees, customers, shareholders, and the communities in which the company operates.

This approach is derived from the thriving “Benefit” corporation model that 33 states and the District of Columbia have adopted and that companies like Patagonia, Danone North America, and Kickstarter have embraced with strong results.”

Besides being incredibly pompous, immoral, anti-American, communist and stupid, it also actually wouldn’t work. Once shareholders and bond holders realize PDQ (Pretty Damn Quick) that they will no longer be the beneficiaries of the company’s profits, they will sell their stocks and bonds – all at once. The stock price will crater, and the bonds will become worthless making it incredibly expensive if not literally impossible to raise additional capital. With one fell stroke of a pen trillions of dollars of shareholder value will instantly be wiped out, but on the upside the company will be *forced* to “consider the interests of other stakeholders.”

Once again, the same Liberal nut job would wreak monumental financial devastation on innocent shareholders in exchange for a bad idea that won't work. The magnitude of the economic destruction she would blithely create just to further her *own* status as progressive makes Elizabeth Warren a world-class Asshole!

In his insightful article, "Progressive Neo-Feudalism" Robert Tracinski, addresses Warren's hidden agenda to return to a feudal society controlled by the Inner Party:

"This is a "progressive" proposal, but its adherents keep emphasizing that it's just a return to the past. Warren describes it as "a new bill to help return to the time when American companies and workers did well together," while a group of academics in support of Warren declares that this will "realign our regime of incorporation with its original purposes." In a way, they're right. This is a return to the past, because it resurrects an essentially *feudal* approach to property rights."

What Liberals hate about neo-feudalism is that the corporations have too much power and they are run by shareholders, who receive too many benefits. But don't worry – Liberals are creating a new command-and-control structure where the enlightened State is in charge of everything.

We could call this new type of totalitarian fascism: "Woke-Feudalism."

In the original feudal system, the king owned all the land in the kingdom and leased it to his various nobles who had serfs work the land. Corporations were created by a grant of privileges from the king, who like a Mafia Don, would get his cut of the action off the top.

In America the conceptual foundations of feudalism were thrown out with "every man is created equal." A corporate charter wasn't a special favor granted by the government; it was a legal entity owned by its shareholders.

Regressive-progressives have always hated the concept of individual ownership without government intervention. It is anathema to communism.

They have been scheming to go back to a woke-feudal system in which all business, banking and contractual agreements are only allowed to operate under tight control of the “sovereign.” They give it a patina of democracy by claiming that the sovereign is now “the people.”

In medieval feudalism the serfs were considered property and were bound to the land (i.e. slaves). In Warren’s woke-feudalism, corporations would also be bound to the land just like Medieval serfs, unable to move or change without the permission of their government overlords, the cities where they operate. Just as feudal barons were completely ruled by the king, corporations would now be completely ruled by the government – i.e. obsequious and self-serving bureaucrats and politicians.

What could possibly go wrong when corporations are beholden to the government rather than to its owners, the shareholders? Consider the opportunities for government abuse. For example, Senator Warren along with state attorneys general already have a history of threatening to prosecute corporations for fraud if they support anyone *skeptical of global warming*. Imagine what else Liberal megalomaniacs like Warren would do with unlimited feudal power over corporations!

Woke-Feudalism offers Liberals a direct way to seize power – the thing they lust for above all else. By first seizing political power over large companies, then eventually *all* companies, they can remake the world as they see fit. They can confiscate the “excessive and unfair” portion of CEO pay, force the company to increase worker pay until everyone is paid equally, or they can destroy shareholder value in any other way they please.

Woke-Feudalism is anti-American. Rather than a society based on the rule of law, where all men are created equal, it slices and dices citizens by privilege-castes based on “intersectionality” of victim-ness each with unique rights and privileges. The more victim status you can claim the more social deference you command. Meritocracy be damned.

In Medieval feudalism there was a clear social caste hierarchy with the majority of economic benefits accruing to the elite classes. In woke-

feudalism identity politics divides the social castes into tribes defined by national origin, skin color, language, sexuality, gender, woke-ness or whatever they come up with next. The purpose of identity politics is to justify the immoral re-distribution of power to Liberals by stopping all debate and dissent, to short-circuit civil exchange and to divide through identity polarization.

9. In Defense of Liberty

“Resist much, obey little, Once unquestioning obedience,
once fully enslaved, Once fully enslaved, no nation, state,
city of this earth, ever after-ward resumes its liberty.”

- Walt Whitman

(Because)

If a political party does not have its foundation in the determination to
advance a cause that is right and moral, then it is not a political party;
it is merely a conspiracy to seize power.”

- President Dwight D. Eisenhower

The Last Line of Defense

The United States of America was founded on a unique and radical idea that free men could govern themselves. Left to themselves, good men of noble virtue would flourish rather than descend into anarchy without a paternalistic government controlling their every move.

America's Founding Fathers proposed the heretical idea that people are “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights,” these basic human rights come from God, not from a king or the state so they are permanent and irrevocable. Through the Constitution the people grant only a limited set of rights to the government and retain all other rights to the themselves.

The Constitution was carefully and painstakingly designed to limit both the power of government and the ability of the government to increase its power over time. The Founding Fathers were well aware of the arc of history towards tyranny. They wrote the Constitution for the ages, but they knew that sooner or later less noble and virtuous people would come to power and seek to erode Individual Sovereignty.

A famous story about Benjamin Franklin indicates his understanding of the peril faced by the nascent country. As Franklin wearily left Independence Hall in Philadelphia at the close of the oft raucous Constitutional Convention of 1787 he was asked, “Well, Doctor, what have we got – a Republic or a Monarchy?”

“A Republic,” Franklin replied, “if you can keep it.”

The Bill of Rights

“A Bill of Rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth, general or particular, and what no just government should refuse.”

- Thomas Jefferson, December 20, 1787

After a costly revolutionary war to free America from the abuses of King George III, the American people wanted strong guarantees that their own new government could not trample upon their newly won freedoms of speech, press and religion, and to be free from unwarranted search or seizure.

The newly minted Americans had a unique view that government power and individual liberty were natural enemies. Containing the new government's power to protect individual liberty was their most important task. The government had no authority to tell people how to live their lives, what religion to believe, or what to write in the newspaper. These concepts about critical value of individual rights become the basis of the Constitution as inscribed in the Bill of Rights, the first ten Amendments.

The Bill of Rights, inspired by Jefferson and drafted by James Madison, was adopted in 1791. It spells out Americans' rights in relation to their government. It guarantees civil rights and liberties to the individual including freedoms of speech, press, and religion. It sets rules for due process of law and reserves all powers not delegated to the federal government to the people or the states.

The historic “American Experiment” in Individual Sovereignty succeeded just as the Founding Fathers predicted. By giving people unprecedented freedom, it unshackled the entrepreneurial spirit and allowed each person

the chance to reach their greatest potential. It created the greatest, most powerful and most prosperous country in the world in a remarkably short period of time.

In the words of Adam Smith (economist and inventor of the phrase the “invisible hand of the market”), America allowed, “every man to pursue his own interest in his own way, upon the liberal plan of equality, liberty, and justice.”

Ironically Smith used the phrase “liberal plan of equality” to mean the “generous or abundant,” exactly the opposite of its political meaning today.

But Franklin’s dire prediction that less virtuous and noble forces would try to corrupt the Republic and attempt to use it to limit Individual Sovereignty and reassert a new form of tyranny was also prophetic. A mere two years after ratifying the American Constitution the bloody French Revolution started that country down the path to socialism.

Since the very beginning Liberals have been trying to repeal or nullify each of the 10 Amendments in the Bill of Rights. They have used every trick and attack conceivable, including appointing liberal activist, rather than “originalist,” judges to the Supreme Court who created their own interpretations of the constitution, often far from the original intent of the Founding Fathers.

In recent years progressives have launched an unprecedented cultural and legal war against the Bill of Rights. Progressivism advances the belief that America needs to “progress” beyond the principles of the American founding. The short-lived Progressive Party was started over a hundred years ago, based on the belief that man is inherently corrupt, so society can only be perfected by proper government control. Progressives promoted the idea that unelected “experts” should supervise the administration of a vast bureaucratic government – the beginnings of America’s corrupt “deep state.”

Progressives reject fixed or universal principles and allowed themselves a moral flexibility of ideals as the situation requires – most people call this hypocrisy. They argue that the modern world has evolved beyond the limitations of the constitution, so it should be changed to allow only

properly enlightened (“woke”) people to have power over others. This is argument for woke-feudalism. The few, the proud, the “woke,” deserve to tell everyone else what to do.

Since the late 19th century progressives have rejected the traditional interpretation of the constitution as an unchangeable document because that would inhibit their efforts to use government to “provide a better existence for everyone.” But the fatal flaw in this argument is clear – the Constitution *already* grants citizens the maximum amount of liberty possible. So there is no way to make the system better for “everyone” without penalizing someone. All that the government can do is to redistribute wealth and privileges by reducing the rights of some people to benefit others. This violation and redistribution of rights, property, or wealth always damages society as a whole *much more* than it benefits the recipients – which is why socialists are all Assholes!

President Franklin D. Roosevelt is the poster child for the failed progressive ideology and programs. In his 1944 address to Congress, he argued for redistribution based on need:

“We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence. ‘Necessitous men are not free men.’ People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made.”

Ignoring the historical revisionism that usually people are hungry and out of a job *because* of dictators or government intervention, he relied on the Marxist dictum that one person’s needs creates a demand on another person’s rights. His argument is basically that, in order for some people to have “true individual freedom” which includes being free from need, someone else is required to provide those needs. Which is exactly the abhorrent kernel of Marxism: “(In order for some people to live better, we must take) from each according to their abilities, (and give it, unearned) to each according to their needs.”

The Attack on the Bill of Rights

Liberals don’t like to try to win votes by promoting fair and thoughtful policies, but by granting new “rights” to their constituents; the “right” to

affordable health care, the “right” to a college education, the “right” to a livable wage. None of these campaign promises are rights; they are actually *privileges* that can only be bestowed on one group at the expense of infringing on someone else’s actual rights such as their right to control their own money.

At the same time Liberals are attacking the Bill of Rights, because it is the last line of defense between individual liberties as envisioned by the Founding Fathers, and a terrifying form of woke-feudalism, a modern form of fascist tyranny envisioned by progressives.

Here are some examples.

First Amendment

Freedom of Religion, Speech, and the Press

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

Liberals are adamant about removing all traces of religion from the “public square.” This includes prohibiting prayer in school and even preventing students to bring Bibles to class for their own study. They have tried to remove the phrase “under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance (which they would eliminate from schools all together), they would remove the Bible and the phrase “So help me God” from the swearing in of witnesses in trials, and they would even remove “In God we Trust” from the currency.

They oppose school voucher programs that would dramatically improve America’s failing schools, under the pretense that it might result in using “public” funds (actually taxpayer funds) to support private religious schools, claiming vouchers would violate the “separation of church and state” in the First Amendment. This is all sophistry and nonsense. It is an intentional misinterpretation and perversion of the framer’s intent to *preserve*, not limit religious freedoms.

The phrase, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,” means that Congress can not create a new government sponsored

religion like “The Holy Church of America.” This is exactly what King Henry VIII did in 1534 when he created his own “Church of England” so he could grant himself a divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry his second wife Anne Boleyn.

King Henry’s problem was that Pope Clement VII refused to grant him a divorce or annulment which is prohibited by Catholic doctrine. So like any good tyrant who can’t get what he wants under the rule of law, he simply changed the rules of the game in his favor. He created the new Church of England, and claimed it had the same religious authority as the Roman Catholic Church. He also installed himself as the highest authority in the new church with the ironic title “Defender of the Faith.” (Supposedly the title *Changer of the Faith for My Own Personal Benefit*, wouldn’t have sounded as good).

The Founding Fathers knew that religion can be a powerful influencer and under their insightful doctrine of separation of powers to prevent abuse, they wanted to prevent the government from ever *becoming* the church. Liberals tend to ignore the key phrase “or prohibiting the free exercise thereof” which provides the foundation of religious freedom by preventing Congress from restricting the creation of new religions. (You can even worship a giant Twinkie if you want to, and no one can say anything about it.)

Often Liberals try to use a flimsy excuse that references to God might be offensive to atheists. Liberals often try to invoke a fictional right of “freedom from offense” in a variety of cases, but no such right exists because it would be completely antithetical to freedom of speech and Individual Sovereignty in general.

Offense is a personal choice that happens in each person’s head. But a right to not be offended would quickly trump all of the rights of others. With such a right of censorship anyone could censor someone else’s right to speak merely because *they* didn’t like what someone had to say, which would be as bad if not worse than government sponsored censorship. This is of course exactly why Liberals are trying to repeal the right to free speech.

Nowhere is the oppression of free speech more evident or more violent and annoying than on college campuses. In recent years many prominent

conservative speakers were prevented or “disinvited” from speaking on campuses due to student protests. The core argument of the Left is that they should have the “right” to be free from hearing “offensive” speakers. This is a stupid and unconstitutional attempt at tyranny disguised as outrage. Since no one is *forcing* them to buy tickets or attend the “offensive” speaker’s events they can freely exercise their right to peace of mind by simply *not going* to the event. No harm, no foul.

But of course, their *real* intent is to prevent anyone *else* from hearing the possibly *subversive* opinions of conservatives. Just as the Roman Catholic Church wanted to silence Galileo for his heresy of speaking out against Church doctrine, so too Liberals want to silence, rather than debate, any view that may contradict their canon of thought control.

A corollary to the fictional right to be free from offense is the fabrication of a fictional type of heresy called “Hate Speech.” Just as Liberals have called any heretic who violates liberal cannon a “racist” they label all heretical concepts as “Hate Speech.”

Fortunately, in America, Hate Speech does carry the force of law as it does in many other liberal democracies around the world where it can be used to silence or censor any comment from any person that the ruling class considers subversive. In the United States “Hate Speech” is *not* yet regulated, because the U.S. Supreme Court has consistently ruled that offensive speech is just speech and is still legally protected under the First Amendment.

