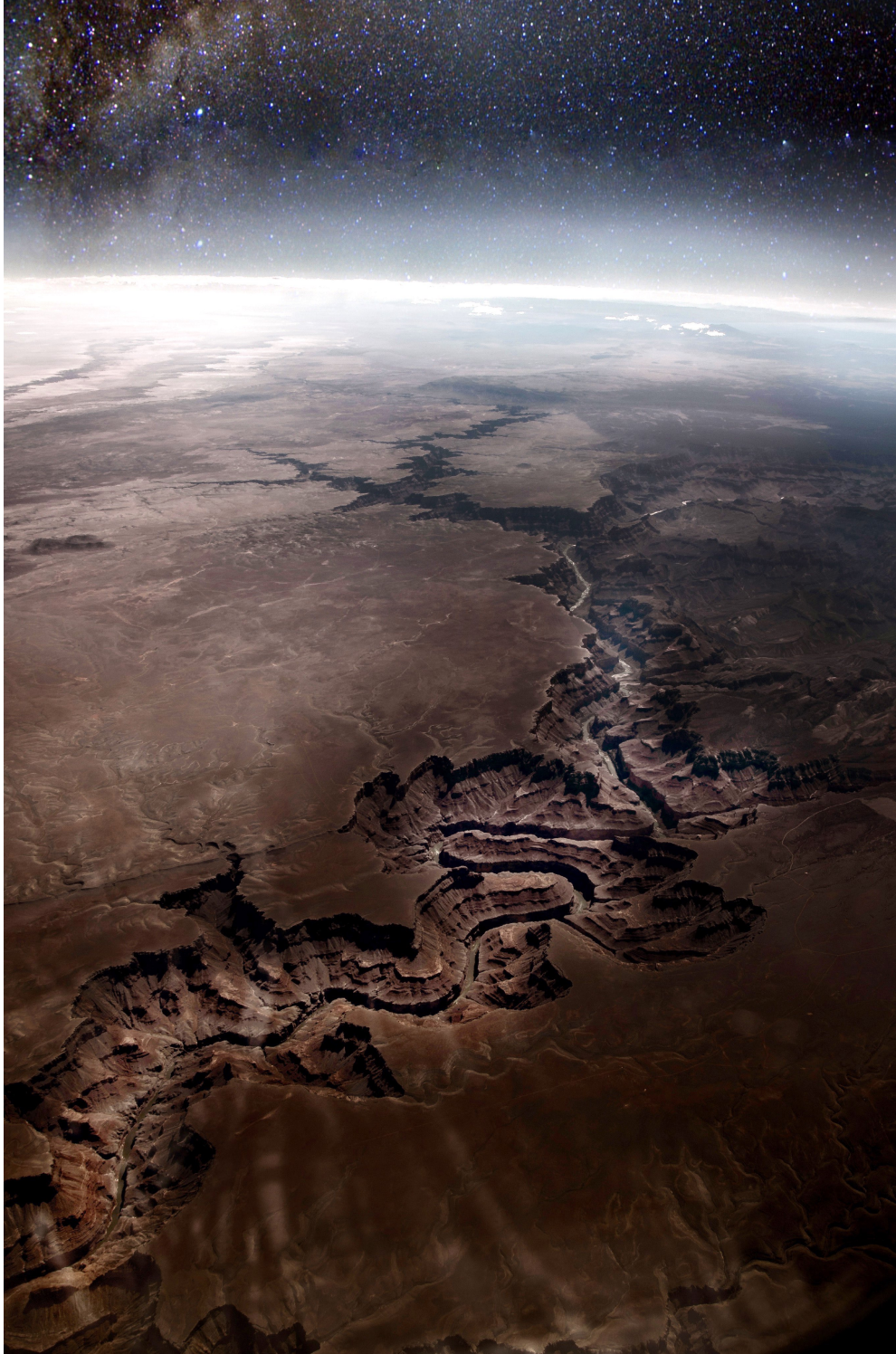


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ABOVE: THE GRAND CANYON, SEEN FROM SPACE, SOUTHWEST USA, REVEALS DEEP SCARING FROM CATASTROPHIC CLIMATE CHANGE. *1

NOAA Scandal Gives Trump The Perfect Excuse To Drain The Climate Swamp

So NOAA deliberately fiddled the climate data to hide the “pause” in global warming in time for the UN’s COP21 Paris talks.

Really, this whistleblowing revelation couldn’t have come at a better time for Donald Trump.

In the field of energy and climate, President Trump has said that there is a massive swamp that needs draining.

But his efforts are being resisted at every turn by all those lying scientists, bent politicians, rent-seeking businessmen, and Soros-funded activist groups who insist: “What swamp? What crocodiles? What leeches? Nothing to see here!”

What the whistleblowing NOAA insider John Bates has just done is prove beyond reasonable doubt what some of us have long claimed: that from NASA GISS and NOAA across the pond to the UEA and the Met Office’s Hadley Centre, the world’s leading temperature data sets have been hijacked by climate activists and abused to advance a political agenda...

As we reported, with perhaps a hint of snark, in ‘Hide the Hiatus!’. How the Climate Alarmists Eliminated The Inconvenient Pause In Global Warming the paper seemed to have been produced by two alarmist shells at NOAA—Tom Karl and Thomas Peterson—with the express purpose of confounding sceptics in the run up to Paris.

The thrust of Karl’s paper is this: that far from staying flat since 1998, global temperatures have carried on rising. It’s just that scientists haven’t noticed before because they’ve been looking in the wrong place—on land, rather than in the sea where all the real heat action is happening.

And how did Karl et al notice what everyone else has missed until now? Well, by using a specialised scientific technique called “getting your excuses in early before the Paris climate conference in December.”

Essentially, this technique involves making adjustments to the raw temperature data (sound familiar?) and discovering—lo!—that the sceptics were wrong and the alarmists were right all along.

Karl’s paper makes much of the fact that the methods used for gathering sea temperature data have changed over the years: in the old days it used to involve buckets; more recently, engine intake thermometers. Hence his excuse for these magical “adjustments”. Apparently (amazingly, conveniently), the measurements used since 1998 have been “running cold” and therefore needed correcting in a (handy) upward direction in order to show what has really been happening to global warming. Once you realise this—global warming turns out to be as real and present and dangerous as ever it was.

