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The Liberal Hive Mind

1. Prelude

This isn't a joke or fake news. From my perspective, I will explain how I came to this conclusion and any encounters I had along the way. When I say "Liberal" I'm talking about anyone who identifies as a democrat as it stands today. When I say "Conservative" I'm talking about any "Moderate" or light/center "Conservative" not the "far right" because I don't know enough about the far right to say anything on their part. I am not going to talk about Libertarians or other political groups because I don't know much about them and this essay is about Liberals. Some of the details in this text are moved around on the timeline for a better understanding for the reader, it dose not detract from the idea or message at all. I hope the reader of this text can read it with an open mind as I had during this year.

1.1 Beginning

November 2016, President Trump got elected. My first thought was war with China or other world super powers. I thought that Hillary Clinton was going to win easily due to President Trump's erratic behavior and correlation with war. I felt scared and betrayed that most of the US was misinformed and blindly wanted President Trump because Hillary was a woman. Once I learned that Hillary got the popular vote, that emotion tripped in volume. "Were that many people white supremacist?" I thought. I didn't know much about politics, all I knew was the basic Liberal stances. I believed that Liberals were on target to change things for the better and Conservatives were out to stop that from happening. I thought that Conservatives were evil and wanted to keep racism and sexism

because it didn't affect them. I had this idea that Conservatives were white, rich Christians that wanted everything to swing in their favor and didn't care about the middle class or people in poverty.

In early 2020 before schools shutdown, this idea stuck with me like a leach: "Trump is bad", "Trump is a white supremacist", "Trump wants war", "Trump is racist", "Trump is sexist". People knew about the global pandemic at this point. I asked my friend for some of their granola bar, "can I have some of that?". "Sure" my friend replied ripping some off. "Your sharing food during a global pandemic!" another friend said in a sarcastic shock. "why not" we jokingly replied. I knew there were only a few cases in the US around the port cities. When it comes to Virginia, they will close the schools properly. One day at CodeRVA, I started jokingly mocking President Trump to one of my friends, "I want to build a wall", "China China China". They obviously were more aware then me about everything and replied, "I mean, Trump didn't do anything bad yet". "yet!" I replied not thinking about what they said. Once all schools closed a week later I started thinking about what they said, "Trump didn't do anything bad yet". My mind started racing with thoughts: "Did he?", "What was all the hate for?", "He must have done something that I don't know about.", "Hes racist, that's what!". I almost was filled with the same emotion when President Trump got elected. I didn't know how to feel. Confused? Scared? Betrayed?

As I was watching YouTube in July as a video came up in my recommended box: "The Silent Majority is REAL, We Have Hard Proof They Exist" from "Timcast IRL". The first part of the video shared one poll from the CATO Institute that stated, "62% of Americans Say They Have Political Views They're Afraid to Share". Furthermore, the poll stated "50% of strong Liberals support firing of President Trump donors, 36% of strong Conservatives support firing Biden donors". Tim Pool and Adam Crigler talk and exchange ideas about the poll and what "Liberals" there talking about. A comment from the video further gave me an eye opening realization, "I cant have a Trump sticker on my car for fear of Vandalism. I cant ware a MAGA hat for fear of assault. I cant post my opinions on

Facebook for fear of being banned. I AM the silent majority”. I had no idea any of this was happening, and sure enough it wasn't fake. Later videos talked about and shared evidence of this silencing of Conservative accounts to this day. When I saw this information I started wondering, “why is this happening?”. After hours of cumulative content from “Timcast IRL”, I started to express the idea that President Trump had not done anything bad and that leaning left or right doesn't make you a bad person. My entire family are Liberals so this came as a shock to them when I started saying neutral comments towards both parties. Tim Pool is known for the truth and shamming mainstream media. Adam Crigler joined “Timcast IRL” before the pandemic and later left to form his own show “Adamcast IRL” due to unknown issues. Before Tim Pool ever made podcasts, he worked at a news company that was forcing him to “side with the audience” rather than actually make proper news. He quit his job and carries his stories with him.

2. Inequality; Rights

I don't know a single person who thinks inequality is good, its how we approach the problem and how we understand the problem where Liberals and Conservatives differ from each other. Liberals say that minorities have a disadvantage in society based on their color of their skin. This is why Conservatives call this the “victim approach” as we see this as a way to stir up drama with themselves, black or white. Most Conservatives tend to say that minorities have the same rights, and racism will go away once we stop talking about it. Conservatives also usually say that Liberals are creating a problem that has already been fixed. Liberals usually respond to this as, “their ignoring the problem because it doesn't affect them”.