In 2017, a study conducted by the Gallup organization conducted a survey of 3,014 U.S. college students, including students at Historically Black Colleges, about their opinions on First Amendment issues. The survey asked students whether violence or shouting down speakers was ever acceptable, and whether certain groups such as conservatives could freely express their views on campus.³³

Some of the key findings of the study indicate how much the First Amendment is under attack, including the following.

33 https://www.knightfoundation.org/reports/free-expression-on-campus-what-college-students-think-about-first-amendment-issues#_ftn1

1) Free expression is less important than “diversity”

The majority of college students say protecting free speech rights (56 percent) and promoting a diverse and inclusive society (52 percent) are both extremely important to democracy.

But when given a false dichotomy and forced to choose which was more important either free speech *or* “diversity and inclusion,” students preferred diversity and inclusion (53 percent) over free speech (46 percent). Women, blacks and Democrats were the most likely to trample others’ free speech rights in favor of “diversity.” (Ironically, diversity here actually means non-diverse group think.)

This raises serious questions about how students (the majority of whom are liberal) think about the difference between free speech and “diversity.” Free speech is necessary to promote actual diversity of thought, if not “inclusion.” Censoring free speech merely enforces uniformity, the theoretical enemy of diversity. But of course, Liberals despise diversity of thought, because it leads to rational debate (dialectic) which leads towards objectivity and truth.

“Inclusion” is actually euphemism for “freedom from offense,” so it is a justification for censorship in order to prevent the possibility of someone being offended in their own mind by anything that is outside their personal cannon of acceptable thought. The logical conclusion is that since diversity of thought (by definition) will likely lead to offense by *someone* and thus “divisiveness,” it must be censored. In other words, Liberals will allow you to think anything you want, as long as it agrees with them (just like Mussolini).

Actual inclusion would *embrace* not reject real diversity of thought. As Voltaire was purported to have said: “I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.”

2) Students increasingly favor limits on Hate Speech

The attackers of free speech are gaining ground, while its defenders are losing ground. In 2017 fewer students favored unregulated free speech over limits on offensive speech than they did the previous year in 2016 (an 8 percent loss from 78 percent down to 70 percent). Democrats, blacks and women are among the groups that were more likely to abandon free

speech in favor of hate speech limits. As usual the best defenders of the Constitution were the Republicans who still overwhelmingly favor free speech, hateful or not (86 percent).³⁴

3) Political conservatives are seen as less able to express their views

Half of college students (54 percent) think that the Liberal climate on their campus promotes self censorship and prevents people from openly speaking their mind because others might take offense. While a majority of college students, 69 percent, believe political conservatives are able to express their views on campus, many more believe political liberals (92 percent) and other campus groups are able to share their opinions more freely.

Second Amendment

The Right to Bear Arms

“A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.”

The Second Amendment is perhaps the most uniquely American of citizen rights. Only a few countries have laws that protect their people’s right to keep and bear arms and even fewer protect that right in their constitution. The right to bear arms was an essential but often overlooked element in the start of the revolutionary war and the subsequent founding of the country.

Liberals hate the right for citizens to own guns (and other weapons). Their calls to ban all guns comes from a strange mix of irrational ideas, fear, cultural identify, combined with a fundamental misunderstanding of what the Second Amendment means and stands for, all wrapped-up under a false pretense of concern for victims of gun violence. All of which is just camouflage for their hidden agenda to disarm law-abiding citizens and to increase government control.

It is rarely taught in public schools anymore, but the spark that ignited the American Revolution was the British attempt to confiscate American guns.

34 <https://medium.com/informed-and-engaged/8-ways-college-student-views-on-free-speech-are-evolving-963334babe40>

Britain wanted to disarm the colonists so that they could establish martial law and force compliance with the King's escalating taxes. On April 19, 1775, 800 British troops were dispatched to Concord, Mass., to arrest Sam Adams and John Hancock and to seize a cache of weapons known to be stored there.

Paul Revere was sent to warn Adams and Hancock that the King's troops were on their way to arrest them (without a warrant) and seize the weapons. Revere's ride was immortalized by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in the famous poem *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere*. Here are the first two stanzas of essential American history put to verse:

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere

Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five:
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.

He said to his friend, "If the British march
By land or sea from the town to-night,
Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry-arch
Of the North-Church-tower, as a signal-light,—
One if by land, and two if by sea;
And I on the opposite shore will be,
Ready to ride and spread the alarm
Through every Middlesex village and farm,
For the country-folk to be up and to arm."
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

On their way to Concord, the Red Coats encountered a group of about sixty armed Americans waiting for them on Lexington Green. The British officer demanded that the Americans throw down their guns, but the Americans refused. The British troops fired on them killing eight of the Minutemen in the first volley. The Americans returned fire, firing what was later called "the shot that was heard around the world." By the time the British troops arrived at the Concord Bridge a few miles

away, hundreds of armed civilians were waiting for them with muskets in hand.

In a screamingly liberal article that appeared in *The Nation* magazine (a neo-communist publication of ill repute), titled, “It’s Time to Repeal – and Replace – the Second Amendment,” Elie Mystal falsely claims that:

“The meaning of the second amendment has been so badly mangled that our only choice is to start over with something that allows for real gun control. . . . Hell, “regulated” is written right into its text. . . . You don’t have to be a constitutional scholar to conclude that this amendment is talking about the need for “militias,” not an individual’s right to own a bazooka.”³⁵

Disingenuous Liberals like Mr. Mystal often misunderstand, or willfully misrepresent, the intention of the language of the second amendment in order to support their attacks against it.

Mr. Mystal uses a favorite liberal strategy of interpreting the phrase a “well-regulated militia” to mean a “well controlled army,” which is the exact *opposite* of the framers’ intent. This interpretation would lead to a logically inconsistent reading that would be abhorrent to the Founding Fathers as the follows rewording shows:

“A well controlled *Army* being necessary to the security of a “*free State*,” the right of the *people* to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.”

This reading of the Second Amendment is a logical non sequitur. The term “free state” refers to a citizenry that is free from government intrusions, which the founders would have seen as antithetical to oppression by the Army as was common in Britain. If they thought that only the Army should have guns, why would they contradict this idea in the very next phrase by also allowing “the people” to own guns? The liberal interpretation doesn’t scan nor make any sense.

To better understand the Founders’ original intent, we can update the language while preserving the original meaning. The phrase “well-regulated”

35 <https://www.thenation.com/article/repeal-second-amendment-gun-control/>

does not mean “controlled” but rather, “well equipped.” The term “Militia” does not mean regular military (i.e., “army”) but rather “armed citizens.” The term “security” refers to both immediate “safety” (as in “secure from harm”) and also on-going safety or “preservation.”

The term “free state” refers to a *society of free men* who are free from the abuses of a tyrannical government. Updating the Second Amendment language into modern language and structure clarifies the Founders’ original intent:

“A well armed citizenry is necessary for the safety and preservation of a society free from governmental intrusions, (therefore) a citizen’s right to own and carry weapons shall not be violated.”

The Founding Fathers realized that a well-armed citizenry was essential to keep a tyrannical government at bay. This is why the Second Amendment is essential to protect all of the other rights.

The core flaw in Mr. Mystal’s appeal to repeal the Second Amendment is that he rejects the notion citizens have a right to defend themselves, family or property. But he is correct in recognizing the Second Amendment stands squarely in the way of the government disarming its citizens.

“And it was only in 2008, after years of slowly expanding the amendment’s reach, that the Supreme Court decided *District of Columbia v. Heller* – a case in which the allegedly “originalist” Antonin Scalia recognized for the first time in American history a constitutional right to own a gun for self-defense. It takes an originalist, I suppose, to invent an entirely new constitutional right out in front of your face and then pretend like it’s always been there.

And herein lies the problem: As long as this interpretation is the law of the land, *effective gun regulation will be impossible*. All serious efforts at gun regulation need to start from the premise that the government defines the parameters for “responsible” gun ownership, not the NRA, just like the state defines the parameters for responsible alcohol consumption, not Jose Cuervo.”³⁶

36 Ibid.

In the *District of Columbia v. Heller* case the U.S. Supreme Court on June 26, 2008, held (5–4) that the Second Amendment guarantees an individual the right to own firearms independent of service in a state militia and to use firearms for traditionally lawful purposes, including self-defense within the home. It struck down laws banning handguns and requiring other firearms to be stored unloaded or locked, making them less useful when needed for personal defense.

Mr. Mystal presents the central point of disagreement between Liberals and Reasonable People, whether one's right to self defense should be based on someone else's determination of your "need."

"That leads to only one logical conclusion: Repeal the Second Amendment and start over from *presumption that you do not need a gun* unless you are going off to war or going off to train for war."

Starting from the presumption that a Reasonable and Law abiding citizen does not "need" a gun would require a number of other assumptions such as that one's person, property or family will *never* be placed at risk by criminals or tyrannical governments either foreign or domestic.

Fuzzy thinking Liberals like Mr. Mystal often claim that their primary concern is to protect the innocent; and that if *all* guns were outlawed then tragedies of mass shootings and homicides could be reduced or eliminated entirely. But most gun-related crimes are done with illegally owned firearms, as much as 80 percent according to some estimates.³⁷ Lawful gun owners commit less than 20 percent of all gun crimes, according to a study by the University of Pittsburgh. In about 80 percent of cases the perpetrator was using an illegally obtained gun, which supports the common wisdom of Second Amendment defenders that, "When guns are outlawed, only the outlaws will have guns." Onerous gun control laws would disarm the wrong people, law-abiding citizens, rather than criminals.

Reasonable People are horrified by gun violence and moved to explore effective and judicious solutions to prevent tragic crimes. The federal

³⁷ https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/07/27/new-evidence-confirms-what-gun-rights-advocates-have-been-saying-for-a-long-time-about-crime/?utm_term=.7266d8d5ba09

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports more than 33,000 people a year in the U.S. die as a result of firearms.³⁸

A recent study published in the *Journal of Pediatrics* found that on average 5,790 children are shot annually in the United States, on average 16 children are hospitalized *each day* for gunshot wounds, resulting in over 1,300 deaths a year.³⁹ The majority of these children are African American boys 13 to 17 years old who are victims of intentional homicide.

Although black men make up only 7 percent of the population, they account for almost two-thirds of gun murder victims every year⁴⁰ and up to a third of gun-related homicides are linked to gang and drug activity according to the Department of Justice's National Gang Center.⁴¹

Reasonable People agree with Liberal claims that “common sense” measures could be used to make it harder for criminals, rather than law abiding citizens, to obtain guns and ammunition. Unfortunately, Liberals have a long history of using hidden agendas to increase government power and reduce individual rights. Many Conservatives and Reasonable People believe that when Liberals talk about “common-sense gun control,” their real intent is to eliminate or drastically reduce the right for law-abiding citizens to own guns.

Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens wrote a controversial op-ed in the *New York Times* titled, “Repeal the Second Amendment”⁴² in which he referred to the Second Amendment as a “relic of the 18th century.” Justice Stevens said repealing the amendment would be “simple” and “effective.”

While the liberal media strongly supported Justice Stevens' position, he was criticized for being too open and honest about the Liberals' hidden agenda. The *Washington Post* wrote Stevens' op-ed “confirms plenty of

38 <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/injury.htm>

39 <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/06/15/peds.2016-3486>

40 <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/mass-shootings-are-a-bad-way-to-understand-gun-violence/>

41 <https://www.nationalgangcenter.gov/survey-analysis/measuring-the-extent-of-gang-problems>

42 https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-five-extra-words-that-can-fix-the-second-amendment/2014/04/11/f8a19578-b8fa-11e3-96ae-f2c36d2b1245_story.html

preexisting beliefs about what Democrats actually want.” Surveys show that 40 percent of Democrats do want to repeal the Second Amendment but very few Liberal politicians are willing to say so publically.

Conservatives have good reason to believe Liberals can not be trusted to negotiate in good faith and to focus on reducing gun violence from a practical and humanitarian perspective, rather than attempting yet another political power grab. This prevents having a sober and practical discussion on what “common sense” steps *could* be taken that would minimize the negative impact on law abiding citizens.

The potential for gun violence is much more predictable than Liberals would like you to believe. Domestic violence is highly correlated to inter-family homicides and to other attacks, as people who are violent to family members are often also violent against strangers. Revoking gun rights for people with a history of domestic violence and expanding background checks to better take mental health into account have had bipartisan support.

Additionally, research has revealed only a small fraction of gun dealers are responsible for the majority of guns used in crimes in the United States. A 2000 report from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms found that the vast majority (85 percent) of gun dealers had zero guns used in crimes traced back to them. By contrast, one percent of dealers accounted for nearly 60 percent of traces of gun used in crimes that year.⁴³ Even though there are clear opportunities available to make significant impact using real common sense strategies, the distrust between Conservatives and Liberals has created a deadly political impasse.

Fourth Amendment

Protection from Unreasonable Searches and Seizures

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.”

⁴³ http://www.joebrower.com/RKBA/RKBA_FILES/GOV_DOCS/BATF_report_020400.pdf

On March 22, 1765, ten years prior to the Revolutionary war, the British Parliament passed the “Stamp Act” on the American colonies in one of the most egregious examples of overreach and burdensome taxation by King George III on the colonies. The Stamp Act imposed a new tax on *every* piece of printed paper that the Americans used including ship’s papers, legal documents, licenses, newspapers, pamphlets, and even playing cards. All documents had to be printed on paper carrying the King’s tax seal. The colonials reacted by boycotting British goods, rioting, and attacking tax collectors.

To enforce collection of the Stamp Act taxes, the Crown granted British officials the power to create “unwarranted” searches (not needing a specific written legal search order from a magistrate) which allowed Agents of the Crown to freely search any home, at any time, for any reason, and to rummage through people’s homes and businesses in search of untaxed (smuggled) goods or *any other* incriminating evidence that might be discovered.

Americans resented these intrusions by British agents; perhaps not least because many New Englanders had traded in untaxed smuggled goods to avoid onerous taxes. A young colonial lawyer, James Otis was appointed by the Crown to prosecute smugglers and tax evaders. But over time he became greatly concerned by the King’s unchecked abuse of power over the colonies. He later introduced the now famous phrase, “Taxation without representation (is tyranny).”