In October 2015, we followed up with a story headlined: NOAA Attempts To Hide The Pause In Global Warming: The Most Disgraceful Cover Up Since Climategate. This reported on how NOAA had refused to give up its documents in response to a subpoena by Rep Lamar Smith (R-Texas) who also smelt a rat—and just needed some raw data to prove it. Now, NOAA insider John Bates has provided the smoking gun to Mail on Sunday reporter David Rose.

In an exclusive interview, Dr Bates accused the lead author of the paper, Thomas Karl, who was until last year director of the NOAA section that produces climate data—the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)—of ‘insisting on decisions and scientific choices that maximised warming and minimised documentation... in an effort to discredit the notion of a global warming pause, rushed so that he could time publication to influence national and international deliberations on climate policy.’

Dr Bates was one of two Principal Scientists at NCEI, based in Asheville, North Carolina.

Official delegations from America, Britain and the EU were strongly influenced by the flawed NOAA study as they hammered out the Paris Agreement—and committed advanced nations to sweeping reductions in their use of fossil fuel and to spending £80 billion every year on new, climate-related aid projects.

Bates enlarges on this at Judith Curry's blog. His critique is generally quite arid, measured and scientific. (Bates is a proper scientist; this is what scientists are like...) But then he delivers the killer blow here: [by K15 he means the paper by Karl et al]

Gradually, in the months after K15 came out, the evidence kept mounting that Tom Karl constantly had his ‘thumb on the scale’—in the documentation, scientific choices, and release of datasets—in an effort to discredit the notion of a global warming hiatus and rush to time the publication of the paper to influence national and international deliberations on climate policy.

What does this all mean in terms of science? Not much. As we've seen above, there have been strong suspicions about Karl et al's paper since the moment it was published.

In terms of the climate propaganda wars, on the other hand, it is huge: this is a blow from which the Alarmist establishment may never recover for it gives the Trump administration just the excuse it needs to sweep clean the Augean of corrupt climate science once and forever.

Trump is now in the perfect position to demand that climate-related scientific bodies in receipt of government funding (ie all of them) make their code and data available to the public. This will mean that the truth about all the data manipulations at NASA and NOAA will finally be exposed to the world—making it impossible for global warming propagandists to use the Appeal to Authority “But the experts at NOAA and NASA say...” Any time soon, now, those fake experts at NASA and NOAA will be out of a job, replaced by honest scientists who actually cleave to the scientific method.

This will be a particularly delicious irony for all those honest sceptics who, over the last few decades, have been branded “anti-science” for questioning the global warming “consensus.”

Michael Crichton once said: “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.”

We now have a US president who gets this.

Great news for science.

A disaster for the global warming industry. *2



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"All that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom." —*Albert Einstein*

Gun Background Checks: How the State Came To Decide Who Can and Cannot Buy a Firearm

Prior to 1968, most adults in the United States could purchase a firearm without state interference. Guns were available in local retail stores, as well as mail-order catalogs, and as long as you hadn't been convicted of a felony and you had the funds, there weren't any questions asked.

Things are different now. Depending on where in America you are and what type of gun you want to buy, there's a good chance you'll need to pass a NICS-mandated background check to complete your purchase.

Although many people hold a strong opinion for and against gun background checks, they've proven to be an integral part of the state's gun control apparatus—and they don't appear to be leaving anytime soon.

Since background checks are such a requirement for today's gun enthusiasts, it's important for gun owners (and those who may someday be gun owners) to understand everything they can, including how the current system works and how it came to be.

The History of Gun Background Checks in the U.S.

The history of background checks for gun purchases reaches back to the first restrictions placed on individuals trying to purchase firearms. Here in the U.S., this occurred after the Civil War, when several southern states adopted "Black Codes," which replaced the prior slave codes and worked to suppress the freedoms of black Americans. Among other restrictions, the Black Codes forbade African-Americans from owning firearms.

The Federal Firearms Act of 1938 began restricting the sales of firearms, requiring those in the business of selling firearms to purchase a Federal Firearms License (FFL) and maintain a list of persons who purchased firearms, including their name and address. The Firearms Act of 1938 also listed convicted felons as the first prohibited persons—who are not allowed, by law, to own, purchase, or possess firearms.

And then something happened that would forever change American history. Six days before Thanksgiving, on November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald using a Mannlicher-Carcano rifle purchased from a mail-order catalog. The Kennedy assassination led to the Gun Control Act of 1968, which was specifically intended to keep "firearms out of the hands of those not legally entitled to possess them because of age, criminal background, or incompetence."

Through the Gun Control Act of 1968, the federal government placed restrictions on the sale of firearms across state lines and expanded the prohibited persons who were not allowed to purchase or possess firearms. Under the new law, gun purchases became illegal for those who were:

- Convicted of a non-business-related felony
- Found to be mentally incompetent
- Users of illegal substances

To determine this information, those who wished to purchase a firearm from an FFL had to complete a questionnaire of yes/no questions such as “Are you a convicted felon?” and “Are you a fugitive from justice?” Although these questions needed to be answered, they did not require verification from the gun seller.

In 1972, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) was formed as a way to help control the illegal sales and use of firearms.

In March of 1981, the assassination attempt of President Ronald Reagan led to further gun legislation with the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993, which amended the Gun Control Act of 1968 to now require background checks for the purchase of firearms from a retailer. The Brady Act, as it's known today, also led to the development of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), which launched in 1998, and is the current law on background checks for gun purchases in the U.S.

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) was mandated by the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993, and was launched by the FBI on November 30, 1998. The NICS is used by FFLs to check the eligibility of those who wish to purchase firearms.

Located at the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division in Clarksburg, West Virginia, the NICS is currently used by 30 states and five districts, as well as the District of Columbia, to check the backgrounds of those who wish to purchase firearms. Those states that opt not to use the NICS have their own point of contact (POC) to complete background checks.