The Civil Rights Movement was an amazing movement, it made blacks have the same rights as white, and made color obsolete in the law. Not a single person I know thinks this movement was a bad idea, not righties, not lefties. After the movement was over and some transition time, everyone had the same rights no matter your race.

When congress passed the 13th amendment which abolished slavery in 1865, slaves that were released started from nothing, ground zero. This was a major disadvantage that left the majority of black Americans in poverty. At this moment in time, the average of poverty for both races was very extreme, split in half. This average takes time to equalize and that time hasn't come yet. One of the most important things a kid can have growing up is a good family. The average for black communities having strong families is noticeably lower than white communities. This is most likely caused by either money, drugs, or crime. Where there are lower income areas, you usually have more crime and drug activity regardless of race. I think this is caused by the "victim" mentality. If you really believe you can not escape your situation and succeed elsewhere, you are much more likely to stay and have a lower self esteem. This mentality is more likely to cause people to join gangs, use illegal drugs, or commit crimes. If you have the mentality where you can escape and succeed, then you are much more likely to do so regardless of race. This "victim" mindset is a trap that can ruin your future unless you break out of it and realize that you can succeed. I have the privilege of having a great family that isn't worried about rent.

Black people disproportionately get pulled over more and shot by police, this is a statistic that is true and no one can argue against it. What we can argue about is why. Liberals say its because their black, but Moderates say its because of this higher average of crime, broken families, poverty, and crime. I'm not saying that race isn't an influence in some officers' decisions to pull someone over, if it is then its subconscious. If you are the minority race in any environment then you will inherently have a slight disadvantage with anything. This disadvantage isn't strong enough to warrant officers' actions being changed to the extent that they are. This is a typical Conservative view that there's always a logical reason for something rather than their race.

3. Reform

It's no secret that there are problems with how the government deals with public utilities. Public schools don't train you for the work force like they should, prisons don't help people get better, and police need to be better trained. Abolishing or defunding the police won't fix any problems, it's a very shallow solution to a problem. Departments usually provide minimal training for police with the hope that the individual will train on their own time. Departments don't just do this for no reason, they simply don't have the funding to thoroughly train police with weapons or tactics enough. Defunding the police will only make this problem worse. Abolishing the police will make crime skyrocket to insane levels and only make poorer communities worse off, the problem the far left is trying to fix in the first place. This goes with defunding the police too. NYPD was defunded and they saw a dramatic increase of crime following it. This increase of crime disproportionately affected the poorer communities.

Prisons are known for having horrible conditions for prisoners. The goal of prisons should be to help people live in society without breaking laws. This is obviously not always possible, but a lot of prisoners could be helped to not go back to prison once they are released. This will cost a lot of money to implement but it will help crime rate go down substantially over time if done correctly.

Schools also need to be changed to better help kids find and profit off their passions. Whether that's video production, programming, engineering, science, and many more. Elementary School should be focused on general education and develop social skills. I think Middle School should be apart of High School. The first couple years should have general optional courses like "Computer Science" and the rest should be more specific optional courses like "Game Development", "Graphics Programming", or "Hardware Engineering". Some people should be allowed to stop high school after the general courses and receive a basic diploma, others can continue and take more specific classes. School should be about allowing you to excel in whatever field you want with provided tools. Schools should also be

much less restrictive on students, otherwise it feels like a chore which they should avoid. Its important that schools get people ready for the modern work force. This restrictive vibe that most schools give off (including CodeRVA) makes people really dislike school. Math in high school is completely pointless to most people. English, Chemistry, Physics, and other sciences should be a requirement but only at a basic level. US and world history should be required until an extent. I personally don't enjoy History or English but I think its important that History is taught.

CodeRVA dosnt use a standard grading scale. I went up to one of the staff and asked, "why doesn't CodeRVA just use A-F?" they replied, "because we want to be different". This sort of thing shouldn't happen in schools.

CodeRVA used to have "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD). This was great for me as a programmer as using my own laptop speeds up my programming by a considerable amount. It also makes doing assignments less stressful because the provided computers are slow and the general user experience is very poor. They have since stopped BYOD after someone used their computer to DDOS (and disable) the school network for a while. The problem with this argument is that anyone could do it on their phone. They also say that its because people play games on their own devices, which is true. Though it may be distracting to a few people, the majority could actually benefit from being able to take breaks and have some fun. For me atleast, it gives me an incentive to finish my work for the next few days so I can program or quietly play a game with my friends. When your finished with your work, it could also provide another time to socialize other then lunch. I think BYOD should be allowed to anyone who has over a 70 average across all their classes over the year or proven that they can use the privilege responsibly.

