

"Fashionable" Ideas

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George Orwell once remarked that *"...some ideas are so absurd that only an intellectual could believe them."* His insight helps explain why our *"political class"* -- who see themselves as *"intellectuals"* -- are so hostile to *"populism,"* and why populists routinely reject their supposedly *"fashionable"* ideas. Fashion, it seems, has greater influence among America's *political class* than either common-sense or empirical evidence.

Like the *Bourbons* and *Romanovs* before them, our *political class* -- a mediocre collection of self-serving dilettantes and greedy fools from both political parties -- are swayed by the latest fashionable nostrums from leftist faculty lounges and other echo-chambers like the **NEW YORK TIMES**. In the process, they've frequently made the lives of decent citizens frustrating and sometimes unbearable through their arrogance and incompetence. They have often added insult to injury, because our *political class* has carefully insulated itself against the very plagues they've created and then imposed on normal Americans.

In the name of *"Equality of outcome,"* our *political class* has encouraged large public school systems to become terrible and dangerous places through school desegregation, race quotas, *Critical Race Theory*, and the dumbed-down curriculum imposed by U.S. **Education Department** grifters. Meanwhile, it sends its OWN children to *Exeter, Choate, Andover* or *Sidwell Friends*, preparing them for *Harvard, Yale* or *Stanford*.

In pursuit of the illusion of *"multi-culturalism,"* our *political class* has acquiesced in the decline of our largest cities -- once considered the *"gems"* of our civilization -- which are now dangerous, dysfunctional

and squalid cesspools, characterized by graft, violent crime, drugs, property crimes, illegitimacy, illiteracy, welfare, alcoholism, venereal disease and voter fraud. Yet, each night our *political class* flee these disasters they've created -- security details in tow -- and return to their gated communities and suburban oases such as *Georgetown*.

Under the delusion that subsidizing our mortal enemies would render them more "*democratic*," our political class has greedily encouraged the "**outsourcing**" of our manufacturing base to China and the "*Pacific Rim*." In their endless pursuit of ever greater wealth, they remain oblivious to what those manufacturing jobs meant to middle-class Americans, but remain confident that their *own* offspring will never need such a thing as a manufacturing job. **Yet, the betrayal of our political class is even worse than these brief examples suggest.**

SPENDING: In the mid-1990s, Republicans under the stewardship of Newt Gingrich controlled both Houses of Congress and forced a balanced federal budget from Bill Clinton for three straight years. Since then, our *political class* has spent other people's money like n*ggers with a stolen credit card. The Washington "*swamp*" has added over \$21 Trillion to our **National Debt** since 2001, and its current total of \$32 Trillion is about 20% more than America's highest GDP figure for any year.

Equally alarming, its debt-service -- or just the *interest* owed on our National Debt -- is nearing \$1 Trillion per year. We are mortgaging our **OWN** futures, not just those of our children and grandchildren. This treasonous and profligate spending is a betrayal of America as surely as Joe Biden selling *Classified Documents* to communist China in return for tens of millions of dollars to enrich the ***Biden Family Crime Syndicate***.

GENDER: While much of our political class pays homage to perverts and circus freaks, normal Americans -- **NOT** poisoned by **gender ideology** -- have no difficulty defining what a "*woman*" is, and recognize

that gender is an immutable and a natural manifestation of one's DNA. The fashionable notion that gender is somehow *fluid* has led to grotesque evils, particularly federally-funded "**gender counseling**" of grade school kids, who are encouraged to "*transition*" their gender if they feel "*uncomfortable*" with the way they were born.

Pre-pubescent children are too young and naive to appreciate the consequences of gender "*transitioning*," but are often unable to resist the prompting of adult authority, even adults with hideously bad judgement. Many who undergo "**gender reassignment**" surgery or hormone therapy later experience profound regret, and allege their lives were ruined after they were pressured into such dubious medical treatments.



Sup. Court Justice who cannot define "*woman*"

IMMIGRATION: Likewise, America's *political class* virtue signals to the corrupt leftist media by supporting an **open borders** immigration policy, but then conveniently ignores its catastrophic consequences. Their posturing has welcomed tens of millions of unskilled and often

dangerous Third World immigrants, for whom democratic institutions and an American ethos are as alien as indoor plumbing. This has permitted the Mexican drug cartels to flood America with **deadly drugs**, **Islamic terrorists**, and **6.5 million illegal aliens** in just Biden's first two years.

Moreover, the 300 cities and counties which declared themselves "**sanctuaries**" have never been made to pay a price for harboring illegal immigrants and refusing to cooperate with immigration authorities. This abdication of responsibility by our political class is truly bi-partisan: despite Republican majorities in Congress for the first two years of his administration, President Trump was denied funding to complete his border wall, subjecting us to a *tsunami* of 7,000,000 illegal invaders since Trump left office in January of 2021.