The NICS applies a person's identifying characteristics, including name and date of birth, to its own index, as well as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database and the Interstate Identification Index. These systems compare the intended purchaser's demographic information against the national databases to see if they match someone deemed a prohibited person. Prohibited persons include those who are or were:

- Convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a year or more
- Fugitives from justice
- A user of or addicted to a controlled substance
- Adjudicated as a mental defective or been committed to a mental health institution
- Illegal aliens
- Aliens admitted to the U.S. under a nonimmigrant visa
- Discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions
- Renounced their citizenship to the U.S.
- Subject to a court order that restrains their interactions with an intimate partner or child
- Convicted of domestic violence

Since its conception, NICS has completed over 300 million background checks and has issued more than 1.3 million denials. The NICS is available 17 hours a day, seven days a week, except for Christmas Day...

When is a Background Check Needed to Purchase a Gun?

A background check is necessary any time you purchase a gun from a retail provider, which is defined as someone conducting business in the sale of firearms. These sellers must have a Federal Firearms License (FFL) and are legally mandated to complete a background check for every firearm sold to a non-licensed individual.

It doesn't matter if you purchase the firearm in a brick-and-mortar store, a gun show, online, or through a magazine—if the seller is a retailer provider (i.e. has an FFL), then the background check must occur.

When is a Background Check Not Needed to Purchase a Gun?

Under federal law, any adult can sell a personally owned firearm to another adult in the same state as long as you know, to the best of your ability, that they're allowed to own a firearm.

Private sellers aren't required to ask for identification, they don't have to complete any forms, nor keep any records of the transaction. What's more, federal law does not mandate a background check to purchase a firearm from a private seller. This includes buying a gun from a relative, a neighbor, or a friend.

Although federal law does not demand a background check for the private sale of firearms, some states do require a background check.

If you inherit or are gifted a firearm, you don't need a background check...

Have Background Checks Stopped Gun Violence and Crimes?

The research on the effectiveness of background checks to stop gun violence shows conflicting evidence. In an October 2018 published study completed by U.S. Davis and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, in the 10 years following California's comprehensive background checks, the number of gun homicides and suicides were not impacted. In a similar study published in July of the same year, gun violence did not increase with the repeal of comprehensive background checks.

Yet other studies show that background checks do reduce violence. A 2015 study found that requiring Connecticut handgun owners to go through a background check led to a 40-percent decline in gun homicides and suicides over a 10-year period.

This contradicting research shows that the problem of criminals getting their hands on guns can't be stopped by mere background checks. According to the Department of Justice Special Report on Firearm Violence, 77 percent of state prisoners associated with firearm crimes received their firearm through:

- Theft
- Black market
- Drug dealer
- On the street
- Family or friends

Not one of these criminals would have been affected by background checks, universal or otherwise. After all, most criminals don't feel obligated to use legal means to obtain their firearms since they've either broken laws previously or plan to do so.

Beyond theft and the black market, criminals also use straw purchases, which are illegal, to get their hands on firearms. Straw purchasers are people who can pass a background check and intentionally purchase firearms for criminals. The San Bernardino terrorists used a straw purchaser to get the firearms they used to kill 14 people in the 2015 mass shooting.

Background checks for gun purchases often become a talking point after these types of events, but those who partake in this terroristic activity often don't have criminal histories that would flag a background check. For instance, the Virginia Tech madman legally purchased a gun at a Virginia-based FFL and passed his background check before using it to shoot fellow students.

And then there's the fact that sometimes the background check system fails. NICS is not a 100-percent absolute system, and time has shown that gun background checks can only be as reliable as the records they contain. Devin Kelley, the Texas Church madman, was prohibited by law to own or purchase a firearm because of a domestic violence conviction while in the Air Force. Yet Kelley purchased four firearms between 2014 and 2017, completing Form 4473 and being approved each time by NICS. In this case, the Air Force failed to report the court marshal to the FBI's National Crime Information Center, which the NICS relies on for information. So, again, the system is only as good as the information it contains.

(It's also worth pointing out that Kelley's murderous rampage was stopped by a private citizen, a plumber named Stephen Willeford, who legally owned an AR-15. Kelley was shot in the leg and torso by Willeford, stopping him from murdering more people inside that church before the police could arrive.)

And whereas sometimes the system on which gun background checks rely is incomplete, in other instances it produces false positives. In other words, law-abiding citizens get incorrectly matched by NICS, or their respective state-level POC data system, with criminals who have similar names. And if that happens to you, then you could be denied your right to own a gun because of a bureaucratic error. Estimates from the Crime Prevention Research Center pointed to 93 percent of initial NICS denials turning out as false positives in 2009, with similar estimates in 2010. (The Obama administration quit reporting these statistics after 2010.) Yes, individuals can appeal this denial and restore their gun rights, but dealing with bureaucracy can be an expensive hassle.

The myriad of issues with NICS is why the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), a trade association representing the firearms industry, launched FixNICS.org in 2013. It is also why the NSSF publishes a yearly ranking of the states based on the number of mental health records they provide relative to their population—to encourage the states to comply with existing federal law, and submit any and all records establishing an individual as a prohibited person to the FBI's databases. Their goal is to improve the existing system for everyone so that gun background checks are more accurate and complete.

Whether you like them or not, background checks are here to stay for gun owners and gun purchasers—but they are not the saving grace that some make them out to be. Background checks for gun purchases can only do so much and are not the permanent solution to keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and keeping Americans safe from gun violence. More concerning is that they give the state an ever-growing list of private citizens who own guns, and such a list has historically been used for subsequent gun confiscation attempts. ^{*4}



The New Pagans

Christianity is the basis on which science is built. Christianity says God is rational, hence His creation is rational.

If, as most primitive faiths believed, God, or the gods, were irrational and driven by the same sort of emotions that often render human behavior unfathomable science, would be a fool's errand...

That's why modern liberals believe that a growing human being in a woman's womb is not really a human. A science teacher, for example, said that just as a caterpillar isn't a butterfly, an unborn child is not a human being. Apparently, the teacher was unaware that science says the caterpillar and the butterfly are merely stages in the growth of the same organism. After all, both stages of the insect have the same DNA and the same scientific name. The teacher believed that the nature of the unborn is defined by what people think, not by the real nature of the unborn.