4. Equality; Reverse Racism

I host a discord server called “DVS” (30-40 members). I was in a call with a few people and BLM was brought up. I added to the conversation by talking about the riots and how destructive they are to the economy and the country as a whole. One person started saying how the riots were to get attention of the government to stop systematic racism. I started questioning them and saying things like, “isn’t that really destructive to businesses and hurting people’s livelihood?” After a few back and fourth statements he started greatly abusing his admin privileges to express his political beliefs to the rest of the server’s members. He was quickly demoted and he was very angry at my beliefs. Half of the server had joined the call and were just listening to our back and fourth arguing about Antifa. After a few minutes he had left the server along with a few other members who probably thought the same thing. I knew less than half of the people in my server and all the people who had left were my friends who didn’t understand my view. After a few friendly engagements from my end, it was clear that they didn’t want to talk to me again because of my political views. Today I still rarely try and get in touch with them but no one wants to talk to me anymore.

In “The Complexity of Identity” by “Beverly Daniel Tatum”, she explains how understanding yourself can help you understand other people in the first half of the text. The second half introduced the idea of dominate groups and subordinate groups.

“Miller points out that dominant groups generally do not like to be reminded of the existence of inequality. Because rationalizations have been created to justify the social arrangements, it is easy to believe everything is as it should be. Dominants can avoid awareness because their explanation of the relationship becomes so well integrated in other terms; they can even believe both they and the subordinate group share the same interests and, to some extent, a common experience”

As I have pointed out in the past, its not common to have challenges to overcome on a per family basis. I am fortunate to not have major challenges and a good family. However, the majority of families that do have issues are mostly “victim” based and are not racially driven. I think the author is correlating “dominate” to the majority where the “dominate” group should be people who break away from the

“victim” mindset. The author later points out “*subordinates are very well informed about the dominants*”. I believe this is backwards and its the dominate group (not majority) that see in the positive light after we realize that we don’t have to stay negative anymore.

As 99% of everyone is already on the same “playing field” its unnecessary to help those who seem to not be but actually are. Its discriminating against the majority for no reason. This is mostly found in admission to some high schools and collages. Some collages have gotten in trouble for admitting people based on race to force diversity.

5. Media Shenanigans

The media has turned into absolute chaos. When I was younger I always just watched CNN because that's what my parents put on the TV. Once I started watching Tim Pool, I quickly realized that CNN is complete garbage, misleads people, and sometimes even straight up fabricates stuff just for clicks. I was always told, “fox news is fake news” as almost 100% of people have heard before. While they are biased, their far from fake news. In one notable instance a picture was taken of CNN and Fox next to each other during a live event. CNN’s headline was, “x confirmed y” while Fox’s was, “x did not confirm y”. If you went back and watched the broadcast in its entirety you would clearly see that CNN was lying to enforce their radical left narrative that their upholding with MSNBC. CNN usually uses short few second clips of President Trump to make it seem like hes saying something when hes not. If you watch President Trump speak you will realize that he seems way different then what CNN and MSNBC are trying to push. This happens all the time, just tune into CNN and you will see that they clip everything really short.

This is a very dangerous tactic as it traps people to believe that everything else is fake news. Ideally news networks should report the honest truth and not mislead you into any wrong information. This is what Tim Pool is doing, he is gaining popularity at an insane rate.

6. “Peaceful” Protests

Antifa is a far left organization that aims to get rid of fascism. Fascism is an ideology that aims to give a huge amount of power to the national government and allows the suppression of anything against it. Antifa has began to cause riots most notably right after the killing of George Floyd. These riots have continue to be a problem for major cities like New York and Portland. Conservatives would say that the entire organization of Antifa is being fascist, the vary thing they aim to eliminate. Depending on who you ask, most majority of people would say the US government system isn't fascist at all, it gives a lot of power to the states and further to the people. The Bill of Rights can further this argument.

You would be inclined to believe that these riots are only caused by Antifa, but you would be wrong. The majority of riots in Portland and New York were BLM protests but turned into riots in the name of BLM. Further enforcing the fact that some media companies mislead or lie is the fact that they call everything that's happening protests but don't tell you when there actually riots. There is a famous meme of a reporter from CNN standing at a riot saying, “fiery but mostly peaceful protest” right in front of a burning business.

