

## Prepared Questions

### 1. Universal Suffrage?

- Granting power without associated responsibility?
- Voting for Women's agendas for safety and security?

### 2. Lack of Sexual Modesty?

- Freud, Unwin?
- Civilization built on sexual tension?
- Sign of a society losing its moral roots?

### 3. Downgrading or Demeaning Males

- Loss of the capacity to create and maintain civilization?
- Penalizing and hamstringing the very people who create the wealth that women need?
- Doris Lessing: If women ran things, we would still be living in caves.

## Takeaways:

- 1. Adding vulnerability to judgments.** Any attempt to establish an evaluative history within the functional specialty of Dialect requires a combination of higher level operatives such as Lonergan's transcendental method and functional specialization, and a reliable judgment concerning the markers concerning what to look for in any given unique socio-political situation. Regardless of one's response to the two videos, the fact remains that they raise important and indeed critical questions concerning progress and decline.
- 2. CC—PP: The Tragedy of the Commons.** One important marker of a civilization in decline is the presence of a commons upon which individuals can prey while the collective suffers.
- 3. It's only a very rich society indeed that can afford mistakes.** Women's suffrage may turn out to be a massive mistake, one that may lead back to the very patriarchal society women sought to escape—only it will not be led by Western men. In the meantime, accumulated wealth allows for a gradual decline until the system can no longer support itself.

## The Emergent Cosmopolis Project

### Brainstorming markers for progress/decline

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## White-board Notes: Brainstorming Markers

### Paying attention to one's own accepted and trusted evaluative history: sound, or unsound? Further questions?

- 1. CC—PP: Common Cost—Private Profits and the Tragedy of the Commons (Garrett Harden).** The "CC—PP" strategy removes personal responsibility from the individual when the person stands to profit while the costs are carried over to society. In this case, women as a collective stand to personally profit from acquiring power and control over their own lives without a corresponding assumption of responsibility. Heinlein had it correct, in *Starship Troopers*, when citizenship is granted only to those willing to put their lives on the line to protect and preserve it. Otherwise, democracies have a tendency to work to the momentary passions and obsessions of the electorate, who when they have the opportunity have a tendency to promote their own interest.
- 2. Productivity vs. Human Interests.** The thing is, a complex industrial civilization like that of the West depends upon organizations that adopt an efficient and effective use of available resources regardless of the personal or human costs involved. The trade-off is simple: society becomes an effective producer of a steady stream of affordable goods when allow to rationalize their actions, but productivity suffers when other interests such as equality of outcome are enforced or resources socialized. Such waste can be tolerated in a rich society, but as resources diminish the situation changes and a meritocracy or patriarchal system will dominate. The return on investment on educating female doctors is far less than that of a man.

- 3. Opportunity Costs.** One of the difficult things to assess is the loss of what could have been should resources have been allocated in one way over another. This becomes acute when resources are devoted to promoting counter-positions that can only be overturned: not only are these renounces wasted on an ill-considered enterprise, but lost also are what could have been had these same resources been allocated to sound positions that have the potential for development. Not only are future generations paying for keeping the current bloated government alive, but the development that could have occurred have been effectively erased from human history.
- 4. Regulation.** The first point is that power, if it is to be legitimate, has to be matched with responsibly. Disconnecting the two allows for dominating others without suffering any of the effects, as is the case in gated communities whose members protect themselves from illegal immigrants. This is unfortunately clear when women acquired the power to control their own fertility without having to take any responsibility for providing the next generation of workers who will provide for them. Europe is currently being flooded by non-assimilatable immigrants living 8th century lives, an influx of over 85% males that will create a greater male/female imbalance than that created in China with the one-child polity.
- 5. Virtually Unconditioned Judgments.** The point in raising these issues is not to take these statements as being true, but to recognize that these questions—if ignored or left unanswered—place any judgment over progress and decline as incomplete. This allows the emergence of unexpected consequences and/or unanticipated events that can through a complex non-linear society into turmoil.

### 1. Femppocalypse (35:24)

Karen Straughan, February 2012: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w\\_\\_PJ8ymliw&list=PLo1Jq23H\\_s5XVxAseMKYJA4aH-3cOI07si&index=8&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w__PJ8ymliw&list=PLo1Jq23H_s5XVxAseMKYJA4aH-3cOI07si&index=8&t=0s)

### 2. Why Women Destroy Nations/Civilizations—And Other Uncomfortable Truths (18:36)

Black Pigeon Speaks, (February 17, 2016): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ux-pVwBzFAkw&list=PLo1Jq23H\\_s5XVxAseMKYJA4aH3cOI07si&index=7](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ux-pVwBzFAkw&list=PLo1Jq23H_s5XVxAseMKYJA4aH3cOI07si&index=7)