

## America's Progressive Descent Into Psychosis

Is there a cure for the civilization-ending woke mind virus?

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I was all set to write a column weighing in on the [47]excellent Helen Andrews piece at Compact about the feminization of our institutions and the damage that's done — though what I would say is that Alla Margolina did an excellent job expounding on that subject in a post [48]we picked up at RVIVR.

And then something else came up, which really deserves a bit of treatment.

I'm going to preface this with a qualification, which is that I really don't want to make more of the "No Kings" rallies last weekend than they deserve. Set against the ambitions of the Hard Left money machine, which threw close to \$300 million into what they hoped would be a national groundswell of hatred toward President Trump and his supporters, the "No Kings" multivenue pity-party for the "progressive" movement was a terrible failure. It was a Tet Offensive without the benefit of a mass-media Fifth Column in the United States to bootstrap it into a victory. (RELATED: [49]The Left's Top Dark Money Monster Is Dying — and Taking the Democratic Party With It)

And as I said in one of our excellent [50]Spectacle Podcast segments this week, I have every expectation that the net result of the "No Kings" rallies and their putrid actual attendance (the organizers claimed to have had some seven million demonstrators at 2,700 locations around the country; the real number was maybe 10 percent of that) will be that the Democrats on Capitol Hill will ultimately knuckle under and stop filibustering the continuing resolution to reopen the government.

There had been a fairly widespread set of reports, perhaps best described as rumors, but they had the ring of truth, that the Senate Dems were hanging onto the filibuster in the hopes that the "No Kings" rallies would shake the confidence of the Republicans and force them to crater to Chuck Schumer's crazy demands in an effort to reopen the government. That has not happened, and there isn't any real indication that it will. If those reports were accurate, and "No Kings" was the giant fizzle that it was, then one wonders where the Dems go from here, other than to declare for living to fight another day, as John Fetterman is exhorting them to do.

My theory hasn't been proven true so far. There is this...

@WhipKClark, the number two House Democrat, on the Democrat Shutdown: "Of course there will be families that are going to suffer... but it is one of the few leverage times we have."

...but I question how long that bravado will last.

So let's agree that I'm not ringing alarm bells over the presence of any great mass movement represented by "No Kings."

But on the other hand, some of what was on display on Saturday does need to be accurately described. [54]In Tuesday's column, I talked about the "old fart thinking," namely, the insistence so many of the aged protesters put on display that 20th-century consensus items and styles be applied to nearly mid-21st-century problems and conditions.

But it wasn't just the "old fart thinking" that was problematic. This might not have been the most egregious example of the conduct the country was subjected to before, during, and since last Saturday, but it certainly appears to have been the best illustration of how far gone so many of these people are.

That's a sanitized version.

This is a little more descriptive version.

And this is how it ended...

A 61-year-old Fairhope, Alabama woman dressed as a penis and carrying a "No Dick-tator" sign was arrested during Saturday's "No Kings" protest.

Video showing three officers pinning her down has since gone viral.

She was charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

If you missed it, the woman who thought it was a good and persuasive idea to show up in an inflatable penis costume outside of an upscale shopping mall on a sunny Saturday, where families were out enjoying the weather, is... 61 years old. (RELATED: [58]Please Deliver Us From the Poorly-Behaved Women)

Not some stupid college kid. A 61-year-old woman.

A friend of mine whose son was on the scene relates that Gamble was in the street screaming obscenities at passing cars, and even jumped in front of one driven by a brand new driver who nearly hit her, before she was arrested.

Because her candidate didn't win an election.

And the video of the arrest has gone viral because the screeching coven of progressive hysterics across the country has decided that this is a First Amendment violation of some kind — that the right to protest involves dressing oneself up as a specimen of male genitalia in front of unsuspecting citizens.

Bear in mind, these are the people who wanted to lock you up and take your kids away for not wearing a face diaper or forcing your family to take a COVID shot, but somehow they're the defenders of the First Amendment now.

Yes, this is an extreme case.

But it's not an isolated case.

[59]MSNBC put the demented Robert De Niro on their air so that he could declare that White House deputy chief of staff Stephen Miller was a Nazi, and DeNiro then allowed that such a status would be unusual given that Miller is Jewish. Nobody at that network batted an eye. Maybe Miller's inevitable lawsuit will change that, but the inherent psychosis is no less substantive.

And this week, we're seeing a large number of these people come completely unglued over Trump's having broken ground on construction of a new ballroom facility at the White House, which will expand its capacity for hosting events to 650 people, up from the current 200. The project is being financed with \$250 million in private donations, and it will improve a part of the White House's East Wing, which has stood mostly useless since the Truman administration.

Both parties, assuming they can get someone elected president going forward, will benefit from the expansion. And yet there are reactions like these...

