

 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
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Here's what provoked me:

A writer bemoaned the rise of anti-intellectualism in the U.S. starting with George W. Bush. He clearly equates conservatism with ignorance and liberalism with wisdom. Read on

Here's my response:

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Gene Lopez sets us all straight with his pseudo-intellectual sermon "Twisted values" (May 12). He draws a line connecting the "rich, educated and intelligent" Founding Fathers right through history to the highly intellectual Barack Obama. He's careful to point out those Founding Fathers of ours certainly "weren't blue-collar laborers."

Lopez bemoans what he describes as "anti-intellectualism" coming into vogue. "It may have started with George W. Bush," says he. He shows his personal pseudo-intelligence with this declaration: "Democracy doesn't mean 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'" Of course, for Lopez, conservative thinking equates to ignorance and lack of understanding, while liberals have tapped the source of true knowledge.

To demonstrate liberal wisdom Lopez asks: "When did diplomacy and talking instead of invading become a bad thing?" Thanks for the intellectual enlightenment, Mr. Lopez. But in answer to your question, diplomacy and talking becomes a bad thing when it doesn't work but you keep doing it. Kinda' simple, huh!

At the risk of appearing too "pedestrian" to you, Mr. Lopez, I'm starting to conclude that you're just an intolerant intellectual "wannabe."