“Custom-house officers [tax collectors] may enter our houses when they please; we are commanded to permit their entry. Their menial servants may enter, may break locks, bars, and everything in their way; and whether they break through malice or revenge, no man, no court can inquire. Bare suspicion without oath [reasonable cause] is sufficient.”

Former British Prime Minister William Pitt the Elder argued that Parliament should extend to the colonies the same freedom from unwarranted searches that Englishmen enjoyed, so that “each man’s home is his castle.”

“The poorest man may in his cottage bid defiance to all the forces of the Crown. It may be frail, its roof may shake; the wind may blow through it;

the storms may enter, the rain may enter – but the King of England cannot enter; all his forces dare not cross the threshold of the ruined tenement.”

The concept of being secure from unwarranted search and seizures of one’s person, property and (untaxed) papers became enshrined in the Fourth Amendment and stood for nearly two hundred years.

But during the 1960s, liberal Supreme Court Justices on the Warren Court redefined the Fourth Amendment’s protection of one’s property as a non-specified theory of protection of “privacy;” even though the word “privacy” is never used in the Bill of Rights.

The court had the noble goal of creating a conceptual framework that would impose constitutional constraints on unwarranted government eavesdropping on telephone conversations (wiretapping) and other modern communication technologies. The court believed that by preventing evidence obtained illegally without a warrant from being used in court, that it could force law enforcement and intelligence agencies to obtain the proper warrants prior to conducting electronic surveillance.

Unfortunately the court’s strategy to replace the original intent to protect one’s “property” (including things, thoughts and words that you created), with “privacy” left a gaping hole in the Fourth Amendment that has led to an enormous on-going abuse of privacy rights on an unprecedented global scale.

The court first ruled on the legality of wiretapping by law enforcement in the 1928 case of *Olmstead v. United States*. According to the *Olmstead* decision, police did *not* need to obtain a warrant prior eavesdropping on a phone call because a wiretap did not involve any “actual physical invasion” of a person’s property. This decision left individuals without any Fourth Amendment protections against government eavesdropping on telephone calls for 39 years until the warrantless wiretaps finally came to an end in 1967 when the Supreme Court ruled that police must first obtain a warrant before they listen in on a phone call in *Katz v. United States*.

Justice John Marshall Harlan wrote that an individual’s Fourth Amendment right to be protected from warrantless searches was triggered whenever one

has a “reasonable expectation of privacy.” At the time, this new standard was considered a victory for civil libertarians because it required court oversight of due process.

But the court missed the target again. The term “reasonable expectation” contained a fatal flaw. Since a user must “reveal” both the number they are calling from, and the phone number they wish to call, to the phone company for them to execute the call, there is *no* reasonable expectation of that the numbers themselves are confidential. The court held that since “a person has no legitimate expectation of privacy in information he voluntarily turns over to third parties,” (Smith v. Maryland) that the information revealed to the phone company about the call, is *not* protected by the Fourth Amendment.

So even though the audible content of the conversation was protected from warrantless search, the technical information *about* the call (“metadata”) including the number called to and its location, the number called from and its location, the time and date, and the duration of the call, is *not* protected and can be captured by the government without a warrant.

In a dissenting opinion Justice Black was skeptical that “the wise framers of the Fourth Amendment” would ever have used a theoretical “right of privacy,” rather than the more traditional right of property as the basis for Fourth Amendment protections because it would give the court too much discretionary power to shape the concept to fit any whim they had:

“Like a chameleon, (privacy) has a different color for every turning. In fact, use of “privacy” as the keyword in the Fourth Amendment simply gives this Court a useful new tool, as I see it, both to *usurp* the policy-making power of the Congress and to hold more state and federal laws unconstitutional when(ever) the Court entertains a sufficient hostility to them.”⁴⁴

Constitutional scholars concur with Justice Black that using the “expectation of privacy” test rather than a more robust property framework has decoupled protections against warrantless search and seizure from the

44 Ibid.

original intention of the Fourth Amendment, and created a rubber stamp for justices to rule however they please.

“(The Privacy Framework) has freed judges from the constraints of discretion-limiting rules. This has been an unfortunate development. In the hands of the Supreme Court justices, the so-called two-part expectation-of-privacy test has evolved into a *flexible standard* that allows them to rely on little more than their *idiosyncratic* views when deciding cases.”⁴⁵

In June 2013 Americans discovered that they should have *no expectation* of privacy for any electronic communications via telephone or internet. Edward Snowden, a low-level idealistic subcontractor to the National Security Agency (NSA) revealed that the Obama Administration’s massive “Stellar Wind” program had collected metadata on *every phone call* and internet transaction made by Americans, without any warrants or probable cause, under a tortured interpretation of the USA Patriot Act. The telephone metadata included the time, duration, number called, and routing information for every phone call made in the United States allowing the government to create a profile for every US citizen of all of the people they called.

One of Snowden’s most controversial comments revealed how even junior analysts such as himself had complete access to anyone’s email account in these words: “Sitting at my desk (I could) wiretap anyone, from you or your accountant, to a federal judge or even the President, if I had (his) personal email.”⁴⁶

Is that even possible? Actually, yes. The NSA has installed surveillance equipment at key chokepoints along the telephone and internet backbone to track the contents of *all* communications entering or leaving the country.

As the ACLU recently explained in *Wikimedia v. NSA*, this is the digital equivalent of having a government agent read the contents of every letter

45 *A Liberal House Divided: How the Warren Court Dismantled the Fourth Amendment*, Morgan Cloud, 2005, P. 34

46 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Snowden#cite_note-127

that comes through a mail processing center to determine which letters to open.⁴⁷

U.S. District Judge Richard Leon found that the warrantless and unrestricted collection of telephone metadata was very likely a violation the Fourth Amendment in *Klayman v. Obama*.

“I cannot imagine a more ‘indiscriminate’ and ‘arbitrary invasion’ [of privacy] than this systematic and high-tech collection and retention of personal data on virtually *every single citizen* for the purpose of querying and analyzing it without prior judicial approval.

Surely, such a program infringes on ‘that degree of privacy’ that the founders enshrined in the Fourth Amendment. Indeed, I have little doubt that the author of our Constitution, James Madison, who cautioned us to beware ‘*the abridgment of freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments by those in power,*’ would be aghast.”

The Obama Administration may not have started the war on global privacy, but it greatly accelerated it by creating the most powerful and intrusive surveillance apparatus the world has ever seen. No other country has even come close to its size, breadth, cost, and intrusiveness.

It started just six weeks after the 9/11 attacks when President George W. Bush signed the Orwellian named “Patriot Act” that was rushed through Congress to greatly expand the government’s surveillance powers to combat global terrorism. A few months later, the Bush administration developed the Total Information Awareness Program, designed to collect vast amounts of electronic information including banking transactions, travel documents, medical files, and more from American citizens. After the program was exposed and criticized by the media for conducting warrantless searches, Congress claimed it was shut down in late 2003. However, it appears that much of the operation was secretly transferred over to the NSA.

Two years later, in 2005, the *New York Times* revealed Bush had authorized the NSA to conduct surveillance on the electronic communications “of

⁴⁷ <https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/wikimedia-v-nsa-aclu-4th-cir-appeal-brief>

hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people in the United States” placing international calls. Code-named “Stellar Wind,” the program intercepted telephone conversations, emails, and metadata from wiretaps on AT&T facilities. Millions of random communications were scanned each day for words like “al Qaeda” that might be associated with terrorist plots. Communications of interest were recorded and sent to the FBI for investigation and possible further domestic surveillance. Later an internal study at the FBI concluded that no information from Stellar Wind had *ever* been useful in a domestic investigation.

The same week the *New York Times* article revealed the enormous scope of the Stellar Wind operation, then Senator Barak Obama gave a speech defending civil liberties, and asked the Senate to postpone reauthorization of the Patriot Act:

“If someone wants to know why their own government has decided to go on a fishing expedition through every personal record or private document ... this legislation gives people no rights to appeal the need for such a search in a court of law. *This is just plain wrong.*”

In January 2006, a Zogby Analytics poll showed a majority of Americans (52 percent) wanted Congress to impeach President Bush if he allowed government agencies to wiretap citizens without a court order.

Presidential Candidate Obama ironically included the constitutional protections for privacy in his campaign. In late 2007, he publicly promised, “No more secrecy. That’s a commitment that I make to you as president. ... That means no more illegal wiretapping of American citizens.”⁴⁸ (Of course he abandoned this principle during the 2016 presidential campaign when he illegally wiretapped several of Donald Trump’s staffers, in a scandal now known as “Spy-Gate.”)

He also promised to reject any bill that gave retroactive immunity to companies assisting with government spying. Ironically it was later revealed from Snowden’s leaks that a secretive program called PRISM was launched

⁴⁸ <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2011/07/dont-romanticize-obama/242153/>

that same year to gather user data from several major internet companies including Yahoo, Facebook and Google, who were later given retroactive immunity for spying on their users for the government. Another example of President Obama bending or breaking laws to do exactly what he said was wrong.

As the 2008 presidential campaign progressed, Obama started to change his position. The news was filled with stories of people being killed in Iraq by terrorists with suicide bombs and opponents criticized Obama for being weak on terrorism. Obama brought in John Brennan, a former CIA deputy director in the Bush Administration, as a top intelligence advisor.

During the Bush years, Brennan had supported expanded surveillance policies that Obama had campaigned against. Within months, Obama reversed his earlier promises (again) and announced support for a sweeping surveillance law that legalized the NSA conducting warrantless eavesdropping on every communication in the world and granted immunity to technology companies that aided in spying.

Building the immense infrastructure required to wiretap the entire world has cost the American taxpayers over **\$100 billion**.⁴⁹ It included building new multiple hundred million dollar surveillance and analysis centers in Georgia, and the NSA's new \$2 billion Massive Data Repository center for global eavesdropping operations in Bluffdale, Utah. The one million square foot complex in the Utah desert captures, records, and analyzes trillions of streams of emails, text messages, tweets, Google searches, financial records, Facebook posts, YouTube videos, metadata, and international telephone calls.

Obama justified the gargantuan expense by arguing that “modest encroachments on the privacy” were justified by the benefits of “keeping the country safe”:

“I think it’s important for everybody to understand – and I think the American people understand – that there are some tradeoffs involved. I came in with a healthy skepticism about these programs. My team

⁴⁹ <https://foreignpolicy.com/2016/09/07/every-move-you-make-obama-nsa-security-surveillance-spying-intelligence-snowden/>

evaluated them. We scrubbed them thoroughly. We actually expanded some of the oversight, increased some safeguards.

But my assessment, and my team's assessment, was that they help us prevent terrorist attacks. And the modest encroachments on the privacy that are involved in getting phone numbers or duration without a name attached and not looking at content, that on net, it was worth us doing. Some other folks may have a different assessment on that.

But I think it's important to recognize that you can't have 100 percent security and also then have 100 percent privacy and zero inconvenience. We're going to have to make some choices as a society. And what I can say is that in evaluating these programs, they make a difference in our capacity to anticipate and prevent possible terrorist activity.

And the fact that they're under very strict supervision by all three branches of government and that they do not involve listening to people's phone calls, do not involve reading the emails of U.S. citizens or U.S. residents absent further action by a federal court that is entirely consistent with what we would do, for example, in a criminal investigation – I think on balance, we have established a process and a procedure that the American people should feel comfortable about.”⁵⁰

Or Not.

President Obama's own Privacy and Civil Liberties Board found that not only was Stellar Wind not authorized under the USA Patriot Act, it could not find a single instance in which the program “made a concrete difference in the outcome of a terrorism investigation ... we are aware of no instance in which the program directly contributed to the discovery of a previously unknown terrorist plot or the disruption of a terrorist attack.”

However, in spite of the massive costs spent on domestic and international surveillance, officials received no prior warning for numerous acts of violence and terrorism including shootings and bombings in San Bernardino, Boston, Orlando, Paris, Brussels, or Istanbul.

⁵⁰ <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2013/06/07/statement-president>

In *ACLU v. Clapper* the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit concluded that Stellar Wind was illegal.⁵¹

In spite of enormous costs, trampling of constitutional rights, and lack of results, it was not a total waste. In a leaked top-secret memo dated Oct. 3, 2012, Obama's NSA Director Keith Alexander raised the possibility of using the system for *political purposes*. The agency could exert political influence over target individuals through smear campaigns by revealing if they had viewed "sexually explicit material online" for example in order to damage their reputations and diminish their influence. Imagine using the \$100 billion national spying apparatus to influence elections.

On November 29th, 2015 the NSA suspended its collection of bulk telephone metadata once authorized under Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act, but it is likely emails and other electronic documents are still being collected. It announced that the collected records would be deleted within 6 months.

Three years later, on Jun 29, 2018 the NSA announced it had finally begun deleting hundreds of millions of records of phone calls and text messages dating back to 2015. Due to "technical irregularities" the agency said it possessed certain records which it had no authority to have.

Fifth Amendment

*Protection of Rights to Life, Liberty, and Property,
Self Incrimination, and Due Process of Law*

"No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

51 <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jun/1/obama-vandalized-fourth-amendment/>

The morning sky on September 30, 2011, was a clear blue with unrestricted visibility. The temperature was moderate as it often is in the Middle East in the fall; it was a perfect day for a drone mission. Half a dozen unshaven men shuffled out of a ramshackle house and climbed into a small convoy of cars at around 10 AM. The house and its occupants had been under surveillance for weeks by American military and CIA officers who were still not 100 percent certain exactly who was travelling in the convoy, but they knew that President Obama had ordered the death of one of the men, 40 year old Anwar al-Awlaki, an American citizen.

As the small group of cars headed out onto the road, they were a clear and easy target for the USAF Predator drone that was quietly tracking them with infrared cameras from five thousand feet above. The drone's remote pilot pulled the trigger that launched a laser guided Hellfire missile at the cars. As its name implies the Hellfire missile delivered an unmatched destructive force on its target.