Most people when I tell them this usually respond with, “well I only support the protest and not the riots”. The problem with this stance is even if you don't support the riots, you are encouraging them when you support BLM. These riots have cause ridiculous amounts of property damage in both New York and Portland and had destroyed countless businesses. These businesses are disproportionately minority owned, where there packed closer together and cant afford the damage caused by smashed windows, fires, and explosions. If minority own businesses are being disproportionately destroyed, then is supporting BLM really worth the cause? As I had explained previously, minorities are not really at a disadvantage and the majority are not privileged with anything.

Joe Bidden advocates for these protests that are actually making the poverty imbalance even worse. Joe Bidden also wants to put our troops back in Iraq and Iran where President Trump took them out of. He also isn't mentally or physically fit to be president, he frequently screws up what he says and has been accused of using steroids in many events. He also frequently has prewritten responses that he reads off a screen to answer questions. He has been accused that his team is just telling him what to say. He also sometimes claims things that are obviously false. One instance of this is when he claimed a black man invented the light bulb, not Edison.

7. COVID-19

Before the lock downs, I would be programming for a couple hours after school every day. I would usually be working on “Unnamed Blocks”, a block based programming language environment. Because of the restrictions on the cheap computers that we were provided at school I was unable to code efficiently there. When the lock downs were beginning to take place, I was happy that I didn't have to drive to school every day and that I could just get in a virtual class. This meant that I had a lot more time to code or talk to my friends.

After a few months went by into summer, I started to miss seeing my friends and talking to them in person. With public places being closed it was really easy to waste my time and not think about going anywhere during the whole summer. Around when school started up again virtually, I started getting into photography and image/video editing. These were “back burner” passions of mine that I kept pushing back. So far during this pandemic I've changed more of my lifestyle then I ever had before.

Many people are skeptical about the CDC main posted numbers on the deaths of COVID-19. Many critics say that the numbers are misleading. The main posted numbers are if a death occurs and COVID-19 is involved then it counts as a death. The CDC does have a section on their website that excludes COVID-19 as the ONLY cause of death. This number is much closer to the real number of

deaths. According to the CDC, only 6% of deaths had COVID-19 be the only cause. This means that whatever death number they give publicly needs to be multiplied by 0.06 for the minimum death count. Its likely to be higher than this because “Intentional and unintentional injury, poisoning and other adverse events” and others like it are excluded from the 6% figure.

8. President Trump

I certainly don't know everything about President Trump, but I know enough to say that Liberal greatly underestimate what he has done for the country. One massive misconception about President Trump is that he delayed efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. This isn't true as he was working with the CDC to find out as much as they could about the virus as soon as possible. What a lot of people don't realize is that it's the states' job to lock down or put protective measures in place. A lot of people are blaming President Trump for something that the states should be in charge of. Here are a few things President Trump has done:

- economics degree
- return countless troops from the endless wars in Iraq and Iran
- decreased the amount of people in poverty
- reduced taxes significantly
- banned oil drilling off parts of the east coast
- amazing economic growth throughout the US
- [many, many more listed here](#)

9. Understanding

As I learn more and more about peoples' world views I become more knowledgeable and understanding. "The Complexity of Identity" stated, *"What do I learn from the media about myself? How am I represented in the cultural images around me? Or am I missing from the picture altogether?"*. The most important thing we can do during this sharply divided time in our country is to talk to each other. Most Liberals don't care to understand the policy and the logic behind Moderate or Conservative views, they will just ignore the other side. This is dangerous and is unfortunately very common throughout the country. I openly call the Democratic Party (as it stands today) a hive mind because almost everyone who identifies as a Liberal doesn't understand anything about the views and logical side of Moderates or Conservatives. If you ask a Conservative what they think about democrats you will get a similar response. Ask a Liberal what they think about Conservatives and you'll get something emotional like, "their evil" or "they think their better then everyone".

Its difficult for me to talk about conversations I have with friends because those conversations never end. If I were to talk about what I had said and the responses that I had gotten so far, I would be misusing their arguments or challenges. Until we are on the same page, Its really hard to justify using their arguments without them to counter it or comment on it.

My political journey has been filled with crazy information and views I never thought I would take as my own. As you may understand, I am very new to politics and I certainly don't know everything. I want to take this opportunely to say that I am very open minded and free to see the world from other peoples' perspectives. I want to be corrected or challenged because that makes me more informed about what other people have to say. More people need to challenge their own beliefs and understand that they don't know everything. This is unfortunately not common and probably will never be. I cant wait to see what I learn next and what interactions I will have along the way.

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