Similarly, modern liberals believe that a man can become a woman through plastic surgery. Once people reject a rational God, they reject a rational universe as well. Only in an irrational universe can anyone claim that an organism with male DNA can become a female organism through cosmetic surgery.

Liberals also believe that whatever man wants must be good and must be achievable, so long as they approve of it, of course. For example, we know that the homosexual lifestyle, also promiscuity among opposite-sex people, is bad for one's health. If someone you know doubts that, ask him about the massive impacts of STDs on people. You might mention AIDS if your friends still believe that promiscuous sex is a healthy choice. You could also ask if the price of 1,000,000-plus humans aborted each year is too high to pay for hedonistic sex.

Yet we're told that lifestyles that lead to disease and emotional trauma—for those who are promiscuous inevitably objectify their "partners" and themselves—and death for a million people a year is good. It's another example of liberals saying reality is fluid and must conform to what they have defined to be good.

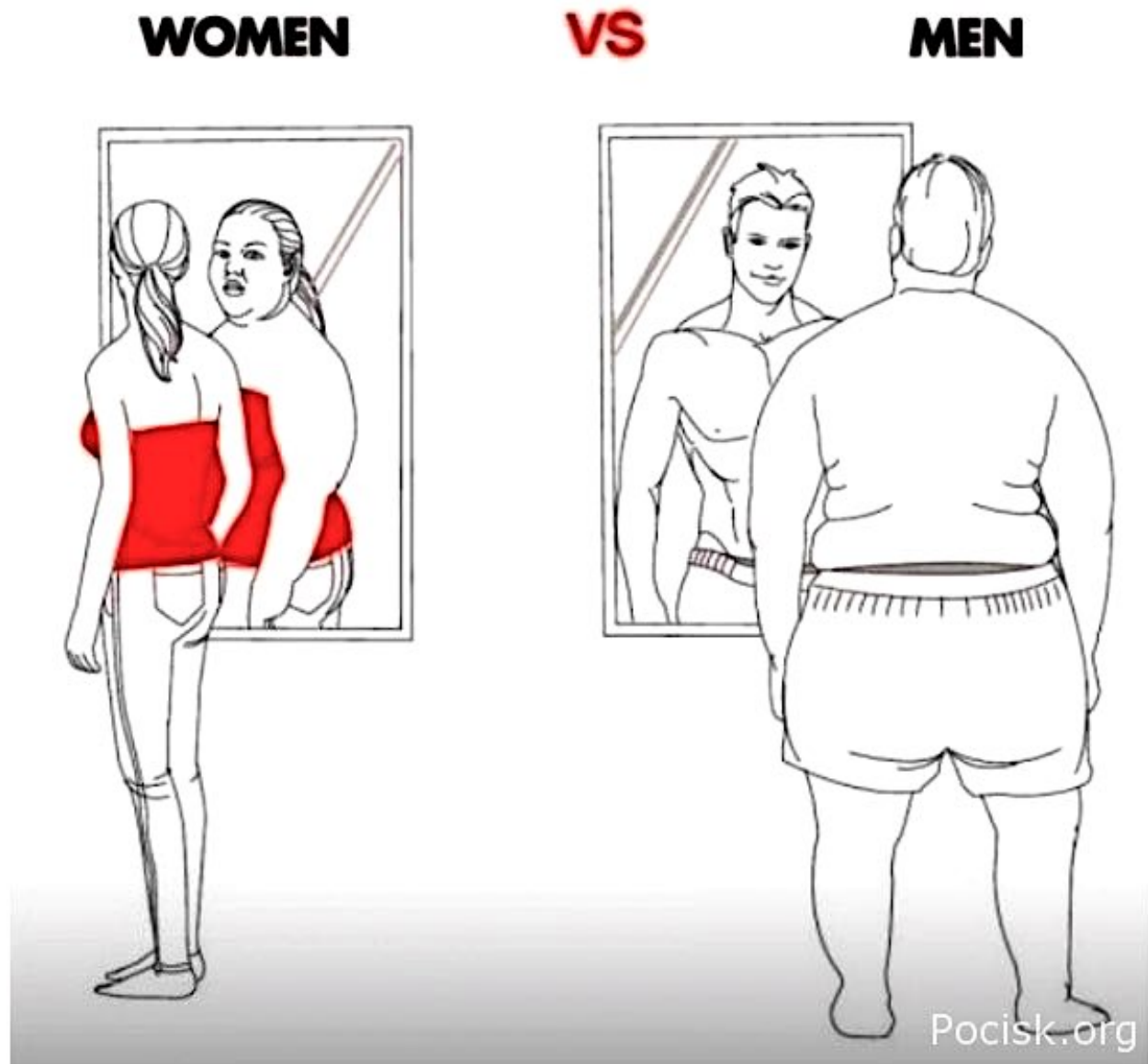
Essentially, liberals are claiming the powers of creation that they reject in God for themselves. They believe that through their will, they can bend reality to what they believe it should be. Unfortunately for them and the rest of the world, wishing that pretending men are women, that the unborn aren't human, that massive promiscuity is good, and the other areas where liberals deny reality hurts real people.

The million or so humans, disproportionately brown, killed each year in the womb die on the altar of liberals' desire to deny that the world is a rational place.

