

## "Luxury Beliefs"

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Greg Gutfeld is the *enfant terrible* of late-night TV, and much funnier and quicker-witted than Johnny Carson was. In marked contrast to Carson, Gutfeld is very conservative, and does not suffer leftist fools willingly. Also, unlike Carson, he can laugh at himself.

In early October, Gutfeld introduced his audience to a new expression, "*luxury beliefs*," one that appears to have been coined by author Rob Henderson, a very bright guy from a working-class background who is now at **Cambridge**. The term implies a litany of sacredly-held dogmas of the left, which only wealthy dilettantes with far too much time on their hands -- and far too little judgement -- could possibly believe. I've noticed the same phenomenon, but I termed it "*dilettante delusions*." More than anything, *luxury beliefs* may simply be an example of "*virtue signaling*" to each other by our political and cultural elite.

In 1912, **Harvard** Philosophy Professor Ralph Barton Perry predicted that people would someday begin accepting ideas that "*no one had ever believed before*," and *Luxury beliefs* are probably the realization of his prediction. At the same time, they are also illustrations of George Orwell's remark that "*some ideas are so absurd that only an intellectual would believe them*." While Marxist Theory has produced few legitimate intellectuals, most wealthy and elitist mediocrities on the left fancy themselves in such terms.

**As Perry predicted, we are now routinely affronted with laughable and usually subversive ideas promoted by an unholy alliance of our "political class," wealthy globalists from the "donor class," the Jews' Media and the Washington cesspool, all of whom insist that we embrace their phony virtue signals. The irony is that most people with**

any sense find most of their ideas ludicrous, and it's only posturing fools who control these centers of power and influence who actually appear to believe them.



**Ralph Barton Perry**



**George Orwell**

Normal Americans -- who work for a living and are not distracted by utopian visions of some "*New World Order*" -- recognize that such attempts to indoctrinate us are clearly fraudulent, a conclusion easily reached by simply considering their source. Most people recognize that in each instance, the indoctrination is done to promote the aims of Marxist ideologues for whom "*truth*" is officially defined as anything that works to advance their pursuit of concentrated power.

One common example of a *luxury belief* is the mindless claim that ***COPS ARE BAD AND CRIMINALS ARE MISUNDERSTOOD***, and the remedy usually proposed to correct this seeming paradox is "*justice reform.*" *Justice reform* inevitably means reduced penalties to criminals -- eroding their deterrent effect -- while handcuffing police. For criminals, it

specifically means decriminalizing most theft, waiving bail, more lenient sentences, and a more generous approach to parole. For police, it often means de-funding police departments, and the aggressive prosecution of those unfortunate cops who are compelled to use deadly force.

Where these so-called justice "*reforms*" have been adopted, violent crimes and property crimes have skyrocketed to historic levels. Yet, such consequences are rarely borne by its proponents, but rather by innocent residents of such counties, who must live in fear and often become victims of dangerous criminals. Wealthy individuals who give lip service to *justice reform* are usually insulated from its consequences because they can readily flee to their gated communities in the suburbs and exurbs, with security guards in tow. The greatest tragedy is that luxury ideas sometimes filter down to underclass blacks, who feel vindicated by refusing to cooperate with police or feel justified engaging in jury nullification of dangerous sociopaths like O.J. Simpson.

Another *luxury belief* often parroted by dilettantes is the notion that "**DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH.**" One doesn't hear it quite as frequently as before September 11th, 2001, when 20 Moslems out of the Seventh Century toppled New York's *World Trade Towers* and killed 2,500 "*infidels*" using 21st Century marvels of Western aviation technology. This motto also seems to have lost much of its luster after the honest and alternative news media in this country began chronicling the large numbers of Americans killed or murdered by MS 13 and other illegal aliens from south of the border. Moreover, recent nationwide demonstrations in support of *Hamas* terrorists -- after the latter's savage massacre of thousands of Israeli civilians in October of 2023 -- is also pretty convincing evidence that diversity is **NOT** our strength and may be our undoing.

