

The Virtues of Vice Signaling

There has been much discussion in recent days of the new social phenomenon of “virtue signaling,” that strange, offensive and unprecedented behavior in which a person makes the choice to actually express an opinion as to what they consider bad behavior, as well as good behavior. Clearly “virtue signaling” is a new development in human history because in all of previous human history, as we all know, no human beings ever had the slightest concern with matters of good and evil, or social norms, let alone with advocating openly for any set of values, and least of all with signaling their affiliation with or membership in any group because ultimately human beings of course don’t depend on other human beings at all in any way, and particularly not on groups of human beings.

Let us now declare the obvious truth; this sudden and unprecedented upsurge in “virtue signaling” is a form of degeneracy, and anyone advocating for any set of values at all is a threat to society as we know it.

Screen: How to Deal with the Crisis of Virtue Signaling

Some believe that the proper response to the clear and present danger of virtue signaling is to roundly condemn virtue signaling in all its forms. Indeed, there is virtue in this approach. What better way to declare one’s own virtue, after all, than to condemn anyone else’s expression of opinion as to what is and isn’t virtuous?

Competition in this area of virtue signaling through the condemnation of virtue signaling has become fierce, so fierce that virtue signaling by means of condemnation of virtue signaling may be nearing a point of diminishing returns, and even possible exhaustion of opportunities for approval from others through this means.

Therefore I propose a different approach, one that offers an entire field of new opportunities for social approval, social bonding, pride, sharing, and even mutual pleasure.

Screen: Vice Signaling: A New Frontier

The new approach is very simple:

1. Buy a small vice.
2. Write a specific vice of your choice on an index card, slip the card into the mouth of the vice, and tighten the vice firmly.
3. Carry the vice with you wherever you go, and display it openly yet not ostentatiously.
4. Remain alert to every new opportunity that opens before you.

Opportunities may take the form of unexpected interaction with strangers, studies in ornithology in the form of middle fingers directed your way, or perhaps a polite invitation to indulge in the particular vice together, as a way of sharing, getting to know each other, and exploring new possibilities together, and perhaps even further vices.

Screen: [large vice] Just imagine the social pressure this vice could produce.

Remember to choose your vice carefully, and to carry your vice in an unassuming manner, in order to not offend others. After all, you wouldn't want anyone to think badly of you, especially not strangers you will never see again, and certainly don't care about.

Our list of vices is not in any particular order, and is far from comprehensive, so do make an effort to think of your own vices that would contribute positively to the good of society, or at least be fun for a while. If your goal is to harm your health, there are plenty of vices that are already quite popular and also have the benefit of being very expensive.

Ready? Here we go!

- Smoking
- Letting your fingernails grow too long
- Not making your bed
- Watching sports past the age of 14
- Watching sports at all
- Littering
- Speeding
- Not washing your hands after using the bathroom
- Picking your boogers in public
- Eating your boogers
- Eating other people's boogers
- Overeating
- Eating fried food
- Watching pornography or Fox News, one of which will damage your mind
- Complaining about virtue signaling
- Taking conservatives seriously
- Taking religion seriously
- Listening to the same mediocre music again and again
- Not challenging yourself mentally
- Not challenging yourself physically
- Not challenging yourself emotionally
- Not challenging yourself spiritually
- Mistaking your opinions for reality
- Gossiping
- Laziness
- Wasting your time
- Wasting other people's time
- Eating crappy food
- Giving yourself Type II diabetes by being a slob and an idiot
- Joining a fraternity
- Thinking that you're a member of a "race"
- Thinking that anyone else is a member of a "race"
- Judging other people, but thinking you shouldn't be judged
- Making the medical system even more expensive by not taking care of your body
- Unwittingly participating in the military industrial complex

- Watching sitcoms
- Shopping at Needless Markup
- Buying a dumbass expensive car
- Living in a McMansion
- Talking about real estate
- Knowing only one language
- Letting your butt crack show
- Being a "patriot" and a bad example of a human being at the same time
- Gambling
- Buying lottery tickets
- Wasting money on expensive crap to make yourself feel special, you douche
- Not picking up your dog's poop
- Catcalling, and thinking it's even remotely acceptable
- Bragging
- Name dropping
- Hoarding
- Dressing like a skank
- Being proud of your own ignorance
- Not voting
- Sitting too much
- Gun worship
- Bad posture
- Watching super hero movies
- Complaining about what anyone else does sexually, as though it's any of your business
- Drinking bottled water
- Whining about LBTGQ+
- Hogging the conversation
- Complaining about California
- Coveting your neighbor's cattle
- Not eating your vegetables
- Not chewing your food thoroughly
- Condemnation of masturbation
- Watching "reality" television
- Taking celebrities seriously
- Any sexual fetish that isn't actually interesting

- Excusing the bad behavior of anyone in your group, just because they're in your group
- Talking about your ailments
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- Using "air quotes" inappropriately