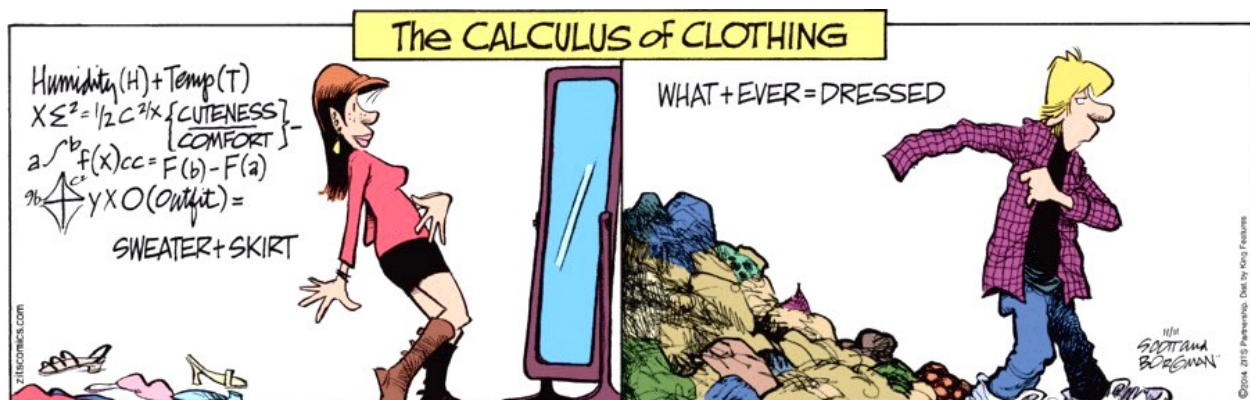
Similarly, transsexuals, and women who don't want men in their bathrooms, suffer because, as the motto of Cal Tech says, "The Truth Shall Set You Free." Denying reality doesn't prevent reality from kicking back. About 40% of people who have are "transsexual" attempt suicide. Pretending we're something we're not has consequences; hence, the liberal idea that we can mold reality to our will leads to suffering.

As Western elites reject the foundation of Christianity and Judaism, they become unmoored from reality. But reality is harsh. Liberals can reject it, cajole it, reprimand it, yet they can't change the fundamental truths that reject their beliefs.

It's time to stop letting the lunatics run society and return to the rationalism that is based on a belief in God. *6



ABOVE: "DO MEN AND WOMEN PERCEIVE THEMSELVES THIS WAY? OR IS IT CAUSED BY MANUFACTURED LOW-CONFIDENCE ILLUSION?" *7



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An Insider's Look At The Social Decay Eating Away At America Like Cancer

The character of a nation is a reflection of the character of millions of individual people, and one of the fastest ways to get a sense of the character of individual people is to visit their homes. It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words, and if that is true then a home visit has got to be worth a million. Sadly, there is a reason why so many Americans that make a living making service calls in other people's homes absolutely hate their jobs. Way too often they are confronted with the worst that America has to offer, and many of them end up psychologically scarred for life as a result. For example, the following is from an article in which Lauren Hough described her time as a cable installer...

I'd walk in prepared for anything. There was sobbing, man or woman, didn't matter. There were the verbal assaults. There were physical threats. To say they were just threats undermines what it feels like to be in someone else's home, not knowing the territory, where that hallway leads, what's behind that door, if they have a gun, if they'll back you into a wall and scream at you. If they'll stop there. If they'll call in a complaint no matter what you do. Sure, we were allowed to leave if we felt threatened. We just weren't always sure we could. In any case, even if we canceled, someone else would always be sent to the same house later. "Irate. Repeat call." And we'd lose the points we needed to make our numbers.

America wasn't always like this.

Once upon a time, Americans generally treated one another with kindness, dignity and respect.

But now social decay is spreading like wildfire, and this country is rapidly becoming unrecognizable.

Just recently, a congressional report discovered that one of the largest drug companies in the entire nation had shipped "more than 3 million prescription opioids" to a single pharmacy in West Virginia...

In just 10 months, the sixth-largest company in America shipped more than 3 million prescription opioids—nearly 10,000 pills a day on average—to a single pharmacy in a Southern West Virginia town with only 400 residents, according to a congressional report released Wednesday.

McKesson Corp. supplied "massive quantities" of the painkiller hydrocodone to the now-shuttered Sav-Rite Pharmacy in Kermit, even after an employee at the company's Ohio drug warehouse flagged the suspect pill orders in 2007, the report found. That year, McKesson—ranked 6th in the Fortune 500—reviewed its customers, including Sav-Rite, and reported to the Drug Enforcement Administration that the purchases were "reasonable," according to the report.

Of course West Virginia is right at the heart of the horrific opioid crisis that is sweeping the nation. But what amazes me is that nobody at McKesson Corp. saw anything wrong with pouring millions of highly addictive pills into a very small pharmacy in a town with only 400 residents.

Out on the west coast, drug addicts are shooting up and smoking crack right in front of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals...

Outside the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in downtown San Francisco, a woman urinates on the sidewalk and smokes a crack pipe.

Inside her purse are about a dozen used heroin needles. She shoots heroin up to 10 times per day, she says.

About 50 yards away, a man injects another woman in the neck with a needle. She puts her thumb in her mouth and blows on it to make her vein more visible. Her right arm is caked with dried blood.

The Ninth Circuit is the country's largest federal appeals court, and President Trump recently nominated a radical left wing activist to fill a vacancy on it. And right out in front of the court it literally looks like a third world cesspool.

You may be tempted to think that this is one of the worst neighborhoods in San Francisco, but the truth is that it is actually one of the best...

This San Francisco neighborhood is home to the headquarters of Uber, Twitter and Salesforce. But stroll around here, and you're also likely to find used drug paraphernalia, trash, and human excrement on the sidewalks, and people lying in various states of consciousness.

During 2018, San Francisco citizens filed more than 20,000 complaints about human feces in the streets. There are words to describe what San Francisco has become, but I am not able to print them in this space.

We like to think that we are an "example" to the rest of the world, but the truth is that they are all laughing at us. And I had to laugh too when I recently came across this story...

A man has been arrested after he drove his pickup truck into a courthouse in Mississippi.

News outlets reported that the Gulfport Police Department said in a news release that 28-year-old Keith Cavalier told officers he intentionally crashed into the Harrison County Courthouse early Saturday because it was the best way to let them know his drug paraphernalia had been stolen.

What in the world is happening to us?

Let's switch gears for a bit. Instead of talking about drugs, we'll talk about sex for a moment.

At one time, if a teacher had sex with a student it was a major national scandal. But now it is happening so frequently that it is usually not considered to be "newsworthy" anymore. In fact, during the most recent fiscal year the state of Texas alone "opened 429 cases into inappropriate student-educator relationships"...

During fiscal 2017-18, the TEA opened 429 cases into inappropriate student-educator relationships—an approximate 42 percent increase from the prior year, said Doug Phillips, director of educator investigations at TEA, during a Senate Education Committee meeting this week.

