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 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
FANNING THE FLAMES
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"UFF DA" MOMENT!



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Here's what provoked me:

Hey SB! Look at that letter in your local paper today about "verking hard." Sometimes the foolishness we hear, read, and see is just silly! And at other times the silliness we hear, read, and see is just foolish! What say you? – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit.

Here's my response:

Fanning the Flames of Political correctness! An "Uff Da" Moment!

On August 14, I enjoyed an upbeat report about the Minnesota Orchestra's past trials, good things now happening, and the much anticipated nine-day European tour ("Minnesota Orchestra caps comeback with European tour"). On August 21, a writer felt compelled to spoil some of the fun ("Mocking Vänskä's accent was not cute, it was uncool"). The writer considered one of the quotes "pointless, demeaning and unnecessaryreally bad form, Strib....."

Amid several informative quotes from renowned music director Osmo Vänskä, reporter Graydon Royce used an almost affectionate "bulletin board type" quote describing the new "ethic" of the orchestra musicians as "verking hard." (I thank the protesting writer for including a parenthetical explanation that Vänskä's "w" in his native language is pronounced with a "v.")

Some people believe they gain political status by exhibiting outrage. And the greater the outrage relative to the concern, the more they gain. It's a slow process, but here's what I see happening with some people and issues: First there's a worthy push for tolerance; then more tolerance; then more, on and on! We eventually discover the definition of infinite tolerance is actually.....INTOLERANCE! Such is the long, slow path to divisive "political correctness." And we don't even notice it's happening!

My Norwegian/American grandmother once told me: "Being foolish makes you look silly, Stephen!" And I can almost hear her saying, after reading Royce's report: "Uff Da! Vel, vat's wrong wit dat?"

And another "UFF DA" moment is in the books!