

It's coming and there's nothing we can do about it

The New Mexico Legislature and our Governor are the state's new ruling class and they're not wasting any time in trying to re-make us into an uninhabitable place for those who value - and wish to protect - the personal space between fence lines. Bills that are making their way through the Democrat-dominated committees are designed to turn us into the poster state for the new Progressive order, something that will make our neighbor to the north look conservative by comparison.

Don't believe me? Take a look for yourself on www.nmlegis.gov and see if you disagree with my prediction that the relatively laissez-faire life we have known for decades will fade faster than an old photo in sunlight after the legislative session closes. Before I go into more detail about some of the bills, let me give you my theory about the differences between Democrats and Republicans that create this legislation...

Democrats are dreamers. They live in a world of their minds' and hearts' own making. They see things as how they ought to be and could be if all those pesky Republicans, Conservatives and Libertarians would just keep their mouths shut and stay away from polling places. The Ds are like termites on a mission to devour a structure (in our case the status quo of American values) as fast as possible. They use their powerful jaws to paint beautiful word pictures about how, with only a little loss of personal freedom (and a lot of our hard-earned money which they will gladly separate us from), we can become one with each other, dissolving all the differences that separate us. Think the Beatles' "Imagine."

After all, utopia is only a few well-placed laws away, but it must be paid for. That makes me think of Popeye's friend, Wimpy, when he approached the sea dog with, "I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today." The Ds' financial strategy of paying for their new world is rooted in using other people's money, but never repaying it. I have listened to their lofty rhetoric from Roosevelt to Kennedy to Clinton to Obama and it all sounds the same: "dream a little dream with me." (Mama Cass was far more believable and entertaining.)

Staying in the insect world, the Ds are Disney's Jiminy Cricket but without the conscience, singing "When you wish upon a star" to those of us in need of redemption from our misguided conservative ways. Don't think for a second that they will give up. Their mission is to either convert us or crush us. Disneyland is reality to them and they are not going to use Mickey Mouse Club songs and dances to win us over. Ironically, they will use that which we respect the most against us...the law. That, my friends, is their m.o. and we had better commit it to memory.

The Republicans are another kettle of fish, entirely. They're the realists. Oh, sure, they dream, too, but the big difference is...they wake up. For the Rs, facts, history, human nature and common sense are the main ingredients in their decision-making and that influence their world view. They see things as they are and know how they got that way. They don't indulge in flights of fancy. Instead, they convene, converse, conjecture and commit themselves to actions that benefit the individual, knowing that it is individuals that make up the collective, not the reverse as the Democrats believe.

The Rs believe that good decision-making is made infinitely easier when you have all of government's mistakes to look back on and a Constitution to go forward with. Dreams are fine; they give inspiration and sometimes new hope, but dreams are both fleeting and fickle while human nature remains basically unchanged. Back to Disney. Democrats are Peter Pan and Republicans are Davy Crockett. "Be sure you're right and then go ahead" was not concocted by Tinkerbell to spur Peter on to more adventures in Never-never land.

Republicans have difficulty in understanding Democrats, but their legislative preferences give them away. Guns, procreation, drugs, death, money. All these are subjects of laws winding their way through legislative committees. At least two gun control bills look likely to pass (on universal

background checks and gun confiscation). On procreation, one bill wants to permit giving birth control to underage girls without their parents' knowledge or consent. Another bill would legalize so-called 'recreational' marijuana and send us spiraling into a world of 'stoners' who wish to escape reality (a totally non-Republican thing) and add one more vice to the already large number of problems facing our dysfunctional state.

Death by assisted suicide is also among the Left's new offerings. Cynics will tell you that this bill has staunch support of the health insurance companies and the medical community, but they are wrong. Most doctors don't believe that killing their patients is either ethically defensible or a good business strategy. Compassion should not become synonymous with killing. Then there is money, dinero, moolah, cash. The state is awash in it, and every hand from every special interest group and NGO is out, fingers outstretched.

Even our Governor, who hasn't even been in office one month KNOWS, yes KNOWS that her office needs \$1.3 million more to operate than the last governor needed in 2018. Since we don't have a New Mexico *True* word for chutzpah (which means audacious or shameless behavior), I'll coin one. Let's call her actions 'stone cold posole.' The English had a saying for when the inevitable was about to occur, especially when a husband would demand his connubial rights. They said, "Close your eyes and think of England." That's one way to look at the political change of course waiting for our state, but there is something that tells me that conservatives aren't going to let their state be hijacked by people with their heads in the clouds and their hands in our pockets without a fight.

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