"I think we're just getting a lot more of these reports that maybe would not have been reported in the past," he said.

But just when you think that nothing could top Texas, Colorado comes along and says "hold my beer".

After all, nothing says “classy” like a 1,000 person orgy...

A POLYAMOROUS events planner has revealed her quest to organize the world's largest orgy – inviting 1,000 to the marathon sex party.

Pearl Derrier, 29, from Denver, Colorado, goes to orgies at least once a month as one person can't fulfill her “every physical and emotional need”.

Her partners, boyfriend Dan Patrick, 35, and “homemaker” girlfriend Tomi Tailey, 30, are also happy for her to have casual liaisons with other people at orgies.

The fabric of our society is literally rotting away right in front of our eyes, but most Americans are still in denial about what is happening.

Just like all other major empires throughout human history, we are decaying from within, and we should be deeply alarmed at what we have become.

In his year in review article, Dave Barry made a great point about the current state of American culture...

What made this year so awful? We could list many factors, including natural disasters, man-made atrocities, the utter depravity of our national political discourse and the loss of Aretha Franklin. Instead we'll cite one event that, while minor, epitomizes 2018: the debut of “Dr. Pimple Popper.”

This is a cable-TV reality show featuring high-definition slo-mo closeup videos of a California dermatologist performing seriously disgusting procedures on individuals with zits the size of mature cantaloupes. You might ask, “Who on Earth would voluntarily watch that?” The answer, in 2018, was: MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. That is the state of our culture. We can only imagine what new reality shows lie ahead. We would not rule out “Dr. Butt Wiper,” or “People Blow Their Noses Directly Onto The Camera Lens.”

We truly are a nation in decline, and things are getting worse with each passing year. *9

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>blah we're the victims

Jesus Christ will they shut the FUCK UP.

625,000 white people died for YOU motherfucker. FOR YOU. We tore our own fucking country apart for four goddamn fucking years because one half of the country thought you should be free. Before that we fucking tore ourselves apart debating freeing your ass and afterwards we had to deal with a fucking insurgency to keep you free.

WHO SET UP UNIVERSITY'S TO TEACH YOU?
WHO DUMPS BILLIONS EACH YEAR TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE AND DON'T GO HUNGRY?
WHO CAME UP WITH THE CONCEPT ABOLITION?
WHO'S ENTIRE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT YOU?
WHO'S ENTIRE NATIONAL CHARITY AND NGO COMMUNITY DESIGNED TO SUPPORT YOU?

You stupid, ungrateful piece of shit fucking niggers. We've done more for you, our lovely 14%, than any Western country has ever done for any of their minorities. The Russians would have sent you to Kamchatka. The British would have starved you to death. No, we, the noble United States of America have chosen to try for literally our entire history to integrate you and make you like us. How do you repay us?

By dropping our education scores so low that we're the laughing stock of industrialized nations.
By making us the most violent country in the Western world.
By supporting radical left wing activists in their bid to destroy our country and the West.
By driving our quality of life ratings into the ground
By driving up our Gini coefficient to almost third world levels.

Fuck you. You've made this Northern Yankee hate you. White people are not the problem. YOU ARE.

625,000 people. FOR WHAT.

ABOVE: SOMETHING GIVEN, IS NEVER APPRECIATED COMPARED TO SOMETHING WORKED FOR, LEADS TO EXPECTING MORE BE GIVEN. *9

The Rise of Intolerant Liberals

Why have liberals become so intolerant? They think nothing of denying someone as prominent as former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice from speaking on a college campus. They embrace activists who shut down speakers. They publicly shame people for the slightest deviation from liberal orthodoxy.

For them everything from science to the law is “settled” once they get into power. Progress is a one-way street. Their mindset is the very definition of closed-mindedness.

The easy answer would be “they are all bad people.” But frankly that’s a cop-out. Not all liberals are bad people, any more than all conservatives are angels. No doubt among the fevered minions of liberal activists there are people with, shall we say, psychological issues, but that doesn’t explain why so many otherwise reasonable people are so beholden to liberalism as an ideology.

The short answer is that it pays. A lot of people in and out of government benefit. Liberalism also makes people feel good. Whether you are politician dispensing government benefits or the citizen receiving them, liberalism hides the self-interest and sometimes even greed that motivate people.

But the devolution of liberalism into something now openly illiberal has causes far more complex than these familiar explanations provide.

For one thing, liberalism is no longer mainly about ideas. It is about power—as in who has it and who doesn’t. Believing they already know the answers to all questions, liberals view politics and governing as mopping up operations.

Academic research is about proving a point rather than discovering the truth. Science is treated as the private preserve of a certain ideology, not to mention a political weapon to justify preferred policy outcomes. Mistaking as they do their ideology for morality, they see no reason to shun the most cynical of political tactics to get their way. For them, the end justifies the means.

Second, liberalism today is not the liberalism of yesteryear. It’s not Franklin Roosevelt’s or John Kennedy’s liberalism. It’s not even the liberalism of Bill Clinton. It has become something much more radical. Bill Clinton talked about the “era of big government” being over.

Today, there is virtually no government program that liberals won’t embrace. Clinton had his Sister Souljah moment when he repudiated extremism in his party. Today liberals can’t get close enough to the “black lives matter” movement.

Third, liberals have surrendered to (some would say created) the nasty culture of intolerance that infuses our popular culture. To this extent, they are not at all different from some self-proclaimed right-wing people who do the same. But the difference is—or at least is supposed to be—that liberals profess to be the party of the open mind. They have become anything but.

Now that they control so many of our institutions—our universities, high-tech corporate board rooms, the entertainment industry, and increasingly even mainstream churches—they are closing the door behind them, making sure that no one, especially conservatives, will sneak in the back door.

Finally, liberalism has become hostile to open inquiry. Liberal intellectuals used to love open-ended debates because they thought they could win people over with their intelligence and wit. No more. Today's liberal intellectuals are much more interested in stifling debates than having them. After all, who needs debates when all the big questions have been answered by their ideology? Liberals are no longer the scruffy radicals of Washington Square, but a tenured Mandarin class hotly competing for government research grants.

As I argue in my forthcoming book...