Al-Awlaki and another American citizen, Samir Khan, were both killed instantly along with two other unidentified passengers who may or may not have also been American citizens. Officials responsible for the strike said that they didn't even know that Khan was in the car with al-Awlaki, or who he was. He was only identified afterwards by fingerprints taken from the dead bodies.

This was the first time since the Civil War that the American government had targeted and executed American citizens without the due process of a trial and a conviction. President Obama had declared himself the sole judge, jury, and executioner of the accused without granting them the right of rebuttal or the chance to confront their accuser. Rather than decry the unprecedented execution as a dangerous precedent and the actions of a rogue President, both Democrats and Republicans *applauded* the unsanctioned killings of the two Americans:

“[Killing] Samir Khan was a ‘bonus.’ It was a two-fer. It’s a pretty good hit,” said Rep. Mike McCaul (R-Texas), who serves on the House committee on Homeland Security.⁵²

52 <https://www.latimes.com/world/la-xpm-2011-oct-01-la-fg-awlaki-killed-20111001-57-story.html>

The attack briefly sparked a debate about how President Obama could possibly justify killing American citizens without due process or even judicial review. Some worried that the U.S. government had strayed into new and dangerous legal territory expressly prohibited by the Fifth Amendment.

Prior to authorizing the lethal strike, President Obama had prepared a secret Memo that laid out the case for the extra-judicial killing of al-Alwaki, or in fact *anyone* that “high ranking government officials” (including the President and who else?) deemed *might* be a threat to the country or its “interests.”

The memo remained classified for years, but a protracted law suite brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and the *New York Times* forced a highly redacted version of the secret memo to be finally released.

The memo, specifically written to justify the al-Awlaki execution, argued the government had the right to kill American citizens without trial because their Fifth Amendment protection was nullified by a law that Congress had passed to declare a global war against al-Qaida called the Authorization to Use Military Force (AUMF). The AUMF has no geographic or time limit restrictions, giving the Obama administration unprecedented powers to target American citizens for death anywhere in the world.

“We believe that the AUMF’s authority to use *lethal force abroad* also may apply in appropriate circumstances to a United States citizen who is part of the forces of an enemy authorization within the scope of the force authorization where high-level government officials have determined that a capture operation is infeasible and that the targeted person is part of a dangerous enemy force and is engaged in activities that pose a continued and imminent threat to U.S. persons or *interests*.”⁵³

The use of the term “interests” is quite chilling. It broadens the scope of capital offenses from not only taking part in armed conflict in battle to just about anything else that could be construed to be against U.S. “interests” including writing critical essays, as Awlaki did.

53 <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2014/07/death-due-process-america/>

“It is true that here the target of the contemplated actions would be a US citizen. But we do not believe al-Awlaki’s citizenship provided a basis for concluding that section 1119 would fail to incorporate the established public authority justification for a killing in this case.”⁵⁴

In other words, we don’t think that just because someone is an American citizen that we shouldn’t be able to kill them without due process, whenever we please, especially, like in this case when we think they really, really deserve it. Opportunities for abuse, especially for political purposes, are staggering. Fortunately, Obama didn’t think that Donald Trump was a threat to national security while he was still president, because otherwise Obama could have had Trump and his whole family “legally” whacked by the CIA according to this argument.

What is most concerning about the memo and its bizarre departure from constitutional orthodoxy, is that it may be merely the tip of the iceberg concealing an entire body of new secret anti-constitutional laws that are being withheld from the American people – for now.

It gets even worse. Two weeks after the first drone attack that killed Americans al-Awlaki and Kahn, President Obama authorized *another* drone strike that killed al-Awlaki’s 16-year-old Colorado-born son, Abdulrahman, along with his 17-year-old cousin and several other innocent young Yemenis. The U.S. admitted that the boys were not the primary target of the attack but were merely “collateral damage.” President Obama’s Press Secretary Robert Gibbs showed no remorse for accidentally killing the innocent American teenagers, saying the 16 year old boy should have “had a more responsible father.”⁵⁵

Imagine for a moment what the Liberal press would do if President Trump had authorized the warrantless murder of an American and his 16 year old son. It would rightfully be grounds for an impeachment inquiry. But the press was mostly indifferent to what Obama did in a foreign country, after all he was “keeping America safe” – from innocent 16 year old American kids.

54 Ibid.

55 <https://www.latimes.com/world/la-xpm-2011-oct-01-la-fg-awlaki-killed-20111001-57-story.html>

In 2010, al-Awlaki's father, Nasser al-Awlaki, filed a wrongful-death suit against the U.S. government for violating his son's constitutional rights by issuing an order to kill an American citizen without due process. But a federal judge dismissed the lawsuit on the grounds that Nasser al-Alwaki had no standing to sue because he was not a U.S. citizen, prohibiting the father from filing the suit on behalf of his murdered son. U.S. District Court Judge John D. Bates ruled that the deceased son and grandson "would have to file the wrongful death suit themselves."⁵⁶

Liberals often scream about one form of "injustice" or another. But when it comes to a clear travesty of justice they hide behind a smokescreen of legal "opinion" secure in the knowledge that they will never be brought to account for the injustices they committed.

Consider that prior to becoming President, Barack Obama taught constitutional law. He knew that ordering the execution of al-Awlaki was illegal and a violation of his constitutional rights, which is why he prepared the secret memo in advance; in a court of law that would be evidence of a premeditated murder – which of course it was. Since al-Alwaki was also a Muslim (an "oppressed minority") there is the possibility that the illegal murder order could also be construed as a hate crime and have an increased prison sentence.

At the time of this writing they are conducting an impeachment hearing to see if they can remove President Donald Trump from office because of a phone call with the President of the Ukraine – even though there is no clear evidence of wrong-doing. Democrats are trying to impeach Trump on a bogus charge; but Obama can literally commit multiple murders, and everyone just smiles and tells him, "good job."

As Obama himself said: "This is just plain wrong."

⁵⁶ Ibid.

10. The Real Existential Threat

“Keep your eye on one thing and one thing only: how much government is *spending*, because that’s the true tax. ... If you’re not paying for it in the form of explicit taxes, you’re paying for it indirectly in the form of inflation or in the form of borrowing ... the *real problem is to hold down government spending* as a fraction of our income.”

- Milton Friedman

What should American politics be about?

American politics should be about running the country as the Founding Fathers intended and outlined in the Constitution. Maintaining a small and efficiently run federal government that has low “operating costs,” has a balanced budget, a national surplus rather than a national debt, low taxes, and policies that maximize individual liberty and thus wealth creation. America should focus on being the freest, richest, and safest country in the world.

But what are American politics actually about?

Liberals have turned every level of government (local, state, federal) into giant wealth redistribution Ponzi schemes. They have made government bureaucracies at every level bloated, wasteful, and corrupt. The federal government has become the worst offender due primarily to its power to print money and being protected by activist Supreme Court judges.

The Liberals used to promote a strategy called “tax and spend.” They garnered voters by promising to redistribute confiscated wealth from the minority upper-class to the majority underclass. By increasing the size of the federal government (and its bloat, waste and corruption), Democrats could promise to “fight” to get more stuff for their constituents. The more bloated programs they can sell their voters, the more votes they get because *everyone likes free stuff*.

There is an old saying:

“When you rob Peter to pay Paul,
you can always count on the support of Paul.”

Democrats used the time-honored drug dealer model to get voters hooked on mainlining massive amounts of confiscated wealth in the form of “free” government programs like socialized healthcare. It became a self reinforcing Ponzi-style pyramid scam: the bigger the gravy train, the more wealth it can redistribute to more people, which gave it more political power to make it even bigger so it could confiscate more wealth, etc.

When Democrats gained power in Congress (with the help of feckless Republicans) they pushed the Ponzi scheme into “afterburner” by changing from a “tax and spend” strategy to a “*spend first, then tax*” strategy. The new strategy was nothing short of evil genius. Democrats were able to put wealth redistribution on the “lay-away” plan. They used borrowed money to redistribute now, then promised to figure out how to pay for it later – or maybe not.

Republicans got on the gravy train, too. By agreeing to let the Democrats keep pushing up the national debt ceiling, Republicans could bring home some of that fine government pork for their voters as well, without the hassle of having to fight with Democrats over spending allocations. The gravy train keeps everybody happy.

By co-opting Republicans, Democrats have continuously raised the debt ceiling year after year. As of June 2019, the total national debt reached **\$22.03 trillion**, which is **107 percent** of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of \$20.50 trillion, in 2018. That means that on a cash basis the United States owes more than it can pay on an annual basis – we are technically bankrupt.

For most people it is hard to understand how large \$22 trillion in debt actually is. Here are some facts that may help put it into perspective:

- A stack of \$1,000 dollar bills would have to be 1,400 miles high.
- The US national debt is now larger than the GDP of China, Japan, and India *combined*.

- The US owes \$183,000 per taxpayer, but median household income is only \$61,372.
- For Fiscal Year 2019, interest on the federal debt is \$479 billion.
- The annual federal budget deficit will grow to \$1 trillion in 2020.
- Only ten countries have worse Debt-to-GDP ratios than the United States.
- We borrowed \$4 in new debt for every \$1 in additional GDP created in 2016.

The debt will have to be paid *eventually* by a combination of much higher taxes and devaluing the currency (a type of hidden tax on buying power). The longer we allow the system to spin out of control the greater the crisis and the more painful will be the reckoning when it comes – and it *will* come.

If that isn't depressing enough, it turns out that it is actually much worse than it appears. The conglomeration of Assholes in Washington have not only bribed voters to keep them in power by running up the national debt to horrific levels, but they *also* arranged to pay off their friends, relatives and supports by making irrational, but legally binding, sweetheart pension deals called “unfunded liabilities.” U.S. taxpayers are currently obligated to pay \$125 trillion or *six* times the national debt in unfunded liabilities, mostly as Social Security and pension obligations to government workers.

Taken together, the national debt plus the unfunded liabilities obligates the American Taxpayer to pay a mind-blowing **\$150 trillion** in new taxes. There is widespread agreement that the national debt, unlike the climate change hoax, *actually is the ticking time-bomb that represents the most critical existential threat to America today.*

What happens when the debt-bomb goes off? Eventually the interest payments alone (never mind paying off the debt itself) will be so large that they will consume the entire federal budget. All federal programs will have to be sacrificed just to pay the interest (assuming the government doesn't default on the debt – which would be bad, really bad.)

The federal government only has two bad ways to pay off the debt: 1) raise taxes and 2) devalue the currency. Raising taxes is like slamming on the

brakes of the economy. It reduces business activity, resulting in increased unemployment and poverty, and ultimately reduces tax revenues. Devaluing the currency is even worse. It's the greatest con-game in the world, where the government can literally steal your buying power through inflation without ever taking a dollar out of your pocket.

What affect will this double whammy have on you and especially your kids? Imagine your kids grow up to get a great job that earns them \$100,000 per year. But in order to pay for expanded government programs plus pay interest on the national debt, and *maybe* start paying down the principle, congress passes massive taxes increases that confiscate *half* their paycheck (don't laugh – that is exactly what they are planning). Your kids' take-home pay is reduced to \$50,000 – which is still pretty good.

The massive tax burden slams the brakes on the economy by sucking out all profits and discretionary consumer buying power – but it isn't even close to what is needed. Next Congress votes for more huge rounds of “Quantitative Easing” in order to address the debt crisis (that's right they won't take action until *after* it's a full-blown national crisis). The Federal Reserve Bank is buying back U.S. Treasury Bonds as fast as they can by effectively creating digital money out of thin air faster than any printing press ever could. The magical creation of more unearned dollars in the economy massively devalues the currency – which means price inflation. As the number of dollars in circulation increases, the value of each dollar falls, so it takes more dollars to buy the same goods, which means prices go through the roof.

Your kids are taking home \$50,000 per year (for as long as their company survives) but now everything is four times as expensive as it used to be. Gasoline is \$20 per gallon and so is milk. The real value of your kids' paycheck – its *buying power* – has dropped down to \$12,500 a year. Rent on your kids' little apartment in the city jumps to \$8,000 per month – far out of their and your reach, so they move back home with you. You worked hard all your life and scrimped and saved so you would have enough money to last 20 years for your retirement. Now your nest egg will only last five years – if even that long. Who can *you* move in with?

You suddenly realize that even though the Democrats say anyone making \$100,000 per year is *rich and needs to pay their fair share*, your kids are actually paying much more than their fair share by living like paupers. You begin to wonder how things got so screwed up. Didn't the politicians see this coming, why did they allow it to get so bad? Was it stupidity, or did they do it to us on purpose?

“The way to crush the bourgeoisie is to grind them
between the millstones of *taxation* and *inflation*.”
- Vladimir Lenin

Crushing the wealthy by driving America to the brink of collapse or beyond if necessary has been the Socialist plan all along. Because when people are broken and desperate, they will try any bad idea – even giving power to Socialists.

This is exactly how Hitler came to power amid the broken ashes of post WWI Germany. In the early post-war years, government spent “liberally” under the Keynesian-Leftist delusion that more government spending would “boost” the economy. To pay down the war-debt the “Weimar Republic” (pronounced “Vi-mar”) just started printing money. Inflation grew at an alarming rate, but the Weimar government just kept printing even more currency to pay debts. The German mark was now actually worth less than the paper it was printed on, and the German economy exploded into hyper-inflation.

The value of the mark declined from 4.2 marks per U.S. dollar (\$0.25 each) in 1914 to one million per dollar (\$0.000000001 each) by August 1923. The cost of a loaf of bread went from \$0.25 to \$250,000. Wages could not keep up, so the country collapsed into ashes.

Germany was now ripe for a socialist take over. The bourgeoisie had been crushed between inflation and taxation; people were desperate. A new statesman arose, telling the German people it was not their fault, that they were *victims* who did not deserve this hardship. He told them that there was a bright new future waiting for them where they could have better schools, free healthcare, better jobs, better houses, better cars, and more leisure time. All they had to do was elect *him*.

He offered them the most seductive deal: *something for nothing*. He told them that there would be no consequences – but as Milton Friedman (Liberals’ most hated Nobel Prize winning economist) so clearly pointed out, “There’s no such thing as a free lunch.” There are always consequences – even if most people can’t see them.

