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AndrewG said...

I don't like cancel culture and I think that counts. I've been raving about the extremism of Richard Dawkins for years. I'm not saying don't call out hypocrites. I'm saying you have to actually engage in the substance of the issue at hand to get a reasonable idea what actually should be canceled and what shouldn't. And that's hard and complicated and looks bad to people who aren't going to do the hard work of figuring out what can be reasonably called BS. Liberalism is hard and messy. Democracy is hard and messy.no wonder authoritarian ideology (including that on the left) can be so popular, can demagogue liberals so easily, gives such pat answers to complex questions, can't stand criticism, is allergic to a fair reading of the best evidence ...

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