

Peeling back the 'diversity' onion

Hey, America. It's time we had a talk about *e pluribus unum* and what it really means for our country, especially in light of all the propaganda that's being injected into our collective bloodstream by the 'woke' Left. I'm speaking, of course, about *diversity* and its relationship to our nation's past, present and future.

For context, we need to go back to America's birth. Way back in the latter part of the 18th century, three prominent patriots: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin proposed that the new America should adopt a Latin motto to identify ourselves. They chose *e pluribus unum*, which basically means 'one from many' or 'out of one, many' to describe our core belief that the new Republic should be just that...one nation comprised of many states, each with their own voice representing their own population's voices. Pretty radical for its time (giving everybody a say), but it stuck as one of our essential strengths.

Our founding fathers were also well aware that the diversity of the country's people and their religions, traditions and lifestyles presented advantages and disadvantages when it came to the formation of our Republic. That's why they created a blueprint outlining our core values as a nation that built the next level on top of the ground floor of our multiplicity of lifestyles and beliefs. While that blueprint enumerated the people's rights to think differently and act independently of one another, it also gave our society a updated Magna Carta or legal and cultural touchstone of how diversity fit into a broader collective agreement on the values we held highest.

One of those values was a prophylactic that protected our society from tribalism, nepotism, elitism and cultural cannibalism. It was called, 'meritocracy' and it endured - unchallenged - for a couple centuries until special interest groups or breakaway tribes/demographic groups decided that it and the democracy that it undergirded should be replaced. The system they chose essentially reversed all the gains we as a nation had made since our revolution. The most important of which was the victory we achieved over elitism which had empowered an aristocracy or moneyed, protected class to exert control over everything and that had governed by unbridled power, fear and favoritism.

Exit meritocracy. Enter diversity.

By the 21st century, America had become a wealthy nation - discounting our current burgeoning national debt that is - and much of that wealth was due to a free market philosophy, liberal regulatory policies, and to a lesser degree an 'old boy' network of privileged families and inherited money. But for those who weren't the sons and daughters of captains of industry or 'wolves of Wall Street' there was one saving grace...America's meritocracy. It was a way for those who worked hard (and wisely) and who understood the system to prosper. The result? America created a new class of 'diverse' millionaires and billionaires that succeeded despite their station in life, race, ethnicity, education or politics.

That wasn't enough for the radical Left. They wanted the tables turned on all the *evil White supremacists, racists, homophobes, misogynists* (fill in your own blank) who, in their opinion, had so rigged the system that 'ordinary' men and women without sufficient means were left out in the cold with no hope of breaking down the door of the capitalists who had been oppressing them for centuries. What the Left really wanted was an American Revolution 2.0 that would give 'their' people the key to the vault where power and money were kept. And since the powerful were not going to go down without a fight they decided to use a modern-day Trojan horse to get inside the city walls. They gave it a name...diversity. Fully aware that this approach to destroy meritocracy and replace it with favoritism and install their own in positions of power would take longer, they chose a culturally deadly weapon - targeted accusations of racism - to accelerate their progress.

Realizing that there would be pushback on their racism accusations, they decided to employ an additional, more long-term tactic, that of changing how America saw itself in the cultural 'mirror.'

They called it *going woke* or a wholesale (re)awakening of American culture. Their aim was to question all our core values and replace them with the belief that we were a systemically racist country, built on centuries of oppression of America's minorities by an unfeeling (or unwitting) majority and that the only path forward was to eliminate meritocracy as the guiding principle for success.

Credit must be given to the Left. They have succeeded in frightening corporate America to adopt 'DEI' (diversity, equity and inclusion) into their HR departments. They have persuaded government into using 'box checking' identity-based hiring practices for civil servants and Schedule 'C' appointments and have intimidated and persecuted our military for doing what they were recruited to be...fighting men. They have wormed their way into our schools with CRT (critical race theory) curricula, opened up the doors to drag queen performances to grade-schoolers and instituted secret 'gender fluidity' programs that have totally by-passed parents.

Their 'revolution' must be stopped and stopped now before our guiding principle of "out of many one" becomes nothing more than an antiquated phrase, quoted by bespectacled political historians. America's resolve lies in her strength which is derived from widely-held and time-tested shared beliefs. While diversity is exciting and one of our society's foundational pillars, it cannot support our temple of freedom, alone. Only unity of purpose can.

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