Today the socialists are driving America down the same garden path, to the same end, using the same lies. There is no one to stand up and object to excessive government spending and borrowing because everyone is getting fat on the Gravy Train. No one stops to think that we’re getting fattened up like lambs to the slaughter. The Liberals are defeating America by seduction, because they never could have defeated her by force.

Chicken Little was Right

Debt doom sayers have been running around like Chicken Little claiming the sky is falling since the 1970s. They made all sorts of dire warnings about out of control government spending and mounting national debt and doing a lot of hand wringing about how we are mortgaging our children’s future. Blah. Blah. Blah. And guess what happened? Nothing. Nada. Zilch.

Chicken Little was not only *wrong* he was *Anti-American*, and probably an egg-head⁵⁷ evil conservative to boot. Pay no attention to the monster under the bed while we return you to your regular programming of the Congressional Clown Circus. That’s what the “objective” news media has been telling us for fifty years. There’s nothing to worry about, nothing to see here, go back to sleep. Let the good times roll!

If the news media were objective, there would be three top stories every night: 1) the damage Liberals are doing to our culture, society and economy; 2) continuing education crisis and damage done to our children by indoctrinating rather than educating them; and 3) progress on getting runaway spending and the national debt under control.

That’s it. That is really all that matters. Everything else is just bread and circuses.

⁵⁷ Pun intended.

Each one of the existential threats has the potential to destroy America as we know it by itself. Taken together, they are a three-alarm fire that needs to have all the townspeople turn out to join the bucket brigade.

Bon Fire of the Vanities

But the townspeople aren't coming to put out the fires, because no one has sounded the alarm. Not the mainstream media, not *Fox News*, not *NPR* nor conservative talk radio, not even the social media blather heads.

Because, it turns out that the liberal news media, as we always suspected, is in cahoots with the Democrats. The job of the "news" is to keep feeding people a tantalizing diet of suffering, bloodshed, disasters and "injustice" in order to make sure everyone is distracted from discovering that the Democrats are in the middle of the greatest bank robbery in the history of the planet.

They are not just going to steal *all* the money, every penny, from slumbering American taxpayers, but also take every penny from their children and grandchildren, as well!

The real evil genius behind their plan is not just to rob the Bank of America; it's to burn it to the ground in the process. Instead of all the townspeople coming to put out the fire with pitchforks and buckets, there's just a growing group of Democrats watching the country burn and chuckling as they warm themselves by the glow:

"Pretty soon" one says staring at the amber flames rising over the Treasury "there won't be anymore injustice – that'll be nice."

"Yep," another says, "pretty soon there won't be anymore *rich people* to cause all the injustices – that'll be nice." A murmur of agreement goes through the growing crowd.

"And don't forget the corporations," a third Democrat sputters. "Pretty soon we'll have all those bastards working *for us*. We'll pay *them* minimum wage (the crowd chuckles with appreciation of the irony) and we'll divvy up all their suburban homes for low income housing – and *that'll be nice!*"

The crowd harrumphs in agreement and appreciation at the thought of finally being able to punish all the capitalist bastards, both dead and alive, who built this horrible racist, oppressive country. The thrill of hating intoxicates the crowd and warms them from within.

The flames climb high into the night as the social institutions and principles that had taken centuries to build are turned to smoke and ash in a few minutes. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution curl and smoke as they are slowly consumed by the flames.

“But you know what I feel most?” asked a pink-haired liberal with a painful looking array of facial piercings. “*Pride*. I’m just so goddamned *proud* of what we’ve done. It took so long. But I never thought we’d win this *bigly*.”

The crowd erupts in muffled laughter and appreciation at the Trumpism. They feel the pride too. A rag-tag group of radicals with no reason or principles, armed with little more than hatred in their hearts, had taken on the biggest, richest, most powerful nation in the world and turned it into a smoldering pile of ashes *they* could now rule over in just under 80 years. They did it without firing a shot, by giving the people exactly what they wanted – more government spending. It was delicious irony and an impressive achievement.

A well-dressed limousine liberal from San Francisco sipped her no whip, half-caf mocha latte and spoke up. “But remember,” she says, “We couldn’t have done this alone. It was a team effort.” The crowd smiles and nods, collective efforts are always the best.

“We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the media especially news organizations like *CNN* (Communist News Network), *NPR* (National Propaganda Radio) and *CBS* (See B.S).”

“Too right mate!” cheers a man in the crowd.

“And of course,” she continues “we can’t forget our feckless friends on the other side of the aisle. For a while there I thought the Republicans were going to fight like lions, but it turns out they’re really just little *pussy* cats, all you have to do is rub their little bellies and they’ll roll right over for you!”

The crowd erupts in cheers. One hollow-chested, flimsy young man wipes away a tear of joy at the thought of how close they had come to being defeated. “Thank Gaia!”⁵⁸ he thought, “for the stupid, corrupt, spineless Republicans. They finally, finally got exactly what they deserve!”

The Fuse is Lit

For most of its history America has been in debt. In fact, the only time the country wasn't in debt was when President Andrew Jackson paid the debt down to zero, for a brief time. In all that time nothing really bad has happened. So, what's different now?

The problem is the relative size of the debt and interest payments compared to the national income (Gross Domestic Product) reaching its tipping point. The country is teetering at the edge of the cliff, and we're just hanging on by our fingernails.

Consider your credit card payments. According to TransUnion the average American is carrying a monthly credit card balance of around \$5,554, or about 50 percent of their maximum debt limit, and typically makes the minimum required payment each month around \$200 (at 18% APR). Now consider what would happen if you had a Democrat friend in Congress who passed a law that allowed you to increase your personal debt ceiling from \$10 thousand to \$100,000. Sweet, right?

Your new found buying power is irresistible, you quickly go out and buy everything you always wanted, (including trips to exotic locals you call “junkets”), and since like Obama said, “It's always better to share the wealth” you also buy lots of expensive but unneeded presents for your friends.

You suddenly realize you are now somehow \$100,000 in debt, and your minimum monthly payments are about \$4,000 per month which is most of your paycheck. You are now facing the austerity dilemma, what can you cut out of your budget in order to keep paying the minimum monthly

⁵⁸ Gaia is a revival of Paganism that considers Christianity its biggest enemy and views the Christian faith as its only obstacle to a global religion centered on the worship of the goddess of Mother Earth.

payment? You come to an agonizing realization: You can't pay the minimum debt payment *and* the necessary living expenses (like rent and food) *and* still maintain your standard of living (going to the movies on Saturday).

In a panic, you call up your Democrat friend in Congress and explain to him that all of your bad spending habits have brought you to the brink of bankruptcy. You sob that you don't know how you are going to get out of this terrible situation that he helped get you into.

Your Democrat friend tells you to calm down, everything will be fine, he'll just raise your debt ceiling again, and you can pay off the old debt with new debt! Sweet. Right?

Now you are deeply conflicted. On one hand the thought of buying more shiny new stuff like Medicare programs and aircraft carriers (both of which you really, really need) is compelling. On the other hand, you don't know how you're going to pay for your current debt let alone take on even more.

"Don't worry your pretty little head," your Democrat benefactor purrs. "I have the perfect solution for you – we'll just kick the can down the road and keep raising the debt level until you and I are both dead. So, it won't be our problem anymore. Sweet right?"

"But" you stammer, "eventually someone has to pay for all this stuff! *Who is that going to be?*"

The Democrat shrugs and smiles, "Your kids of course. *They should have had more responsible parents.*"

Part II. What Reasonable People Must Do

“The reasonable man adapts himself to the world:
the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself.
Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.”
- George Bernard Shaw, *Man and Superman*

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“Whether it is nobler in the mind
to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune
or take arms against a sea of troubles
and by opposing, end them.”
- William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

When Reasonable People and Conservatives look around at the world they are literally dumbfounded; their minds can not process how the world got so screwed up. How did Liberals seize dictatorial control over the news, higher education and public schools, movies, music, comedy and pop culture altogether?

How did we allow them to vulgarize genteel society with every sort of deviant depravity and call it entertainment?

How did a group of amoral narcissists seduce American society with a corrupt and venal ideology so completely?

How did the country with the most educated people in the world, abandon thought, reason and the principles of Western Civilization in one short generation and raise some of the worst educated people in the world?

How did we let the Liberals spend the country into bankruptcy, like a sixteen year old with a stolen gold card?

This is how it happened.

Reasonable People, the vast silent majority, stood by and watched as the Frankfurt Liberals and their intellectual descendents slowly infiltrated every part of American culture. But they did nothing. As George Bush would say they “misunderestimated” the threat posed by fuzzy-headed Liberals. As the threat grew, they told themselves that it was someone else’s problem. Surely the Conservatives will protect us from the liberal menace. After all, they thought, It’s *their responsibility*, not ours.

But Conservatives were no match for Liberals. They did not heed Sun Tzu’s sage advice you must *know your enemy*. They not only didn’t know the enemy they were distracted by petty policy battles and didn’t even realize how and where the real war was being fought. They naively thought that they were in a battle of *ideas* where reason would win the day. They had forgotten, perhaps never knew, that *political power comes from pop culture*.

Political power is not won by logical arguments it is won by creating an attractive *tribe* for people to join. Politics is just a high school popularity contest writ large on the national stage. In the popularity culture wars, Conservatives are the pocket protector wearing chess club geeks, and the Liberals are the shallow but pretentious pseudo-intellectual hipsters sporting an attitude of worldliness while cloaked in their affected ennui of world weariness.

The Conservatives never had a chance.

What’s worse is that after getting their butts kicked, they *still* don’t get it. They still think arguments are won by reason rather than propaganda. They still can’t grasp the concept Form trumps Function, Appearance trumps Reality, Consensus trumps Facts. They are so stuck in the past they probably think that they should bring back the Whig party.

A perfect example can be seen in their complete bewilderment at the meteoric rise of Congress woman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (Hipster code name: “AOC”). In spite of only being 29 years old and the

youngest member of Congress, Ocasio-Cortez is the new “it” girl on Capital Hill. On the battlefield of reason, AOC is clearly unarmed, but she is photogenic, passionate, outspoken and completely fearless when it comes to making inane economic policy proposals like the “Green New Deal” in public that would make high school political science students blush.

Republicans dismiss her at their peril. They are still fog-bound in the old paradigm that they can defeat her easily, like most Liberals, with well reasoned *arguments*. It’s important to be very clear about this: *AOC is immune to logical arguments because that isn’t what makes her cool.*

The invalidity of AOC’s ideas do not matter – but her personality, “authenticity” and street-cred does. Likewise, Liberals can’t understand why Trump’s verbal ineptitude doesn’t matter – but his laser focus on the right issues does.

Over the last fifty years, Liberals like Ocasio-Cortez have captured the hearts and minds of Americans by appealing to their “cool factor” in pop culture. By appealing to people who prefer form over function and reason, they have driven the country to the edge of socialism and bankruptcy. Now hopefully Conservatives and Reasonable People can learn some new tricks and get back in the game before it’s too late.

Most Reasonable People are mild mannered; they are people of thought and contemplation, slow to anger and quick to forgive. They avoid conflict and risk, which is why Liberals and other Assholes often take advantage of them. But at some point, even Reasonable People have to say: *Enough is enough - and I’ve had enough!*

First Things First

In order to save the American Experiment in Liberty, Reasonable People must work with Conservatives to reclaim the three pillars of society: Schools, News, and Entertainment from Liberals. But in order to do that, they must first rebrand, reposition and reboot what it means to be a Conservative.

The Conservative Makeover

The Conservative Brand is in desperate need of a makeover. It has been dragged through the mud of the culture wars by Liberals who have successfully positioned Conservatives as “deplorables.”

Conservatives are portrayed as old, white, racist, square, cowardly, mean, greedy, homophobic, xenophobic, deplorable, fascist, assholes, misogynist, teabaggers, insane, stupid, Neanderthals, Archie Bunkers, unbalanced, old fashioned, and on the wrong side of history.

Liberals position themselves as smarter, better, and hipper (all evidence to the contrary).

“We know that the typical conservative is animated and/or influenced by debased attitudes (racism, jingoism, ethnocentrism, extreme nationalism, religious fundamentalism, homophobia, rage, ignorance), and misinformation (Fox Noise propaganda, etc.); if you use the Socratic Method, you can quickly demonstrate inconsistencies and contradictions in their arguments.

At the end of the day is not about labels, like Liberal, Progressive, Conservative; it’s about sane vs. insane, balanced vs. unbalanced, right vs. wrong, modernity vs. outdated.”⁵⁹

- Daily Kos

Starting with a fallacious Guilt-by-Association attack, Liberals claim that anything a Conservative says must be flawed. Remember that for Liberals *who you are* is much more important than *what you think*. For example:

“By and large, the typical conservative argument is based on fallacies, misinformation, ignorance, religious dogma, low-brow base instincts, and outright lies, they rely on brashness, insults, loudness, and crass vulgarity to make their point.”⁶⁰

- Daily Kos

⁵⁹ [https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2012/1/8/1052682/-](https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2012/1/8/1052682/)

⁶⁰ Ibid.

Conservatives made a lame attempt to update the conservative brand previously in the 1980s and 1990s when President George W. Bush popularized the term “Compassionate Conservative.” The core idea was (apparently) to borrow the Liberal’s main mojo of “compassion” and mash it up with free market capitalism. While it is true that *only* free markets have lifted billions of people out of poverty, it was not driven by “compassion” (that most people associate with *charity*) but rather by allowing people to monetize the value of their human capital (allowing people to make money from their valuable contributions).

The idea of Compassion Conservatism was well intentioned, but poorly thought out. Being launched into a hostile market where “conservatism” had already been positioned as meaning “oppressive self-interest” the term was quickly mocked by comedians as an oxymoron like “Jumbo-Shrimp” or “Military-Intelligence.”

