

It's 1968 all over again

The storm clouds are gathering. Civil unrest has turned to civil upheaval and violence. Lines are being drawn and sides are being chosen. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Bobby Kennedy's deaths are behind us and so is Kent State and the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The Vietnam War is over. The 'pigs' have decided to call in sick and there is no thin blue line, no law and order mayors anywhere to be seen. Buildings are being occupied and others are being burned or looted by opportunists. The revolution is in full swing and none of us will be able to declare ourselves neutral in this fight because the anarchists don't care if we live in the cities or in the suburbs. To them, anyone who is White or has money is evil and deserves to be punished for their crimes. Names are being taken. Lists are being made. The clock is ticking, fast.

They're well-armed. They have cellphones, bricks, bats and software applications that can tell them when and where the next big confrontation is to take place. They've covered their faces and the adrenaline is pumping through their bodies. They're on a mission to riot and revise our history by telling us that we're all sinners and that we had better repent OR ELSE.

They are battle-hardened and their tactics of intimidation and threats are working. They've read 'Rules for Radicals' and Mao's Little Red Book. They've watched videos of the Black Panthers and the Weather Underground. They know where you live and they know what you've said on your Facebook page and they're ready to take you on where you work. They will accuse you of being a racist and your employer of being an enabler. They will try to get you fired and they will force you to bow before their god and apologize publicly for being an infidel. If you think you're safe, you're wrong. If you think your faith will protect you, you're wrong. If you think the police or our laws will protect you, you're wrong.

Only THEY are right and the sooner you accept that fact and buy their t-shirt, chant their mantra and recite the pledge of allegiance to their cause the sooner you can begin your new life of high-anxiety, fear and repentance. If you're an older, White person of privilege you had better write a check, soon, and then do what you can to make amends for the transgressions of your ancestors by joining the protesters on the streets. Take a knee. Bow your head in deep humility, take out a subscription to the New York Times and the Washington Post, cancel Fox News, burn any remnant of your Trump-loving past and kiss your former life goodbye.

Keep your mouth shut. Do not answer back when someone enters the room and says, "I'm a Liberal and what are you going to do about it?" Resign yourself to self-censorship and get used to the muzzle; it's going to be part of your new uniform for a long time to come. Learn to love Nancy Pelosi and Adam Schiff and Jerry Nadler and Maxine Waters and Al Green and the Reverends Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson. Take down the picture of Billy Graham from your wall and replace it with one of Barack Obama. Perform that exorcism on the demon of Rush Limbaugh from your radio and get used to the strident voices of Amy Goodman, Rachel Maddow and Don Lemon. They are your new gurus, your new role models.

Start thinking about how and where you're going to hide your money, because they WILL come for it one way or the other whether it's through their new improved IRS or by an army of Contact Tracers doubling as collection agents. Everyone knows you can't run a revolution without a revenue stream. It's best to look like you're poor even if you're not. Don't give them an excuse to confiscate your property. Beat them to the punch. Give away your car to NPR and register with a food bank. Make your presence known as a victim early on. You will be rewarded later.

This revolution will be different. This revolution is already different.

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