

In search of the Liberal soul

A couple of my friends have been after me to write something about what makes a Liberal a Liberal, so here goes. I've chosen to look at the three basic parts of the human being: the heart, the head and the soul. This pre-supposes, of course, that we all have a soul as well as a cognitive side (a head) and an emotional part (a heart). In order to do this analysis justice, I will need to use some comparisons to conservatives and some issues, so bear with me.

The head of the typical Liberal is constantly in flux, and it's cluttered. It's like a teenager's room, messy. It contains an ideology that is rooted in a belief that with just the right amount of behavioral modification and law-making, inequality can be eradicated. The key word here is 'inequality' as Liberals believe that under conservative rule and through the continuing application of traditional American values, our social construct and our economic system is inherently unfair to the 'disadvantaged' among us. This belief is also deeply embedded in their hearts and constitutes one of their core passions to which they constantly refer when criticism of their arguments from conservatives happens. This explains why they cannot sustain a long engagement in a logic or facts-based argument. *Liberals fear these types of arguments above all others.* This is why conservatives often experience dramatic and abrupt shifts in conversations with them, and it is precisely why conservatives need to pursue more of these facts-based arguments and not allow Liberals to move into the emotional or feelings zone.

Let's take a hot-button issue like abortion. Conservatives believe that mothers have rights to their bodies, but that the unborn also has rights. Liberals believe that the 'host' (mothers) have rights that outstrip their 'guests' (fetuses) in every instance. This notion flies in the face of their Liberal 'inequality' argument, but if you point that out to them, they will revert to the 'women's health' position, and claim that an embryo always has the potential for adversely affecting the woman's physical well-being and therefore deserves no veto right over its own destruction.

Catholic Liberals are conflicted. Their religion is all for protecting life, not taking it, and it presents a conundrum for them. Despite their religion's teachings, Liberal Catholics veer away from embryonic protection and justify their actions by prioritizing their politics over their soul's best instincts. The head is nowhere to be found, so more and more Catholics have chosen what they feel is the 'lesser of two evils' and are pro-abortion.

On immigration, Liberals default to their world view in their heads and hearts that there should be no borders, and that all people should be able to move freely back and forth between countries, unhindered. In their hearts, they know that all human beings are by nature, law-abiding, and that so-called 'illegal immigrants' should be treated as citizens of the greater world rather than their own country and are entitled to the rights of any country they find themselves in, regardless of their citizenship.

This view is, of course, myopic and unrealistic given that borders and laws are what keep anarchy and chaos at bay and what constitute sovereign nations. To Liberals, laws against such movement are unfair and burdensome and that the U.S. is being *unkind* and *unfeeling* by having them and enforcing them. This belief grounds them in their Liberal philosophy, and while it may exist in their heads, it has also freely migrated to their hearts. Anyone criticizing them is considered to be a card-carrying hegemonist or racist. In any argument of that position, they will default to the emotional reasons for open borders with no penalties for trespassing. In short, borders are racist. Walls are racist, and anyone advocating for either one is a racist, plain and simple.

Liberals believe that laws (some laws) are necessary, but they are happy to choose to support only those that fit their narrative of good and evil: conservative laws that track with our Constitution are evil and those that offer a pass are good and are deemed worthy of observing. This all goes back to their basic philosophy of America as an unequal country that has succeeded solely because it has oppressed minorities.

Now we have come to what the Liberals believe in their heads and hearts - the U.S.' historical and systematic oppression of specific minority groups. Blacks and Hispanics top the list. Slavery was bad; everybody agrees on that, but so was the discrimination of the Chinese in the 19th century. There is little mention of that in Liberal circles, largely because Asians have done a better job climbing the ladder of success in America, and to mention them would present a dilemma. It would beg the question of why Blacks have not done better. Liberals will say it's because of widespread discrimination, bigotry and racism on the part of the White power structure elites.

The idea of a land full of victims is a powerful driving force for Liberals. Basically, anyone who is a minority can be classified as a victim or a victim-in-waiting. That goes for the poor and the homeless and, of course, undocumented immigrants. Ironically, privileged White college students are also victims of a malicious conspiracy to saddle them with student loans and to indoctrinate them into believing that they should be protected from uncomfortable encounters with conservatives or speech that calls their beliefs into question, which is why Liberals support 'safe spaces' for the so-called 'snowflakes.'

Then there's terminology, the words Liberals prefer to use are those that soften reality and make it more palatable to them. Euphemisms like 'gay' used to describe homosexuals is just one. 'Undocumented migrants' is another. Anyone daring to use terms other than the 'accepted' Liberal lingua franca is subject to severe criticism and condemnation.

Do Liberals really believe that they can save the world? Yes, they do. That's why so many of them are up in arms about our withdrawal from international agreements like the Paris Climate Accords. Their views on climate change are heartfelt as well as headfelt. Opposing views are dismissed out of hand. To them, Donald Trump represents everything wrong with America, and no matter how much good he does, he will always be Satan's henchman in their eyes. He is emblematic of everything their side is against, and that explains their rabid hatred for him. That also explains why they are willing to elect ANYBODY from their ranks to replace him, no matter how radical that person might be. The next year and half will see them pull out all stops to impeach him or destroy his chances to pass even the most benign immigration or infrastructure legislation, for example.

In the Liberal soul there is always room for more hatred. Pity that the Liberal head is so muddled and their hearts have turned to stone.

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