Knowledge, like human progress, must be created and managed by state policy, bureaucratized and forced on all people equally despite the infinite differences that exist between individual human beings. It is a sad state of affairs, especially for intellectuals who are expected to know better.

There's an old saying, he who controls knowledge controls power. Liberals get this adage instinctively. They treat truth not as wisdom—as something to be discovered—but as a will to power to be imposed by law and governmental fiat.

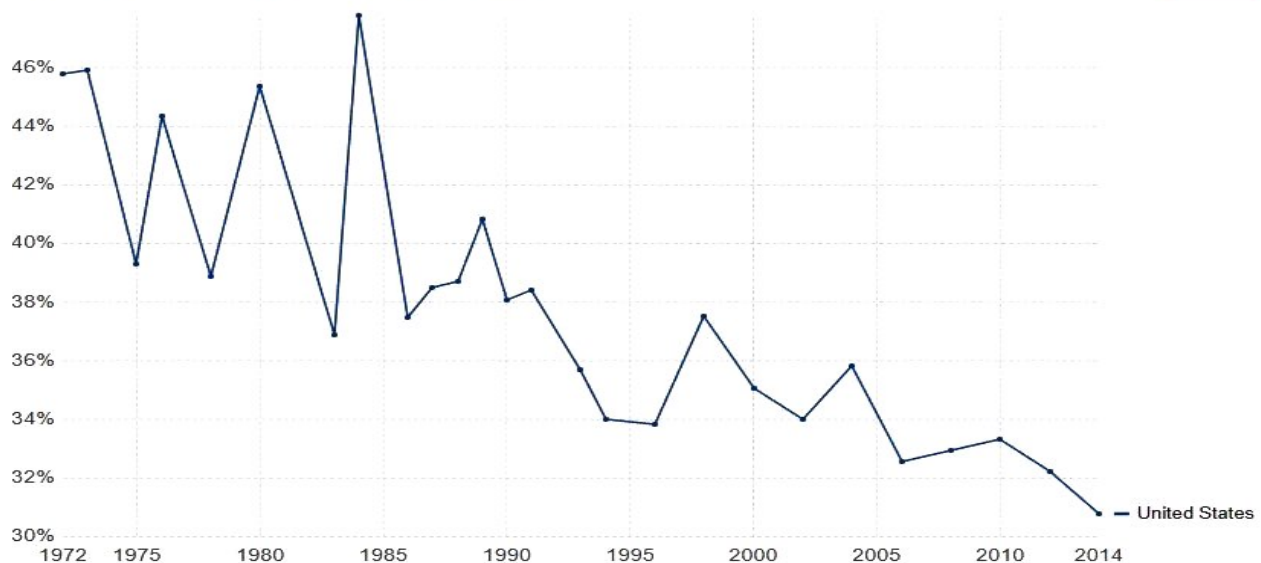
In this quest for power, they have become masters at controlling not only knowledge, but popular culture. For example, when Americans watch entertainers like Jon Stewart, they don't see an ideologue channeling liberal clichés. They see just a really funny guy. The ideology is completely buried. Young people respond in lockstep not because they were indoctrinated by some boring Maoist, but because they think the whole thing is great fun.

What we have here is nothing less than a new and highly attractive form of illiberalism—an illiberal liberalism, if you will. Intolerance is championed in the name of tolerance, closed-mindedness in the name of open-mindedness, and hatred in the name of compassion. It's classic double-think, and the deception is precisely the danger. Americans don't expect liberals to be authoritarian wolves in sheep's clothing. They are not prepared to be on guard all the time because liberals are supposed to be the good guys—the guardians of freedom of speech and the like.

Alas, they are not...^{*10}

Interpersonal trust attitudes

Interpersonal trust (% who think that "most people can be trusted").



Is the World Becoming Fed Up?

Given European socialism, and given its therapeutic culture that assumes morality is relative and situational, it is quite stunning—especially to the Greeks—that suddenly debts are to mean not endless negotiations, haggling, blame-gaming, and contextualization, but are reduced to something akin to Calvin Coolidge’s snarky alleged quote, “They hired the money, didn’t they?”

Aside from the threats of Vladimir Putin and the wobbling of the European Union, Europe is being overrun with illegal immigrants from Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Once an impoverished foreign national arrives at any European shore, the European Union, either out of utopian piety or colonial guilt, feels obligated to accept him, without questioning much his legal status or the reasons for his arrival—much less why it should not extend such magnanimity to tens of millions of others who may well follow.

But the cash-strapped leftwing European public, outside its privileged elite, is slowly tiring of illegal immigration as well. Apparently it has concluded that tens of millions of illegal migrants neither assimilate quickly nor are much thankful to their hosts for their sanctuary status—and that hundreds of millions more would come if they could to enjoy the European welfare state. An aging and shrinking European socialism accepts that its own redistributionist entitlements are not sustainable. But it also assumes that those arriving from the former Third World have neither the interest nor the skills to join the labor force to subsidize their hosts’ own generous retirement packages.

At home the progressive Left is on the scent of another scalp, this time Donald Trump’s for his uncouth and blunderbuss stereotyping of illegal immigrants from Mexico, who, he implies, are for the most part not Mexico’s choice citizenry and who have a tendency to commit various crimes upon arrival.

The best way to refute the shoot-from-the-hip Trump’s stereotyping of an entire illegal immigration population as inordinately committing crimes and relying on state subsidies should be easy: his critics should not quote creased-browed professors and outraged ethnic activists, but first cite federal and state statistics of crimes committed by illegal aliens as well as the legal status of those on federal and state assistance, and then calculate to what degree these percentages are not—or in fact are—in line with the native American population.

Of course, Trump’s opponents rarely do that, partly because governments, both state and federal—which love to categorize Americans by race, class, and gender—strangely claim that they do not have accurate and up-to-date statistics on illegal aliens. When the liberal PolitiFact stitches together what facts it can find to properly refute Fox pundit Gavin McInnes’s erroneous claim that 50 percent of Texas murders were committed by illegal aliens, does it then go on to correct the record with a more accurate percentage?

