

I'M STILL WONDERING ABOUT SOME STUFF

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I've been wondering:

- We see many warnings about how we should be worrying about changes to Social Security. Shouldn't we be worrying about the possibility of NOT changing Social Security?
- Someone told me that "freedom means no one has the right to tell me what to believe." I responded, "No - freedom means they can tell me, but I have the right not to do it. What do you think?"
- We often discuss the differences between conservatives and liberals in terms of taxes, size of government, budgets, etc. But don't you agree that it's becoming clear that a new basis for comparison is their differences regarding sovereignty - conservatives have a passion for, the liberals not so much.
- Imagine modern day San Francisco litter with needles, syringes and human feces. In that imagined scene, notice the city council member walking down the street, dodging the "debris" until eventually ducking into City Hall to attend a vote outlawing plastic straws. How far from the truth do you think that is?
- Obama dispersed his immigration problem around the country by planting illegal immigrants around the country with consent of the receiving community. How is that different from Trump's suggestion that they be sent to "sanctuary cities"? - paraphrased from The Patriot Post.
- About 12 million people enrolled in Obamacare policies. If that's the case, how will 24 million people die if it's repealed. Wouldn't there have to be mass executions far exceeding those during the holocaust? Or am I miscalculating? - Anonymous
- It's been established that Ted Kennedy contacted Russian officials requesting help defeating Reagan. Little objection ensued. Obama was recorded telling Russian President Medvedev that he, Obama, would have more flexibility after his reelection. No criticism from the press. Compare that to the context of Trump's experience over the last two years from the Helsinki meeting with Putin, through all those things investigated by Mueller. The President has been accused of treason - a capital offense. Can you explain the contrast?
- The significance of true lies is diminished when lumped together with mistakes, difference of opinion, and exaggerations. Is that the current face of politics?
- Equality is such a significant goal for many on the left that I'm becoming convinced a large contingent would reject greater average prosperity overall, if it was accompanied by inequality. Would that mean the left would be in favor of a lower average economic wealth as long as it came with true equality? I must admit, I don't understand the tradeoff.
- Sometimes progressives are the most zealous moralists. Witness Congressional Democrats' questioning of certain Christian appointees for administrative and judicial

positions. Is this an attempt to create the impression that faithful Christians, whose beliefs are at odds with newly “sanctified” cultural mores, are incapable of doing their jobs? – borrowed from David Harsanyi and paraphrased. Is that what’s called “selective morality”?

- “People believe ‘Fake News’ because they want it to be true.” – quote from National Review’s Jim Geraghty – Isn’t that a form of “confirmation bias”? I guess we all would have to plead guilty to some measure of that affliction.
- “Trump’s playground insults are penny-ante compared to the totalitarian insults of the average Democratic politician or activist who not to mention toxic masculinity or white supremacy.” – quote from Christopher Chantrel – I’m thinking hypocrisy is a new rule for political survival.

Just wondering.