Critics criticized the phrase as disingenuous sugarcoating to make conservatism more appealing to centrist or swing voters. Liberal journalist Joe Conason commenting on Bush’s tax cuts wrote that “so far, being a ‘compassionate conservative’ appears to mean nothing very different from being a hardhearted, stingy, old-fashioned conservative.” Tax cuts are anti-redistributive and beneficial to the economy, so of course they are “hardhearted” and “stingy.”

A good branding campaign highlights the *unique differences* between products, not their similarities. Which is why you never hear a commercial for Pepsi Cola say: “Try Pepsi, it’s almost as good as Coke.”

Fortunately, there are other alternatives. Donald Trump, for example, basically performed a hostile takeover of the Republican Party and whatever it used to stand for, and forcibly transformed it into the new “National Patriot Party.” Like any good brand manager he had a short list of highly appealing features and benefits summed up with a catchy tag line: “Make America Great Again” (which he borrowed second hand from Bill Clinton).

All three of Trump’s top key selling points were about making America’s middleclass *more prosperous*:

- 1) Controlling illegal immigration (a huge net financial drain on the economy)
- 2) Reforming unfair trade deals (a huge net jobs drain on the economy) and
- 3) Reducing America's involvement in foreign wars (a huge drain on the defense budget)

Reasonable People finally had someone who would fight for their prosperity, unlike all other politicians who actually fight *against* it. But the Republican leadership was too dense to recognize that putting America's middleclass workers first was actually a winning strategy – not to mention the right thing to do. Trump had to drag them along kicking and screaming but they *still* don't get it.

Appealing to middleclass pocketbooks is a good place to start, and it may win Trump a second term, but ultimately it will not withstand the rising liberal tide and demographic shifts. People want to be part of a tribe that stands for more than just money. Consider that it is *much* more important for Liberals to be part of their Hipster tribe than it is for them to embrace ethical, rational and pro-economic policies. In other words, *Hipsters über alles!* (Hipsters above all).

Author Thomas Frank explores the power of tribalism over pure economic self-interest in *What's the Matter with Kansas? How Conservatives Won the Heart of America* (2004). Frank uses inverted logic to argue that people who embrace populist anti-elitist conservatism are somehow voting *against* their own economic self-interests. Frank argues that there must be “something the matter” (something wrong) with people who do not support confiscating and redistributing wealth from others to benefit themselves. Everybody likes free stuff – who cares where it comes from? What's da-matter you? Nothing. We used to call that *integrity*.

A New Hope

Accept it – evil, “racist” conservatives lost the culture war to cool compassionate Hipster Liberals. But we are now in the age of “Trumpism” – turning Liberals' own guerilla tactics of slander and name-calling back against them. Even though Trumpism has taken withering incoming media flak, so far it has proven to be astonishingly resilient (damn near bullet-

proof) to liberal antics and hoaxes. Perhaps the greatest, but unforeseen, benefit of Trumpism is that it triggered Liberals into their “Trump Derangement Syndrome” which has revealed that Liberals are really Anti-American lying douche-bag Assholes.

Unfortunately, nothing lasts forever. The Trump brand seems to be on a kamikaze mission, even if Trump himself is unaware of it. Maybe Trumpism was never meant to last but was a necessary evolutionary stepping-stone to something better. Think of Trumpism as a transitional creature, like the archaeopteryx – one of the first dinosaurs with feathers. It is something new that is still developing, and while it may not fly exceptionally well now, its descendants will soar like eagles.

A new trend may already be starting for the centrist majority of people to abandon both lunatic fringes of the political spectrum and return to repopulate the Reasonable center. A coalition of clear thinkers may already be starting to form as a grass roots reaction to the growing dysfunction and polarization of both major party brands.

A Call for Reason

Now its time for Reasonable People to create a new **Reasonable Tribe** brand that *all* people, from all walks of life, backgrounds, and heritages will be *proud* to join under the banner of Americanism.

Reasonable conservatism can accentuate its unique strengths of being a *moral philosophy based on truth and reason*, as opposed to Liberalism which is an immoral philosophy based on lies and deception.

Liberals pride themselves on being “better people” than conservatives. They claim Liberals are more generous, less materialistic, more tolerant, more intellectual, and more selfless. For years they have claimed that conservatives are driven by a host of personality defects and character flaws such as being mean-spirited, greedy, selfish and fascist.

But studies show just the opposite:⁶¹

61 *Makers and Takers: How Conservatives Do All the Work While Liberals Whine and Complain*, Peter Schweizer, 2008.

- Conservatives are more knowledgeable than Liberals
 - Conservatives are more generous and charitable than Liberals
 - Conservatives value truth more than Liberals
 - Conservatives are less likely to lie, cheat, and steal than Liberals
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- Liberals are in general angrier than conservatives
 - Liberals are more dissatisfied and unhappy than conservatives
 - Liberals are more envious than conservatives
 - Liberals don't work as hard as conservatives
 - Liberals are more self-centered than conservatives

In contrast to the angst-ridden, unhappy, triggered, militant, cry-bully Liberals, the new Reasonable Tribe would appeal to people who are happy, healthy, and well adjusted. The key messaging points would be around the Good Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of their own Happiness.

The Good Life

Reasonable People believe that everyone can attain the American Dream – or the Good Life. For most people the American Dream isn't just about money, it's about having a good job, a safe neighborhood and good schools for the kids, and a secure retirement. This is the counter position to liberal identity politics which is entirely based on victimization that says no one can achieve their dreams without redistributive “justice” and reparations from some group of oppressors.

Orwellian Liberals understand the importance of using someone as a scapegoat to blame for all of one's troubles. The Liberals have invested a tremendous amount of energy and ink in blaming conservatives (aka racists) for why “oppressed” minority and special interest groups aren't living the good life as much as others.

A better, more factual argument should be made that it is Liberals and their anti-prosperity policies (e.g., high taxes, expensive regulations, minimum wage) that should rightfully bear the majority of the blame for exacerbating financial hardships from low wages and job losses. Which tee-shirt would most people prefer to wear: “Livin' the Dream” or “Livin' Oppressed?”

Liberty

It is time to reassert our *constitutional liberties* that Liberals have been fighting hard to repeal, starting with the right to openly voice one's opinions (even "offensive" ones) free from the political correctness of the Thought Police. The Reasonable Tribe promotes and embraces free speech including religious expression free from Government or liberal interference. Reasonable people say, "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Hanukah," they *expect* to see a nativity scene in the town square at Christmas. They expect to see *In God We Trust* on the currency.

The Reasonable Tribe stands against using government as a political weapon against people's rights this includes preventing and punishing abuses of power such as spying on opposing political parties, using the IRS to punish conservative organizations, or using the Supreme Court to effectively create new laws that oppose the intent of the legislature.

Happiness

Reasonable people are calm, considerate, well balanced, and happy. They aren't angry militants. They can calmly address needed policy changes with out protesting or resorting to calls for violence. Studies show that conservatives are happier than Liberals, more charitable than Liberals, more considerate than Liberals, and all in all are just *better people* in general than obnoxious Liberals.

A Reasonable Plan of Action

Since the Frankfurt Socialists launched their plan to turn America into an Orwellian socialist dystopia, Liberals have methodically attacked and captured all of the high-value pillars of public opinion: Schools, News, and Entertainment. Even though it will be a daunting uphill battle, Reasonable People must work with Conservatives to launch a counter offensive to reclaim or rebuild each of the pillars before it is too late.

Recapture the First Pillar of Society – Schools

Liberals have so thoroughly infiltrated all levels of schools, including both the administration and teaching staff that it is like an inoperable cancer;

surgically removing them is no longer an option, so a full-scale replacement may be needed.

Public schools have graduated students that are highly indoctrinated (over 70 percent of millennials favor socialism over free market capitalism), but poorly educated (26 percent of students were unaware the earth orbits the sun; 70 percent can't read at their grade level).

Appointing Betsy DeVos as the Secretary of Education was a brilliant move by President Trump, but she is dealing with a problem that she does not have the tools or resources to fix. We need to “reboot” the entire system – but without causing harm to students in the process. The solution is to use incrementalism; the same tool that got us into this mess can also get us out.

We can harness the most powerful creative force ever created by man – the free market system.

1) Fund the students, not the bureaucracy

Give each student a tuition voucher that they can use at any school that will accept them. If the tuition is more than the amount of the voucher, parents can pay the incremental difference themselves. This will attract more total funding into the education ecosystem by pairing public with personal funds.

2) Unleash the market

Create a simple “accreditation” process that allows just about anyone to open a “school” and accept the vouchers. Trust that the free market will police the providers better than any intrusive and costly government program could ever do. Like all free markets, there will be a “Cambrian Explosion” of new types of schools started by entrepreneurs, companies, churches, and even crackpots⁶² which will create an incredibly rich *diversity* of programs, styles and prices. Liberals will complain that

62 Having the occasional “crackpots” in the market is still much preferable to forcing everyone through a crackpot system. Freedom of choice means you can decide what is best for you.

some schools will be “for-profit” as if there is something wrong with that. In order to have profit, one must reduce costs and/or increase value to support a higher price – both are incentives for improvement, something public schools lack.

3) Create custom-made “bespoke” education

The core idea behind the failed Common Core is fundamentally and fatally flawed. One size doesn’t fit all – nor should it. What parents and students want and need is precision control over their educational content and budgets.

Students should be able to assemble their education classes like they do their clothes, from multiple vendors across a range of specialties and prices. They could choose to take literature and phys ed at their local public school, pick up math classes in the evening at a tutoring franchise (e.g. Mathnasium or Kumon) and learn computer science and robotics with a local entrepreneur.

In the near term, students would still graduate and receive a degree from their local public school which would remain the “credentialing authority” and would oversee the students’ progress and qualifications toward one of many possible diplomas, each with different requirements.

The greatest advantage is that more students will be able to escape ideological indoctrination from public schools. Some students may still want courses covered in a heavy sauce of liberal indoctrination, and those classes will certainly be available at the existing schools and taught by the existing teachers. However, a potentially larger market segment will prefer classes that are taught by experienced practitioners who are ideologically neutral or even conservative or perhaps religious (what a refreshing change!). This new market will create new positions for qualified “instructors” (i.e., qualified experts), rather than currently under-qualified teachers.

The House of Cards

Various types of alternative education including tuition vouchers and charter schools have met with promising degrees of success whenever they have been tried. But those trials have been fiercely resisted by

teacher unions such as the NEA. They see tuition vouchers as the most immediate existential threat to their hegemony and even very existence. They are right.

A free market for education would no longer necessitate or support a massive teacher union for collective bargaining. The NEA's union contract is a bloated 165 pages that specifies everything teachers can and can't do during their six-hour and 57 ½-minute workdays. It requires that teachers are paid, not on performance, but rather on seniority, how long they have been on the job. Once they pass their three-year evaluation period, they are ensured lifetime tenure, making it nearly impossible to fire them for incompetence or even sexual misconduct.

Creating a free market for education would effectively be the end of teacher unions, since they would no longer be able to force teachers to pay union dues. Dissolving unions like the NEA would be a great benefit for the education industry, students, and even teachers themselves. Once pay is again driven by performance, rather than collective bargaining, outstanding teachers would make much more than they do now; mediocre teachers could make less, just like any other profession.

The greatest benefit of dissolving teacher unions is that it would eliminate a major source of political contributions to Democrats and Liberal causes. Since 1980, the AFT and the NEA have donated \$57.4 million of member dues to federal campaigns, almost all (96 percent) exclusively to Democrats. That makes teachers the largest donor to a party trying to destroy the country; about 30 percent above any other single corporation or union political donor. For unions, this is an investment in job security; buying top-dollar political access to Democrats defends them against Congress passing any free market reforms. Sweet!

This is a great quid pro quo arrangement; Democrats benefit, and teachers benefit. The only people that don't benefit are the students, parents, and taxpayers. Numerous investigative documentaries such as *Waiting for Superman* have revealed the harm done to children from the unholy alliance between teacher unions and Democrats by opposing charter schools, while protecting incompetent and even predatory teachers.

But most importantly a free market for education would allow Reasonable People to protect their children from the rising wave of counter-cultural liberal crap with which they are currently being forcibly indoctrinated.

Recapture the Second Pillar of Society – The Press

Fifty years ago, about two-thirds (70 percent) of Americans thought the news media was trustworthy. But by 2016 that number had fallen to a dismal one-third (32 percent). What changed? Did the news business change or did people just wise up? Or both? Like many puzzling behaviors in politics news polarization makes more sense when you follow the money.

The real problem with news is that it has historically been a low value commodity. As far back as 1776 “yellow journalists” (a reference to cheap yellow newsprint paper) reporters were embellishing news stories to make them more interesting, enticing, lurid and scandalous to sell more newspapers. A reporter’s job wasn’t to “report” the news, it was to give news stories a “slant” or a “spin” or an “angle.”

News organizations face the same challenge today – news is still a cheap commodity, but now there are many new digital outlets making the competition for eyeballs (needed to view advertisements) much more intense. The solution is to become a Value-Added Reseller of news. All news organizations buy most of the raw news content from wire services like AP (Associated Press) then “journalists” add their value-added opinion, perspective and social justice content to make it against Donald Trump, or conservatives, or America, or white people, or Christians.

This means that the vast majority of all news is actually *propaganda*, because if it wasn’t, it wouldn’t be very interesting, and you wouldn’t consume it. The problem with propaganda is that it is a powerful, and a potentially lethal weapon that *can* harm greatly if used improperly (think Nazi Germany, Stalinist Russia, and Fascist Italy). Which is why when Trump told *CNN*: “When you report fake news – which CNN does a lot – you are the enemy of the people;” he was exactly right.

Like all companies in highly competitive markets, news organizations have a challenging profit maximization problem. They must capture and hold

a significant market share of high value eyeballs that they call sell to their advertisers. The two keys to profit maximization in competitive markets are differentiation and product-market fit. That is, news organizations must differentiate themselves from other news sources, in unique ways that a specific market segment finds valuable.

Over the last fifty years, as schools have indoctrinated more and more children with Leftist ideology, the market appetite for Leftist propaganda has shifted significantly to the left as well. Most News organizations followed the market trend and increased their Leftist spin and value-added opinions. Today the news from most sources is so heavily buried under opinion and propaganda that the truth is opaque. There is an old saying that, “truth is the first victim of war,” but it is also the first victim of profit maximization.