This image of the East Wing of the White House is a metaphor for broader, reckless destruction. The ballroom that will go up there will be a gaudy monument to vanity, corruption and excess. For anyone who has worked at the WH, or cares about its rich history, it's a gut punch. [60][pic.twitter.com/A7Kaa3fNOR](https://pic.twitter.com/A7Kaa3fNOR)

— David Axelrod (@davidaxelrod) [61]October 21, 2025

I genuinely think the images of them destroying the East Wing of the White House could be a game changer in the elections. [62]<https://t.co/iyZ74N2zZE>

— Neera Tanden (@neeratanden) [63]October 22, 2025

If a D is ever elected POTUS, razing the Trump ballroom and restoring the White House to pre-Trump status is non-negotiable.

You have to tear down the physical manifestations of authoritarianism.

— Jonathan V. Last ([65]@jvl.bsky.social) [66]Oct 20, 2025 at 5:28 PM

I'm putting this menagerie — which is grossly incomplete, by the way; if I wanted to, I could regale the reader with easily a dozen other current manifestations of utter unhinged lunacy taking place among progressives, including those you're supposed to believe are prominent — in front of you for a reason.

And it's something the vast majority of the people seeing this column already know, but that doesn't mean it shouldn't be made clear again and again.

There is palpable, complete mass psychosis on the Left in this country. The idiocy on Saturday — which was supposed to persuade the American people of the legitimacy of the progressive cause, let's remember — exposed it.

You have far too many people driven insane by progressive propaganda and psychotropic drugs passed around like candy, divorced from family and a higher power, who are in a narcissistic state and intoxicated by a messianic political ideal built around a set of public policies that have conclusively proven themselves ineffective.

They're like lemmings marching to Jonestown, if you'll forgive the mixing of metaphors, despite the stench of the bodies and the Kool-Aid.

This has led to a psychotic break for hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of them, and they can't function in society anymore. Jeanna Gamble can't function in society. The compassionate thing to do with her is to ensconce her in a rubber room.

And there are lots and lots of Jeanna Gambles out there.

I don't know if it's fixable.

You have to find a way to get them off politics, but they've allowed politics to become their religion.

And there is no reasoning with them. Almost literally everything coming out of their mouths is projection.

Virtually all of them voted for Joe Biden, but incessantly call Trump a pedophile.

They were all for tearing down historical landmarks, but have lost their minds over a renovation and expansion of the White House ballroom.

They were the COVID Karens who ratted out their neighbors and demanded lives be ruined over masks and shots, they lost their minds over a protest at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021 and insisted that people taking selfies inside the Rotunda, who'd left their guns at home, were trying to start a revolution, and now they think it's their first amendment right to wear pornographic costumes in public, throw rocks at cops and burn down a Tesla dealership. And anyone who objects to this behavior is a fascist.

I could write an entire column, and might, on the projection inherent in the Graham Platner debacle.

Leftist media logic:

If a Republican cabinet official has Christian tattoos, he's a white supremacist.

But when a Democratic Senate candidate has a Nazi tattoo, it isn't newsworthy. [67][pic.twitter.com/ZztcswooEU](https://pic.twitter.com/ZztcswooEU)

— MRC NewsBusters (@newsbusters) [68]October 22, 2025

It's become easy for the Right to persuade the persuadable now, given the competition. But do you think it's possible to reason with Jeanna Gamble? You can't even keep her out of traffic.

This isn't going to end well.

What's going to happen is this crowd will cause so much trouble that it's going to require tactics which look to some like fascism (but are actually simply law enforcement) to bring order and normalcy back to society.

And the crazies of the Left like that idea, because as I've written, it will make them victims, and they believe victimhood is the highest form of human nobility.

[69]I've written that this is how civilization dies. Victimhood culture destroys meritocracy, it destroys function, and it ultimately even destroys empathy. The escape from this vicious cycle is to crush the fake victims, because they will become the victimizers if given the power to be, and then chaos will reign. (RELATED: [70]It's Good v. Evil. It's Always Been Good v. Evil.)

So how do you crush them in nonviolent ways?

That, I don't know. I have some ideas, but shaky confidence they'll work.

But no, we can't allow 60-year-old women to show up and parade around in public parks in inflatable penis costumes because they don't like the president, and we can't have movie actors on television inciting violence against the party in power.

And we can't have the politically frustrated assassinating their fellow citizens and attempting to murder the police for enforcing laws they didn't vote for.

This isn't sustainable, and [71]it has to be acted upon. Nonviolently, one hopes. But that includes bringing the full power of law enforcement and the weight of the justice system to bear on the unhinged.

Which is going to have to happen.

And the full power of the American people, those of us not infected with the woke mind virus, will have to descend on them at the ballot box at every turn, so that those people left of center who can be reasoned with will have some space to chase them back to the fringes and clean up their movement.

We might be too far gone for that, I'll admit. But that only means the remedies will have to be dire.

This problem is a long time coming. It isn't easily fixed. We have a significant portion of our population that is lost to civilization, and they will destroy it if they aren't stopped.

So let's stop it. Quickly, please. By the most civil means possible, with the understanding that those means might not be so civil.