

Living in the United States of hypocrisy

Our nation is going up in flames, both literally and figuratively. Black is being pitted against White by organizations and individuals alike. Black Lives Matter has become gentrified and race hustlers like Reverend Al Sharpton are still getting invitations to speak out on 'America's systemic racism' and the brutalization of poor innocent members of the Black community at the hands of America's racist police. Young people are being mobilized to 'fight the man' (read: the White man, the privileged man, the Republican or Conservative man and the corporate man).

There are plenty of villains to go around in the eyes of our youth. They're everywhere. They're the police and all those un'woke' persons who haven't seen the light and refuse to even consider defunding their police departments or condone the violence we've all experienced this last week. The Left is pushing 'selective observance of the law' along with a collection of fairy tale notions about how abolishing protective services will somehow release the 'better angels of our nature' and give rise to self-policing. Even people of my generation who should know better (because they've seen and experienced real life on the ground) are telling me that curfew laws, for example, should not give the authorities the right to enforce them, that "everything is relative" as if laws were mere *suggestions* instead of the very glue that holds societies together.

They tell me to 'chill out' and go with the flow. This is, after all, the Age of Aquarius. You know, the time when humanity supposedly takes control of the Earth and its own destiny as its rightful heritage with the destiny of humanity being the revelation of truth and the expansion of consciousness. Blah, blah, blah. They say that I am in a state of self-imposed denial and that my conservatism is blinding my *third eye* to the justifiable need for increased civil disobedience. Truth is, we've seen this movie before, back in the sixties, and it didn't win any Oscars then and it won't win any nominations today. Why? Because there are still enough of us oldsters around with good memories and fine-tuned BS detectors.

We graybeards won't be persuaded that the solution to sporadic (not systemic as they would have you believe) police overreach and brutality is to give up our view that law and order can't implement itself. No, we must celebrate the notion that all people will always follow the path of goodness on their own without laws to guide them or police departments to enforce those laws. "Defund those pigs," they say. Misguided bleeding heart Liberals on city councils are now pandering to the Black Lives Matter movement and to vocal minorities in their communities to do away with their protective services while they flagellate themselves with self-guiling. In case you haven't been following the trends of late, we White men and women are told we **MUST** start feeling a new, immediate, intensified sense of guilt for everything and anything that was done to our minorities hundreds of years before our birth. And if we don't, we must be shamed into it, and if that doesn't work, we must be attacked as racists and marginalized...or worse. We must be cast out of decent society, lose our jobs, our authority and be forever censored. Remember Nathaniel Hawthorne's Hester Prynne and the Scarlett Letter? Multiply that by a factor of a hundred and you'll have some idea of how determined the Left is to crush any departure from their orthodoxy. They are on an unholy crusade to break US and destroy our country as we know it.

Peer pressure is one of the Progressives' preferred weapons of choice. Intimidation and character assassination are two more. All are undergirded by lies that are constantly being disguised as the inviolable truth and then spread like a smallpox epidemic throughout their favorite social media. Anyone who dares to push back is ostracized. Such heretics' websites are blocked; their blog postings are censored, their videos are taken down and their voices are silenced by the new enlightened censors of social media. The hypocrisy of the Left is staggering. On the one hand they want the right to foment discord and revolt, citing their First Amendment right to do so, and on the other they strive to muzzle YOU and deny your right of free speech. The Left wants to be able to destroy your property and deface our public monuments (if not remove them altogether), but want protection for themselves on the streets as rioters loot, burn and steal.

They demand abortion rights for women up until the moment of birth, but want the poor little children of the underprivileged unwed mothers in America's blighted communities to be taken under the wings of the government and given everything from cradle to grave. They want your guns taken away or registered in massive data bases but don't want to give you any help if your life and property are threatened. They insist on opening our borders to anyone and everyone and want terms like 'illegal aliens' or 'undocumented persons' removed from our lips. Everyone is entitled to come here and live here without an invitation or permission and without papers. If they can't find work then they should be given enough money so they don't have to work. AND they should be able to vote in local and national elections.

Dangerous and often addictive drugs should be given the official stamp of approval and no one using them should be penalized in any way, shape or form, certainly not by incarceration. Prisons should only house murderers and of course white collar criminals. Everyone else should be free to roam our streets and cause as much mayhem as they wish. To show their compassion, the Left will insist that our rights to privacy must be sacrificed for society's 'greater good.' Should they get their way you can expect an explosion of CCTV (closed circuit television) cameras, more individual 'contact tracing', expanded databases of social (read: political) 'deviants' from the Liberal orthodoxy and greater centralized government control.

If all this sounds way too conspiratorial and 1984'ish to you, you can stop now and go back to reading the Washington Post or go online and order something from Amazon (both Jeff Bezos' enterprises). Or, you can log on to Facebook or compose a 'Tweet' and see if your posting goes through. Feel free to complain about me and name me as *an enemy of the (real) people* and vilify me as a dinosaur of the Right. To quote Rhett Butler, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." I'm getting older by the minute and my tolerance for mendacity and hypocrisy is decreasing at an even faster clip. My anger is being replaced with a resolve that makes we want to barricade my front door with spare furniture, lay in a few years' stockpile of groceries and then turn off my TV and radio and unplug my Internet connection.

Going off the grid is becoming more attractive with each passing day in these United States of Hypocrisy.

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