For example when U.S. Special Forces killed Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi the ISIS Terrorist-in-Chief, who was accused of a long list of heinous crimes including rape, murder, and brutal torture, the Leftist propaganda rag the *Washington Post* ran a headline calling the villain an “Austere Religious Scholar, with no known aptitude for fighting and killing.” WTF??

Their purpose of course was to spin the story to feed their audience’s appetite for criticism of Trump’s America with “yet another case” of America as an outlaw nation that murders “innocent” people without cause or due process. But of course, when President Obama unlawfully signed the order to kill two American citizens and innocent American teenagers with drone strikes nary a peep of criticism was heard from the *Washington Post*.

To be fair, the same profit maximization shift towards propaganda is also true for right leaning news organizations like *Fox News*. The end result is the highly left-right polarized and highly left-right propagandized news “echo-chamber” market that we see today.

But wait, there’s more. As schools continue to “graduate” students with lower and lower reading aptitudes (currently less than one third of students can read at their grade level) the vocabulary and conceptual complexity of news articles has fallen in lock step as well.

When linguists compared the Kennedy-Nixon debate to the Trump-Clinton debate they determined the vocabulary and level of complexity had fallen from college level to sixth grade level. Critics on the Left will claim that was mostly due to Trump's linguistic simplicity, which may be true.

The Kennedy-Nixon debate is also a great example of Liberal-form triumphing over conservative-function. The majority of people who had listened to the debate on the radio thought that Nixon had won the debate by demonstrating a superior grasp of the more complex issues (which was objectively true). But the majority of people who watched the first televised Presidential debate felt that the suave Kennedy looked better (he did) than sweaty old Tricky Dick, and thus concluded that the less informed but better looking Kennedy had won the debate.

More Cow Bell

Like most problems with market dysfunctions the solution is to increase the number of competitors, or in this case the number of press organizations. In his book *The Long Tail* Chris Anderson explores the natural evolution of markets starting with a few large early entrants growing to maturity by adding a large number of secondary niche players that provide more variety and quality for their specific target segments.

Technology has significantly reduced the costs of producing “news,” allowing new organizations to populate the Long Tail niches of the market all across the political spectrum from the déclassé thuggery of *The Young Turks* (TYT), to the strident enthusiasm of *One America News* (OAN). But still more variety and “diversity” is needed on the Right.

Since all the journalism schools are now full-leftist propaganda factories, a new “fair and balanced” countervailing journalism school and startup incubator is needed.

The new proposed facility, called something like the “**Conservative Media Institute**” (CMI), could be associated with a conservative University such as Hillsdale College, but could also be a new independent entity. In contrast to typical “journalism” schools whose role is to prepare young

propagandists to take their place as a cog in the liberal media machine, the objective of the CMI would be to train and fund a new generation of young conservative media entrepreneurs, people who will create new media platforms and business models, as well as produce new types and voices of conservative content.

Training and funding more conservative young media entrepreneurs would fill in more niche markets on the Right as well as explore new innovative narrative and presentation styles. For example, some startup news shows might use a humorous approach like *The Daly Show*, while others might use more detailed analysis and graphs like Bloomberg News. Some might interpret the news from the perspective and interests of millennials, while others form the viewpoint of a mature professional business audience. The benefit of Long Tail niche markets is that they give you the freedom to choose from a large selection, all of which can be profitable.

The CMI could also be the headquarters for the new *Conservative Renaissance* movement with the aim of tracking, and defending against, liberal media tropes and memes that attack American sensibilities. Unlike passive conservative “think tanks” which have never taken any real action, and therefore never made any actual impact against the cultural Left, the CMI would take an activist role in shaping and launching conservative counter attacks against liberal indoctrination.

The CMI is conceived as a for-profit training institute and venture fund/incubator that holds an equity stake in each of its startups. Alternatively, it could also be established as a self-sustaining not-for-profit if a substantial donor base could be found to fund it. Investors/donors could include media moguls such as Rupert Murdoch (founder of Fox News) or tech moguls in Silicon Valley who are familiar with launching startups. In a nutshell, CMI would be like the Founder’s Fund accelerator for conservative media innovation.

Recapture the Third Pillar of Society – Entertainment

The Frankfurt Socialists have been marinating the American people in a toxic stew of leftist ideology for eighty years through movies, music, radio

and perhaps most effectively comedy. It's time to create a new industry infrastructure for producing high quality conservative media.

In order to create uplifting pro-American movies, music and entertainment, we have to first re-educate and re-train the next generation of authors, screenwriters, and musicians. Young people today are embarrassingly ignorant about key historic events and their causes, and about the development of Western Civilization in general. Chilling evidence of this is provided by recent polls that revealed that 70 percent of millennials favored socialism over free market capitalism and other Leftist nonsense over reason.

The proposed Conservative Media Institute startup incubator would include foundational courses on the great ideological struggles in history to reeducate young people about why America is unique and exceptional. It would teach new screenwriters how to craft meaningful, heroic stories that celebrate rather than denigrate the American spirit. Similar to the "Great Books" approach to literature, the CMI would use a Great Stories approach to media and movies.

The Hollywood studio system has historically been able to keep a chokehold on movie production and distribution because of the difficulties of acquiring sufficient risk capital needed to compete with them. As media production costs tumble (think *Blair Witch Project*), and new online distribution platforms emerge (YouTube, Amazon Prime, Facebook, Vimeo, etc.) new media producers will be able to slip out of the studio's distribution chokehold by making their own content and going directly to the consumer.

The same is true for marketing costs; social media marketing is now more effective and less costly than traditional media channels, making it finally possible for conservative indie movies to reach a wide enough audience to be financially successful.

The Case for Offensiveness

If reason is the Right's most powerful weapon, then ridicule is the Left's. The Left uses mockery and satire in place of reason to paint conservatives

(and their ideology) as ridiculous, pompous dumbass-hick buffoons. The soft-brained Liberals eat it up and cry for more, but the conservatives have literally no response; they just sit in the corner sucking their thumbs.

While every late-night show on television these days is like a progressive revival meeting competing to come up with the best beat-down for Donald Trump and his inbred supporters, there are virtually no conservative comedians or political satirists firing back – or at least no *good* ones. Why?

For starters humor is hard, really hard. For some reason conservatives don't do humor as well as Liberals. It may have a little bit to do with brain structure and psychology. Maybe liberal brains are just better at comedy because their brains deal with "complexity" better than reason, and humor is essentially contra-logical. Maybe you have to think funny, to be funny.

A new study by Danna Young at the University of Delaware suggests conservatives "are significantly less likely to appreciate humor than liberals." Conservatives rated jokes as less funny, smart, enjoyable, and interesting than did liberals. This difference "is partly explained by the cognitive activity required to decode the humor and in part by the fact that conservatives *value* humor less than liberals."

And/or it might have something to do with the types of humor that Liberals and Conservatives prefer. Liberals have a higher cognitive tolerance for ambiguity and complexity so they prefer more "intellectual" humor, like puns, where conservatives prefer more blunt humor that has clear connections and meanings, like pratfalls.

Also, the types of jokes that each side tells has a very different underlying emotional purpose. The Left ridicules better than the Right, because ridicule is the expression of a mean and sadistic spirit that revels in another person's public embarrassment. Reasonable People and Conservatives aren't generally that mean spirited; they're not trying to harm other people they're just trying to make a logical point. It is their guileless earnestness which makes them the perfect butt of mean jokes.

One of the few conservatives willing and able to use humor was President Ronald Reagan aka "The Great Communicator." On March 30, 1981

John Hinckley Jr. fired six shots at President Reagan. As his security detail pushed him into the waiting limo, a .22 bullet struck him in the chest and lodged within an inch of his heart. Reagan was rushed into the operating room, where he wryly told the waiting surgeons, “I hope you’re all Republicans.”

Like most conservatives, Reagan poked fun at himself more than he did others. But one of Reagan’s most famous quips came in the presidential campaign debate with screaming liberal Democrat Walter Mondale who raised questions about Reagan’s advancing age.

“I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent’s *youth and inexperience*.”

Rather than take offense at an ageist comment, Reagan could acknowledge his age, while poking fun at himself at the same time: “I can remember when a hot story broke, and the reporters would run in and yell, ‘Stop the chisels!’”

When he did poke fun at Democrats it was still with restraint and presidential decorum.

“Republicans celebrate the 4th of July; Democrats celebrate April 15th.”⁶³

“I’ve wondered at times what the 10 Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress.”

“The government’s view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases. If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.”

Sam Donaldson: “Mr. President, in talking about the continuing recession tonight, you have blamed mistakes in the past. You have blamed Congress. Does any of the blame belong to you?”

Reagan: “Yes, because for many years I was a Democrat!”

⁶³ <https://spectator.org/republicans-arent-funny/>

To his credit, President Obama also used humor well and with presidential decorum.

Then came Donald J. Trump, the first President to have the audacity and crassness to use ridicule to return-fire at the Leftist Thought Police. Like a school-yard taunt, Trump gave derisive nick names to leaders of the Democrat clown show. From the child-like simplicity of “Crooked Hillary” and “Sleepy Joe” Biden, to his crowd-pleasing nickname for lying and cheating Elizabeth Warren – “Pocahontas.”

Liberals, *of course*, complained Trump was denigrating a Native American heroine (presumably by comparing her to Elizabeth Warren) but actually he was denigrating Warren by highlighting Warren’s gimmicking of the Harvard Admission system using a false claim of American Indian ancestry – the kind of lie the real Pocahontas would never do.

Both Liberals and Never-Trump Republicans were shocked by Trump’s “un-presidential” name-calling, but it worked. The average American had been longing for *someone* who had the balls to stand up to the politically correct Thought Police. Trump spoke for everyone when he exasperated: “I am so tired of this politically correct crap!”

Yet in spite of shows like *Saturday Night Live* lampooning Republicans from Ford, to Reagan, to Bush I, and Bush II, to most famously Trump, the Right has never been able to muster a satirical response. This is a significant strategic and tactical deficit. Studies suggest that the majority of the thirty and forty-something crowd gets their “news” and understanding of current events from comedians like Jon Stewart, John Oliver and Bill Maher rather than from traditional news organizations. This means that they don’t actually get the full complexity and connectedness of the real news at all – just a satirized punch line. Basically, the majority of what the general public knows or believes today is based on humor and propaganda.

All attempts to create conservative satirical counterpunch have failed. The ill-fated *1/2 Hour News Hour* launched in 2007 was intended to balance Jon Stewart’s *The Daily Show*. But it was cringingly bad. It was mercifully euthanized after just 13 episodes and has remained the worst-rated show

of all time on Metacritic.com. Critics complained it was trying too hard to be political rather than funny. Humor is hard, really hard, especially for conservatives.

An Offensive Offensive

What the Right thinks is funny, the Left claims is offensive and vice versa, but the Left attacks conservatives at will, while the Right tries to be more civilized. Obscenity for example, if used well, can be humorous for its shock value. A point that was lost on comedian Samantha Bee when she gave a stand-up non-comedy rant about immigration on her TBS show *Full Frontal*. For the punch line, she called the President's daughter, Ivanka Trump a "feckless cunt." The audience laughed – sort of. But there was nothing clever or witty or insightful; it was just a straight-up insult. Under pressure, Bee posted a non-apology which she later retracted.

When B-List comedian Kathy Griffin released a photo of herself holding up a mock severed head of President Trump covered in ketchup, even Hollywood felt it was beyond the pale. Griffin claims she was "blacklisted" in Hollywood and all her appearances were cancelled. She also claims she was investigated by the Secret Service as a possible risk to the President, and was put on the no-fly list, and was selected for additional security screening during a trip to London.

Griffin posted the following on Tumblr.com:

"In the fallout of the photo, I realized how terrible it was for those who have lost loved ones to such public displays of violence. I apologized for any trauma my photo could have created, in particular to the mother of slain journalist, Daniel Pearl. But I cannot regret this photo, I know it will be a forever part of my life. I am willing to live with that legacy if it means being able to challenge the vitriol and misogyny spewed by our President."

As always with the left if you disagree with someone any insult is acceptable, especially if it includes a call to harm or actual violence. In spite of being blacklisted, Griffin produced and is promoting a new movie about herself to tell her side of the story.

Griffin and Bee both went far beyond the pale of humor and ridicule into obscene and violent misbehavior, but they and their brainwashed audience are unrepentant. They are following Barry Goldwater's mistaken belief that "Extremism in the pursuit of virtue is no vice." In other words, the end justifies the means, so *anything* is acceptable as long as it is against Trump or conservatives.

The Left is waging asymmetrical warfare, attacking high-value conservative beliefs with impunity, but claiming their own hot-button issues are beyond ridicule. As not-so-funnyman Greg Gutfeld said, "It's hard to be funny without being truthful."

Unfortunately, the Left has effectively taken most of their high-value truth targets off the table by claiming sanctuary status for their pet projects including ethnic minorities, women, LGBTQ, wealth redistribution, and taxing the rich. However, they take glee in attacking conservative beliefs including Christianity, white men, white people, conservatism, ownership, individual sovereignty, manners, hard work, self-reliance, personal responsibility, and of course Donald Trump.

Its time for Conservatives to take a lesson from Donald Trump and launch an offensive satire offensive; a full broad-side salvo across all media aimed at all the stupid Political Correctness memes that the Left reveres as sacred cows. Conservatives need to stop worrying about risking offending Liberals and start thinking about *how* to offend Liberals. Turnabout is fair play.

Markets tend to favor and protect incumbents by making it difficult to raise risk capital to compete with entrenched market leaders – which right now is the comedic Left. In order to de-throne the market leaders, one must develop a superior product, something faster, better or cheaper. In this case the Right has to develop a superior form of witty satire. Unfortunately, due to the Right's underdeveloped skills in effective ridicule, they are currently significantly outmanned and outgunned.

