

A Journey Back to our Future

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Watching the evening news and seeing buildings in flames, shop windows being broken and mobs chanting reminds me of things that took place long ago in Nazi Germany. The events happening in Portland, Seattle and Minneapolis remind me of the Reichstag burning, shops being looted, synagogues in shambles and chaos on the streets.

Who would ever have imagined that these events could take place in our country? The suppression of free speech in the mainstream media, the attempt to censor books and publications led in Germany to the infamous book burning of well-known authors like Thomas Mann, Remarque, Stefan Zweig, Bertolt Brecht and others.

Unfortunately, it looks like there is a replaying of this sad event in America today, with children's books like Dr. Seuss' being taken off the shelves. Did the poisonous ideology of the Nazis find its way to America? It is high time that we wake up, realize what is happening, and start to end these movements before they overpower us and take away our freedoms!!

Wake up America

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Since the Green New Deal was introduced by the political left, the discussions have intensified on TV, the press, congress and society. The question is asked: "What will the impact be on our standard of living, prosperity and quality of life?"

Some companies are claiming in their commercials that their products are saving the planet from man-made climate change. This is the result of 40 years of lies, misinformation, manipulation, scare tactics, etc. The truth is that there is no real data to predict the climate in 100 or more years.

Swiss climatologists have proven, for example, that the famous Eiger North Face drop was carved by a glacier 13,000 to 14,000 years ago. Switzerland was covered with ice up to an altitude of 3,800 meters. All models used are computer calculations based on individual assumptions. Why are the proponents doing this?

Because the "Globalists" want a redistribution of wealth. They want to abolish all sovereign nations and destroy their national traditions and identities, so that they can rule the whole world.

Common people would live in poverty, suppression and hopelessness, while the self-appointed elites get richer and richer. Some would be trillionaires.

It is high time for our nation to wake up and transfer the power back to where it belongs – back to "WE THE PEOPLE.."

CAPITALISM WORKS – Tom Zades

We have perhaps all heard the eloquent point that “Socialism is the equal sharing of poverty, while capitalism is the unequal sharing of prosperity.” There is a lot of truth there. But must prosperity elude so many Americans? When we hear Bernie Sanders say that growth in the economy is only benefitting the top one percent, he is saying that capitalism is *not working* or the “vast majority” of the people. We know this is a gross exaggeration.

We know that capitalism is working for the majority, although maybe not the *vast* majority. To win more votes, we need to show the economic fence-sitters how capitalism can work for them. One of our challenges has been expressed in the saying “Socialism works in theory, but not in practice, while capitalism works in practice, but not in theory.” Therein lies the rub.

Not being able to see how capitalism works – not having faith in the free enterprise, capitalist system - it is tempting to turn to government. Government is a lot more visible to the average American. There are thousands and thousands of companies operating in the private sector, but for the average citizen there is one state government and one federal government in terms of creating jobs or sending checks (Unemployment, Workers' Comp, Long-term disability, etc.)

As the far-left pushes for socialism it is clear that they are speaking for those for whom capitalism is not working. But why is it not working? There is certainly the element of preparedness in terms of attitude and aptitude. With those elements in place, skills and experience (and good paychecks) will follow.

We have also heard, in defense of capitalism, that “a rising tide lifts all boats.” But let's take it further and suggest that, *given a chance*, capitalism creates a rising tide that lifts all boats that are *seaworthy* (have the attitude and aptitude,) AND it helps those in dry dock get back on the waters. It might even motivate those “boats” sitting on the bottom of the sea to seek repair and try sailing again.

With enhanced attitudes and aptitudes, more Americans will find that the free enterprise system is working for them. And turn a deaf ear to Bernie and the far left.

A Rose by Any Other Name

Shakespeare's Juliet Capulet

I have a hunch that high school kids hear words like liberal versus conservative and think 'liberal-minded,' 'open-minded' versus 'old fashioned' and 'closed-minded.' I don't know how the liberal/conservative terminology got started, but it is not helping us a bit. And then the Liberals stole the term "Progressive." What does that make us then, "Regressive?"

And then there is the similarity between the words "democracy" and "Democrat." If you are in favor of democracy, you vote for the democrats, right? "Republican," on the other hand, sounds like an old-fashioned term for an old-fashioned party. We never hear America called a republic, except during the Pledge of Allegiance: "...and to the Republic for which it stands." (Are they even allowed to recite that in school anymore?)

I would think that 90% or more of the 18-year-olds graduating from high school and voting for the first time just naturally gravitate toward candidates and causes falling under the 'liberal' and "progressive" umbrellas. Who would vote for a candidate who is probably old fashioned, close-minded and backward-looking, since he/she is called 'conservative?'

The voting age in most states is 18, with provisions in some states for registering at age 17 or even 16. California's rule, for example, states that "You can pre-register to vote at age 16 or 17 and if you do, you will automatically be registered to vote on your 18th birthday."

Those young voters form voting habits that may last a lifetime, particularly if they don't tune in and pay attention. Entering the colleges and universities as Liberals, they emerge four or five years later mostly as far left radicals. But that's another issue.

Most of us know that both political parties have changed dramatically over the last few decades – Republicans for the better and Democrats for the worse. But voters "on autopilot" may never change.

Getting back to the subject of terminology, I notice that liberals avoid the word 'abortion,' choosing instead 'Choice' and 'Planned,' as in Planned Parenthood and a woman's choice. Isn't that a stroke of genius? It is actually the planned *avoidance* of parenthood, but they call it planned parenthood. They would never say they are "Pro-Abortion." It is always about a woman's right to choose ("Pro Choice".) Voters not paying attention (the majority?) are easily fooled.

"Liberal" has come to mean the opposite of its name. It is open-minded only to its 'woke' believers. Conservative: Upholding our founding values of personal freedom *for all*, opportunity *for all*. Those are very open-minded, forward-looking values. How

about Free and Fair Elections, the very foundation of democracy? Which group intervened, disrupted and stole the last presidential election?

Juliet would likely agree that a stinkweed by any other name would still stink. Same thing with "liberal." It stinks. "Liberal" now means 'closed-minded' and regressive. Conservative means the opposite.

Be that as it may, we have an uphill battle trying to undo what terminology and semantics are doing to the young and not-so-young minds that are not really paying attention.