... Open-borders advocates typecast every bit as much as does Trump, likewise adducing anecdote in lieu of hard data. If one listens to the exaggerations of Trump, he implies that the *majority of arrivals* from Mexico are criminally minded. But if one listens to La Raza Inc. or Rep. Gutierrez, illegal aliens seem to be all dreamers. The truth is that impoverished and most indigenous peoples from central Mexico and Central America are neither saints nor sinners, but as a rule arrive without legality, a high school diploma, money, or English, and by needs are quite willing to ignore immigration law both when arriving—and steadily thereafter. (The vast majority—over 80%—from last year’s border surge skipped their required subsequent immigration hearings.)

Presidential candidate Trump is supposedly enjoying a bump in the polls. How could that be, given his plutocratic hubris, his flamboyance and his often sloppy rhetoric? Again the answer is predictable. He is blunt—and uncouth;

while the Left is sly and uncouth. The public sometimes prefers their exaggerations as bold and not packaged in nasal whines. We are supposed to shudder at the reaction when writer Ann Coulter, promoting a supposedly nativist book about immigration, is rushed by illegal immigration activists at a book signing. Then she confirms our stereotypes by declaring that Latin Americans typically express criticism in such a riotous fashion. The media forgets that she is matched and trumped by the activists themselves. They disrupted a peaceful book signing; they tore up books that they disagreed with (an act which has a good 20th-century fascist pedigree); some brought out Mexican flags to show solidarity with the country that they most certainly do not wish to return to. And there was a shout or two, in racist fashion, that Coulter should return to Europe—as if a guest here illegally from a foreign country has a greater claim on residence than does a U.S. citizen.

As in the case of Paula Deen, Duck Dynasty, and the addled Donald Sterling, the nation unleashed its thought police to destroy Trump in the fashion that has worked so well with other intemperate or biased speakers (at least those who are not of the liberal bent of politically incorrect gaffers like a Sen. Harry Reid, Vice President Joe Biden, Al Sharpton, David Letterman—or Barack Obama, who believes “typical” white people (all 220 million?) stereotype blacks while there are apparently “gangbangers” crossing illegally into the U.S. on his watch). But so far, the politically selective yanked sponsorships and corporate ostracism seem to have little effect on the self-promoting and boisterous multibillionaire Trump. Why so? Perhaps the cause is again public exhaustion with hypocrisy. NBC, after all, still has on the air an inveterate prevaricator like Brian Williams and a homophobe, racist, and anti-Semite like Al Sharpton—*after* publication of their respective make-believe stories and various hate speech.

Trump seems to sense that if he is to play the role of an IED, at least there are lots of collateral liberal hypocrisies that can blow up along with his own biases. Are people then fed up with the thought police, who can go from a reasonable request not to use state subsidies and sanctions to fly the Confederate battle flag to the hysterical Trostkyzation of everything Confederate in popular culture and entertainment? How did we go from Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama lecturing us recently on why gay marriage was neither necessary nor appropriate to similar skepticism earning others a career-ending rebuke? Why did not the president power up the White House in 2009 or 2011 with the gay rainbow light show?

If Trump is completely unhinged, then it would be impossible last week for illegal alien Francisco Sanchez to randomly shoot apart the aorta of passerby Kathryn Steinle—out for a pleasant stroll with her father on a pier walkway in sanctuary city San Francisco. Trump, of course, in the fashion that Barack Obama routinely cites Trayvon Martin and other tragedies, used the murder as proof that his generalizations are based on some fact.

And perhaps in some cases they are. Sanchez had already been deported to Mexico *five times and arrested, convicted and incarcerated—and paroled—for seven prior felonies*. He was out largely because he was released from custody by a San Francisco judge in accordance with the city’s “sanctuary” policy of not notifying immigration authorities when an illegal alien, ex-felon or not, is freed from jail.

None of that laxity is new to San Francisco. Recall the 2008 murder of San Francisco resident Tony Bologna and his two sons by illegal alien and paroled felon Edwin Ramos. Nor is it novel in California in general: recall last October the two Sacramento-area law enforcement officers who were murdered by twice-deported illegal alien Luis Enrique Monroy-Bracamontes.

Quite tiring it has become to be lectured about inordinate wealth and unfairness from the money-grubbing Hillary Clinton, who apparently thinks that an electrician from Sacramento or an accountant in Lansing is proof positive of structural inequity in a way her hedge-fund-profitting daughter and son-in-law, or her own \$300,000, price-gauging

30-minute lectures at public universities are not. Likewise, the public of all races and classes is tired of quite wealthy liberals and elite people of color pontificating on television on the moral lapses of the supposedly racist middle classes—assured that these one-percenters are immune from the ramifications of their own ideologies. (Where do the Obama girls go to school? How did the Holder children fly on a government Gulfstream to the Belmont Stakes? How did Chelsea Clinton become a multimillionaire? Where do network hosts live and how much do they make? When did Al Sharpton settle his back taxes with the IRS?).

Millions of Americans do not feel necessarily that holy matrimony exclusively between a man and woman is bias. Nor do they think listening to the late historian Shelby Foote or watching Lee, Longstreet, and their Confederate flags on Ken Burns' *Civil War* constitutes a moral felony. They know also that liberal outrage is selective...

Amid all this leftish high-fiving about court decisions and executive orders, we forget political and electoral reality. Barack Obama has done more to destroy liberal political power in the Congress and in the statehouses than any Democratic politician since the 1920s. His executive orders and neglect of enforcing existing law have green-lighted the executive power of the next Republican president in a way that Richard Nixon could hardly imagine. He has discredited the idea of a disinterested media to such a degree that its biased audits of the next future Republican administration will be seen as laughable.

Europe and the United States are seeing glimpses of the ultimate leftist trajectory—a mixture of Greece and Detroit, de facto non-enforcement of the law, the Iranian nuke deal, a new McCarthyism, and race, class, and gender hatred—and are becoming afraid and perhaps appalled. A growing number of people sense that 21st century leftist elites are not pragmatic working people, but a privileged sect that callously experiments with other people's lives on the understanding that they are insulated and immune from the inevitable disasters that follow from their own ideas.

A great pushback is awakening here and abroad, but its timing, nature, and future remain mysterious. ^{*12}



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