The Sound of the Goat

The only two areas of media in which conservatives have gained a foothold are in the alternative media segments of talk radio and blogging / social

media. Talk show stars like Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Ben Shapiro are smart, thoughtful commentators who mix reason with ridicule to counterweight the enormous liberal bias across media. Startup blogs like the *Drudge Report*, which was first to scoop the story about Bill Clinton's affair with much younger staffer Monica Lewinsky, have matured into credible independent news organizations.

The conservative talk radio format pioneered in 1985 by Limbaugh has grown to include about 27 percent of the seven thousand radio stations in America and generates around \$1.4 billion in ad revenues. While talk radio is popular and profitable with its niche market, it is under pressure from changes in demographics and an ageing audience. Arbitron polls indicate the vast majority of conservative talk radio station listeners are males over the age of 54, with less than 10 percent of the listeners in the younger 35-54 age range.

Talk radio in its current format is unlikely to attract the younger, more diverse, and higher spending audiences that advertisers want. It is an acquired taste that includes "strident" (often shouting) hosts that discuss philosophically complex topics in a long form format – making it unsatisfying for listeners to tune in to the middle of a rant.

Another conservative leaning format that has made surprising advances over talk radio lately is contemporary Christian programming which is now carried on over three thousand radio stations (42 percent of all stations, 50 percent more than talk radio). The format mixes music, talk, sermons and discussion in a more uplifting and "lighter" format than talk radio.

But the big dog in propaganda radio is NPR (hence it's nickname, National Propaganda Radio). NPR takes in around \$160 million per year from a combination of listener support, advertising and in taxpayer support from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

NPR claims 37.7 million listeners across 947 broadcast stations. The flagship news programs, *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*, showed remarkable growth seen during the 2016 election season, with the weekly audience climb to 14.9 million and 14.7 million listeners, respectively;

making them the two largest news/talk radio programs in the country, larger than many brand-name television news programs.

What makes NPR so popular that people will support them with donations during their pledge drives? Radio industry expert John Parikh says that NPR has perfected the art of “audio story telling – he calls it “the sound of the goat.” He explains “NPR is using sound better than anyone else. I call it the ‘sound of the goat.’” He imagines a mock NPR story about “a man walking up the side of a hill and you hear the sound of a goat in the background ... NPR uses in-depth, really good production. They are the National Geographic of radio. They paint with sound.”

Their production quality is undeniable and seductive for any listener, but the stories they paint are universally progressive and subversively slanted against traditional American values and sensibilities; from sympathetic profiles of counter-culture ideologues to the mainstreaming of cultural Marxism. The Frankfurt school socialists would be so proud of them!

Usually NPR programs are careful to keep their indoctrination subliminal, but in a widely publicized gaff, Andrei Codrescu, an *All Things Considered* commentator, remarked on the belief by some Christians that 4 million believers would ascend to Heaven during the “Rapture.”

“The evaporation of 4 million people who believe this crap would leave the world an instantly better place,” Codrescu said.

NPR apologized for Codrescu’s comment, saying, “Those remarks offended listeners and crossed a line of taste and tolerance that we should have defended with greater vigilance.” But in a classic example of liberal double standard NPR did not reprimand or terminate Codrescu, which they did to Juan Williams for a lesser offense.

The market leading NPR sound-scape format is the antithesis of most conservative talk and the next evolutionary step for Christian radio. It is poised to benefit from all the demographic shifts threatening talk radio – it commands the present and will rule the future. Conservative talk radio will need to change or die. But what if there was a conservative NPR?

Radio industry veteran turned entrepreneur Lee Habeeb, has something like that in mind – almost. Dissatisfied with the combative format of conservative talk radio, and the subversive indoctrination of NPR he has launched a more centered alternative radio program called “Our American Stories.” Habeeb describes it as “a big national storytelling show that talks about the stuff that brings people together. We don’t identify as conservative because there are people in our staff who aren’t. We don’t talk about Donald Trump or Barack Obama. We don’t do politics.”⁶⁴ (Then what good are they?)

The show carefully avoids hot-button issues like same-sex marriage, abortion, North Korea, impeachment, or illegal immigration. A sample of recent stories include Barbra Streisand, the “mockumentary” *This Is Spinal Tap*, inspirational coaching careers of Vince Lombardi and Bear Bryant, Piano maker Henry Steinway, and the rags-to-riches tale of digital marketing entrepreneur Gary Vaynerchuk.

In an interview with *The Daily Beast* Habeeb said: “If you want to say it comes from a conservative-values space, I would more accurately say it comes from a classic-American-values space: hard work, personal responsibility, self-sufficiency. ... And yes, some of the curators happen to be conservative, and some of us happen to be Christian. There should be more of that in the media. The newsrooms should have more conservatives and more Christians. And in that respect, it comes off feeling that maybe those are stories you might not have heard on CBS News. And that’s a good thing.”⁶⁵

Habeeb’s programming is carried on 200 radio stations, and even if it is not rabidly political, its pro-American stories may be a needed counter position to NPR’s cultural Marxism. UCLA history professor Roger McGrath, a contributor to “Our American Stories” notes: “The fact that so much of what we hold dear as Americans is attacked, destroyed, degraded, and devalued – since (our stories) represent the traditional perspective, they might not conform to the cultural Marxist of today.”

64 <https://www.thedailybeast.com/lee-habeebs-our-american-stories-the-conservative-answer-to-npr-wants-nothing-to-do-with-trump>

65 Ibid.

The Last Best Hope

The Right needs to find and develop the next generation of comedians, satirists, and NPR-style program developers and provide them with the tools, training, technology and funding they need to launch a counterattack of traditional values. This will not happen through existing market channels or funding sources. The Right needs to build its own *separate but equal media industry* to compete with Hollywood. Fortunately, the opportunity for financial rewards is substantial.

Consider the phenomenal trajectory of *Fox News*. It was launched in 1985 when the global media industry was completely dominated by liberal propaganda. Rupert Murdoch, an Australian newspaper mogul, realized that there was a huge underserved market for a conservative TV and news network. He arranged to purchase TCF Holdings, the parent company of 20th Century Fox film studio along with independent television stations in six major U.S. cities for \$3.1 billion. As the only conservative voice on television, the Fox network gained loyal followers rapidly. In 2018 Murdoch announced the sale of the majority of the Fox empire to Walt Disney Co. for \$71.3 billion – a 2,400 percent return on his initial investment.

The key to making jackpot returns is finding large but underserved market opportunities – like conservative humor, movies, and music. Similar to both the Frankfurt School and the Fox Network, the proposed Conservative Media Institute has the potential to not only put America on a better ideological and political course but make also substantial financial returns for its investors in the process.

Balance the Damn Budget

Forget the global warming hoax. Forget giant asteroids crashing into the earth. Forget about global thermonuclear war. The real existential threat facing America right now is the ticking federal deficit and national debit time bomb.

Noble prize winner Milton Freidman warned us to control government spending above all else, because our current runaway spending can literally bankrupt America and turn it into Venezuela – which would be bad. Very bad.

Tax-and-spend Liberals became the borrow-spend-and-tax Liberals and with the help of spineless Republicans have driven Federal spending to 107% of GDP. That's right; on a cash basis the Liberals have technically spent the country into bankruptcy.

The problem is that Congress is dysfunctional; the decision-making mechanism is actually *broken beyond repair*. It's not that it doesn't work; it's that it *can't* work. Not with the current political make up in the country.

Historically, the Liberal half of Congress has been primarily focused on accumulating power by buying votes through wealth redistribution rather than wealth creation. They march under the flag of "equality" which means they are on a mission to seize and share *all* the wealth eventually. Like a swarm of hungry locusts, they are incapable of understanding the logical consequences of their actions, they will eagerly consume all the food available until it is gone, and they (and us) eventually starve to death.

Historically the "conservative" half of Congress has been unable or unwilling to stop them. They also rely on getting reelected by bringing home the bacon, and Republicans love that yummy government pork, too! In order to have more principled Republicans in Congress, enough principled people must actually vote for them, but neither Democrat nor Republican voters are willing to reduce any of *their* current benefits (or reduced promises of future benefits). When Democrats are promising everyone "more" (from free college to Universal Basic Income) it's hard to get elected by offering "less." There is no constituency for voters who want *less* government benefits. This is literally a replay of the "*Tragedy of the Commons*."

Ten years ago, a small group of single-issue patriots understood the severity of the *debt-threat*, and they started a grass roots movement they called "the Tea Party" to put pressure on Congress to act more fiscally responsible. Reducing the deficit and debt was their only position. The Tea Party succeeded in getting a few Republicans on board who tried to prevent yet another expansion of the debt limits. But when implications of reduced spending became clear to the Liberals (a reduction in their voter bribing war chest), the Liberals didn't debate them on the merits, instead they

howled that the Tea Partiers were “racists” and bigots of the worst sort. By threatening the Liberals’ ability to redistribute wealth the Tea Party became the most hated, despised, and ridiculed, old white, racists in the country in spite of an actually diverse membership. The Liberals’ unique version of hate speech had won again.

Ironically the people who will be hurt the most *by far*, are the young and mostly liberal who are resisting fixing the problem the most. The Greatest Generation, the Baby Boomers, and Now Gen X have all kicked their deficit-cans down the road, and it will be the millennials who will suffer from the resulting much higher taxes, economic recessions, inflation, loss of jobs, and like Venezuela, potentially street riots.

Reasonable People must help Conservatives to take three immediate actions:

- 1) Start the Insurrection!
- 2) Limit Liberal Profligate Spending
- 3) Pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution

1) Start the Insurrection!

The Tea Party was a noble idea, but it suffered from inexperienced leadership and was poorly executed. A New “Budget Hawk” PAC is needed that can spearhead electing a few good people to Congress who can start the insurrection. It must be able to attract adequate funding to be effective, preferably from wealthy, committed benefactors like a conservative George Soros.

The mission of the first insurrectionists is to shine light on the corrupt political process and highlight the dire consequences of letting spineless bandwagon politicians from both parties continue the disaster-as-usual. The objective is to loudly point out how all the backroom deals in Washington are benefiting special interest groups a little, but hurting the country as a whole, a lot more. The key is to show the hypocrisy and pretense of all the Liberal strategies.

As the movement gains momentum, launch a bipartisan “*Throw the bums out*” campaign that focuses on members of either party who are working

against reducing spending. This should naturally impact Democrats more than Republicans, but it will be important not to show partisan preference as a matter of principle.

The ultimate goal is to reduce the current bi-polar political insanity by replacing self-serving voter-bribing politicians with a new group of centrist Reasonable People who can make the hard, but informed decisions we need.

2) Limit Liberal Profligate Spending

The first step in any medical triage is to stop the bleeding. We need to immediately reduce profligate spending from 105 percent of GDP down to at least break even at 100 percent of projected GDP. We also need to immediately freeze the debt ceiling. Which means that if the government runs out of money before the end of the year – which it never actually does in total – then Congress will be forced to “redistribute” funds from one program to another as needed. (They should be good at that!)

If Congress fails at this task (highly likely) then short-term only debt can be used to “borrow” funds off-the-top of next year’s budget. The borrowed amount must be automatically deducted from the next budget *first* so they can’t just kick the can down the road, and it doesn’t add to the national debt.

Reducing Congress’ ability to avoid actual negotiation and compromise by just continually increasing the debt ceiling will cause the Liberals to scream bloody murder like a nasty kid screaming for ice cream.

Let them.

They will scream “racism” from the top of their lungs.

Let them.

Then look them right in the eyes and tell them: “You can scream all you want, but we’re not going to let you ASSHOLES_destroy the greatest county in the world. Any questions?”

3) Pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution

America will never be safe from the threat of Liberal profligate spending until we pass a balanced Budget amendment to the constitution. Liberals will fight against it even harder than they have fought against making America great again. There is no lie they will not stoop to tell, no insult they will not use, no political chicanery they will not employ to prevent it from passing, because it would finally force them to make reasonable arguments for how each dollar should be spent. Which is *their job*.

Politicians will tell you that “you” can’t get a balanced budget amendment passed – it is politically impossible. What they really mean is that they are afraid that *they* can’t pass the amendment and *keep their jobs*. Maybe they are right. Maybe they won’t get reelected the next term, but they will have the honor of knowing that they saved the country as they enjoy their cushy Congressional pension.

But if the polls are right that 80 percent of Americans want a balanced budget amendment, maybe its not quite as impossible as one might think. In spring 1995, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (nicked “Ging-Grinch” by Liberals) led the house to pass a balanced budget amendment, and the bill narrowly missed passing in the Senate by only *three votes!*

Today the threat is even greater, and the need is higher, so it might be easier. It just takes someone with balls to make it happen.

Final Thoughts

Listen and understand.

There is a dark shadow moving across America. Maybe there is no such thing as “evil,” but it displays all the intentions and traits of evil. It is malicious, destructive and powerful. Every day, it grows stronger. It is called by many names, Liberalism, Progressivism, Post-modernism, Cultural Marxism, Political Correctness, but really it is Orwellian-Fascist-Feudalism.

Its purpose is to enslave the hearts, minds and especially pocketbooks, of the American people, and bring them under the control of the new feudal elite. Like Orwell’s “Big Brother,” the ideological elite, the Liberal Inner Party, seek to control all aspects of American life; what you can think and say and do, how much you can earn and keep, what your children are taught, what religion you are allowed to believe, and especially what new absurdities, depravities, and lies you must accept every day.

It has spread like an infectious disease by some of the nastiest people on the planet; small-minded hateful people who seek power above all else and who will eagerly use any deception, deceit or device to get it. They seek to remake the world by burning it down so that they may rule over its ashes. These people are by definition Assholes, and they must be stopped.

They are aided and abetted by some of the world’s nicest people, Stalin called them, “useful idiots.” They want to make the world a “better place,” but they are unable to comprehend that they are paving the road to hell with their good intentions. Forgive them for they know not what they do.

The shadow already holds most of the world in its terrible grip; Russia, Europe, China, Scandinavia, Canada, South America, and Africa. America stands as the last best hope for liberty, a shining city on the hill, a beacon to pierce the darkness.

This book is meant to serve as a wake-up call, and a call to arms, so that, “This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”⁶⁶

Don't Be an Asshole.

⁶⁶ President Abraham Lincoln, The Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863

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