

 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**  
**TO WHICH**  
**I SAY**  
**..... HUH?**



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*Here's what provoked me:*

*A writer attempted to mock an earlier commentary which actually had some interesting comments and practical advice. It was all about "political correctness."*

*Here's my response:*

**To Which I Say ..... HUH?**

In the May 27 Commentary section, Joseph Kibitlewski expresses his opinion that "political correctness" has hindered the true exercise of free speech. In doing so he reminds us that "the First Amendment's protection was designed to protect speech that may be offensive."

I believe Kibitlewski is making the interesting point that those pushing hardest for "political correctness" are doing so under the guise of demanding tolerance of certain people or opinions – yet in doing so, they are being intolerant of those with different opinions – i.e. "PC" is in the eye and heart of the beholder. This was an interesting and clearly stated explanation with some practical advice. I can see what he's getting at.

Then up pops Roger Quagliano who claims incredulous confusion with "Mr. K's" commentary. He describes his "Huh?" moments as when he just doesn't follow what the point is – and this is one of those moments. "Mr. Q" states: "Would somebody please explain to me what he (Kibitlewski) is talking about because he seems to want to blurt out socially unacceptable epithets, but feels his free speech is being suppressed by political correctness? Huh?"

I must respond to "Mr. Q" with a resounding ..... HUH?