

The End of Common Sense

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Phyllis Schlafly once wrote that after conducting extensive and often expensive research, social scientists routinely arrive at conclusions that most Americans already knew with certainty 25 years earlier, and without the benefit of any studies. What she probably had in mind was to illustrate the phenomenon of **common-sense**.

Echoing a similar sentiment, Bill Buckley once remarked that he would rather be governed by the first 400 names in the Boston telephone directory than by the **Harvard** faculty. No doubt his hilarious quote was inspired by the decline of real scholarship at **Harvard**, and the willingness of its faculty to embrace alien ideologies such as Marxism. Buckley's quip illustrates **Harvard's** willful rejection of common-sense.

It was no coincidence that Thomas Paine -- often called the "*Father of the American Revolution*" -- authored a polemic in 1776 titled **Common Sense**, which was the greatest source of inspiration for the 13 Colonies to declare their independence from Britain. With the exception of the **Bible**, **Common Sense** was the most widely read work in the American Colonies.

Speaking of **Harvard**, one of its philosophy professors named Ralph Barton Perry authored a book in 1912 titled **Present Philosophical Tendencies**. In it, Perry anticipated an era in which people would begin to accept ideas that "*no one has ever believed before.*" This was when **Harvard University's** faculty was world-renowned for its scholarship and intellect, rather than its Marxism or gender and racial *diversity*. For its first 300 years, **Harvard's** faculty tenaciously embraced common-sense and eschewed *fashionable* ideologies.

As Perry predicted, we are now routinely confronted with subversive and laughable ideas promoted by an unholy alliance of our "*political class*," the corrupt leftist media and government, which these three centers of power insist that we embrace. The irony is that most people with any sense find these ideas laughable, and it's only the fools who control these centers of power and influence who actually appear to believe them.

Normal people -- not poisoned by Marxism -- recognize that such attempts to indoctrinate us are usually fraudulent, a conclusion easily reached merely by considering the source. Most people recognize that in each instance, the indoctrination is done to further the aims of Marxist ideologues for whom "*truth*" is officially defined as anything that works to advance the Marxist Revolution.

The influence of Marxism in so-called "*higher education*" and its illegitimate offspring -- *feminism, multiculturalism, trans-genderism and environmentalism* -- has created a schism between normal Americans and our elite centers of political and cultural influence. That schism continues to widen, generating political and social instability, especially when our elites use the power of government to force submission to ideas most people recognize as absurd.

For example, the enablers and apologists for black violent crime rates, black property crime rates, black welfare participation, black academic failings and soaring rates of black illegitimacy often argue that **race is a "*false construct*."** In fact, the enormous differences between blacks and whites across the globe are powerful evidence that not only is race a *valid* construct, but that blacks and whites are probably two very separate and distinct species.

Inspired by the successes of apologists for the behavior of the black *underclass*, the *Ladies Auxiliary of Marxism* adopted their sloganeering and began to promote the quaint notion that **gender is a "*false***

construct," as well. Their fraud is exposed in a variety of ways, especially where "*transgendered*" males are permitted to compete in "*women's*" athletic events, where they usually dominate their biologically female opponents. Females make lousy cops, combat soldiers and firefighters, as well.

Another obvious lie is that black academic performance will achieve parity with that of whites if we merely spend more money on remedial education efforts aimed at blacks. To achieve such parity, the public schools have spent **TRILLIONS** on desegregation, *Common Core*, dumbed-down curricula, *No Child Left Behind*, *Critical Race Theory* and a variety of other fraudulent and destructive "*panaceas*." Despite these efforts, the **racial achievement "gap"** has actually widened.

Another crazy idea shared by our political and cultural elites is that our armed forces can successfully **impose pluralistic democracy upon Islamic Theocracies** living in the Seventh Century. Our disastrous experiences in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya should disabuse even the idiots in our *political class* of such a thing. While we did succeed at imposing democratic institutions upon the defeated nations of Japan and Germany following World War II, these two nations consisted of populations that were infinitely more intelligent, more disciplined, more literate and more civilized than the inbred goat-herders found in Islamic Theocracies.

Another novel idea promoted by our "*bettors*" within the centers of political and cultural power is that **homosexuals should receive all the protections and benefits of marriage**, and that these should include the **privilege to adopt and raise children**. This outrage has greatly undermined the institution of marriage, because now there are no definable or legitimate limits as to what constitutes a legally recognizable "*marriage*." Moreover, it is highly unlikely that children raised by "*two daddies*" or "*two mommies*" are going to be well-adjusted.

Our political and cultural elites have also promoted the outrageous notion that adolescent children should be permitted to "choose" their gender and be thus empowered to **seek gender reassignment therapy and even gender reassignment surgery as adolescents**. With their usual perversity, queers seem unable to acknowledge that adolescent children have no inkling of the consequences of gender reassignment at that tender age. Like those in the *North American Man-Boy Love Association* (NAMBLA,) queers seem intent on creating more victims for homosexual pederasts, and patients for the psychiatric profession their victims will require in later years.

Another ludicrous notion is that **race quotas** can be imposed on a nation without harmful consequences. However, as every reader knows, race quotas merely substitute less qualified individuals of a "*preferred*" group at the expense of those ultimately discriminated against. Nowhere was this more obvious than in the Supreme Court case of ***Bakke v. Regents of the University of California (1978,)*** which challenged the use of race quotas in the admissions policy of its ***Cal-Davis*** Medical School. Plaintiff Allan Bakke was rejected by ***Cal-Davis*** and preempted by a nigro named Patrick Chavis, who had significantly lower *Med-Cats* and a less distinguished grade point average.

Chavis became an Obstetrician who was sued eight times for medical malpractice and eventually had his medical license revoked in 1997 by the ***Medical Board of California***. Chavis appears to have made it a practice to perform surgery in his private home rather than in a sterile Operating Room. Two patients nearly died from negligence, and one DID eventually die. To hide his negligence from licensing authorities, Chavis failed to transfer the one fatality to a hospital and instead, doggedly attempted to treat her in his home until she died. That was the end of his career.

In his book *Warning to the West*, Alexander Solzhenitsyn warned us never to "*suspend belief in the evidence of our senses*." This was a more

elegant and gentle way of stating the old adage "***don't piss on my leg and tell me its raining.***" Both statements are valuable when weighing the enthusiasms promoted by our political and cultural elite against our own life experiences, judgement and common sense.