JUSTICE "REFORMS": Another fashionable nostrum that's infected our *political class* involves **criminal justice reforms** in which municipal and state authorities **impose light sentences, grant early parole, waive bail, convert felonies into misdemeanors, and refuse to prosecute serious crimes**. These insane "*reforms*" have swept across America like a plague, and have infected nearly every **BLUE** county governed by so-called "*Democrats*."

The "*brain-trust*" among our political class sagely concluded in 2020 that since George Floyd was wrongly martyred by law enforcement, then "**social justice**" requires that all other dangerous black criminals in America should be accorded much greater leniency. The rates for violent crimes and property crimes have **SKYROCKETED** in every one of those **BLUE** cities that adopted such *reforms* -- a fact denied by the dolts who govern them -- but they are a matter of public record, nonetheless.

INDOCTRINATION: So-called **Critical Race Theory** (CRT) is merely the ideology of Marxism viewed through the lens of race rather than class.

Normal people want no part of Marxism, especially since Stalin, Mao, Castro and Pol Pot intentionally murdered 100 million of their **OWN** citizens in the 20th Century. Yet, our political class enthusiastically supports CRT, and feverishly imposes it everywhere possible. Many of America's most vital and **important institutions** have fallen prey to the ravages of indoctrination by CRT.

Our public schools consume increasingly massive amounts of tax money while academic achievement declines precipitously. Our armed forces fall short of essential recruitment goals and combat readiness. And many large corporations have strayed from their primary mission to maintain their value to investors by adopting this "woke" agenda. CRT is a malignancy that has aggressively metastasized throughout America's institutions, rendering many unable to fulfill their primary missions. Yet, the dilettantes in our *political class* consider it fashionable, and therefore necessary and desirable.



100 Million Innocent Victims Between Them...

ENVIRONMENTALISM: When the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, communists quickly sought to camouflage themselves by shedding their traditional **RED** and adopting the color **GREEN**. America's rapid adoption of "**environmentalism**" was a good barometer of how far Marxism had

penetrated the "Democrat" Party and so-called "*institutions of higher learning.*" Since then its "**climate alarmists**" have waged a truly mindless **war on oil, gas, coal** and **nuclear power**, and seem determined to return us to the **Stone Age** and leave us vulnerable to foreign enemies.

Out of fashion or cowardice, much of our *political class* has either acquiesced in or condoned the hijacking of U.S. energy policy by Marxist dilettantes, who couldn't distinguish a kilowatt from a kiloton, or Uranium from Uranus. Our imbecilic *Secretary of Energy* recently mandated that all military vehicles -- including tanks -- must be converted to electric vehicles by 2030. Communist China is licking its chops, but our *political class* ignores this lunacy, even as it greedily pursues ways to profit from converting diesel tanks to electric.

CHINA: For 50 years, our China policy labored under the illusion that **China trade** and **investment** would make it more democratic. Our *political class* naively believed that China's leadership was guided by the *Confucian* ideals of pacifism and peaceful coexistence, rather than **Maoist totalitarianism**. Licking its chops at the prospect of a billion new consumers, our *political class* quickly granted China admission to the *World Trade Organization* and *Most Favored Nation* trade status. Then, flush with gains from Trillion\$ invested in China, our *political class* willfully turned a blind eye to China's **corrupt trade practices** and its flagrant violations of trade agreements.

Also ignored was China's massive **military expansion**, and its aggressive posture toward smaller Asian nations like Taiwan. America's *political class* of both parties have routinely betrayed America in their dealings with China, repeatedly undermining national security and allowing us to become dangerously **dependent on China**. China's current economic and military power has largely been achieved through the gullibility,

greed and capital of America's *political class*, which has greatly enriched itself in the process.

Time and again, in an effort to counter the tyranny of our *political class*, decent and honest Americans have spoken their minds through state referenda, only to see these grass-roots initiatives overturned by federal judges, the life-tenured and **unelected henchmen** of the *political class*, who often brazenly overreach their enumerated Article III powers to implement their Cultural Marxism and “*social engineering*” schemes.

Similarly, many times powerless middle-class Americans have attempted reform through the ballot-box, only to see their candidates - - those who don't become victims of **voter fraud** -- quickly succumb to **bribes** from reptilian lobbyists inhabiting the Washington “*swamp*.” They then become *poachers* instead of the *game-keepers* the electorate intended.

If our *political class* cannot understand America's growing *populist* sentiment, that's because it is BLIND TO ITS OWN INCOMPETENCE, GREED, TREASON and BETRAYALS that have brought us to the edge of an abyss. Few normal Americans, not poisoned by ideology, fail to recognize the self-imposed nature of the disasters we currently endure, and even fewer labor under any illusion about who got us to this point.

Having been chronically betrayed by our *political class* for many decades, so-called “*populists*” are willing to defend the Constitution and America's historical and cultural traditions by supporting almost ANY “*outsider*” over the “**known**” quantity, whose betrayals have been evident on a daily basis for at least 50 years.