Another luxury belief found among our wealthy dilettantes is the notion that "**RACE IS A FALSE CONSTRUCT.**" This is often parroted by enablers

and apologists who obscure stratospheric black violence, black property crime rates, black welfare participation, black academic failings and soaring rates of black illegitimacy. In fact, the enormous differences between blacks and whites across the globe are powerful evidence that not only is race a **VALID** construct, but if politics were not involved, blacks and whites would probably be considered two very separate and distinct species. The lie that race is a false construct is merely proffered in order to mask the staggeringly low standards of conduct among blacks, relative to every other race.

This *luxury belief* is also used to explain away profound disparities in white and black IQ levels, which translate into disparities in academic performance. Its proponents naively allege blacks will achieve parity with whites if we merely throw enough money at remedial education efforts aimed at blacks. To achieve such parity, the public schools have squandered **TRILLIONS** on desegregation, *Common Core*, dumbed-down curricula, *No Child Left Behind*, *Critical Race Theory*, remedial education and a variety of fraudulent and hopelessly ineffective "*panaceas*." Despite these efforts, the **racial achievement "gap"** has persisted and widened. However, our wealthy elite would never consider sending their offspring to attend the cesspools into which our inner-city public schools have regressed.

Inspired by the success of apologists for black underclass behavior, feminists -- *the Ladies Auxiliary of Marxism* -- adopted similar sloganeering and began to promote the quaint notion that "**GENDER IS A FALSE CONSTRUCT,**" as well. This *luxury belief* paved the way for a chorus of queers to claim that since gender is not merely "*binomial*" -- or a simple matter of male and female -- then it is "*fluid*" and better understood as a "*continuum*" of genders. (Like **Heinz**, 57 varieties at last count!) Their fraud is exposed in many contexts, especially where self-described "*transgendered*" biological males are permitted to compete against biological females in athletic competitions, where they usually

dominate their biologically-female opponents. Females make lousy cops, combat soldiers and firefighters, as well. In the meantime, normal people have no difficulty defining what a woman is.



**One of 57 Varieties of Gender**

By promoting the outrageous notion that gender is fluid, our political and cultural elite have paved the way for perverts to claim that adolescent children should be permitted to "*choose*" their gender and be thus empowered to **seek gender reassignment therapy and SURGERY, even as adolescents** and even without their parents' consent. With their usual perversity, queers and their enablers ignore the fact that adolescent children have no understanding of the consequences of gender reassignment at that tender age. Queers like those in the *North American Man-Boy Love Association* (NAMBLA) seem intent on creating

more victims for homosexual pederasts, and patients for the psychiatric profession their victims will require in later years.

Another crazy idea shared by our political and cultural elites is that the U.S. should be the world's policeman, and direct our armed forces to **IMPOSE PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY UPON ISLAMIC THEOCRACIES** living in the Seventh Century. Our disastrous experiences in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya should disabuse even the dilettantes 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 most Islamic Theocracies.

Another *luxury belief* promoted by our "betters" who control the centers of political and cultural power is that **QUEERS SHOULD RECEIVE THE 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 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. The stabilizing nature of the institution of marriage is rapidly disappearing among all levels of society, and much to our detriment.

Another ludicrous notion is that **RACE QUOTAS ARE BENEFICIAL**, and 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 for better qualified individuals who ultimately experience discrimination. Nowhere was this more obvious than in the Supreme Court decision 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 hospital operating theater. Two patients nearly died from his 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. Of course, our wealthy elites can be confident that **THEIR** offspring will never be bumped in the admissions process by a black applicant, nor will they be compelled by financial constraints to seek the professional services of an incompetent *affirmative-action* admission.

Our political and cultural elite have also routinely shown an enthusiasm to **SUBSIDIZE OUR MORTAL ENEMIES** by bailing out their failing economies, such as those of the USSR, China and Iran. This was often alleged to be beneficial because it supposedly demonstrated our benevolent and peaceful intentions toward them, and was often couched in terms of making *democratic* and *capitalist* allies out of our ideological enemies. This bizarre approach to foreign policy is often referred to as "**mirroring**," and implies that totalitarian dictators have the same motivations and goals that Westerners have. In reality, U.S. loans and "*trade credits*" to the Soviet Union in the 1970s allowed the USSR to divert resources from its agricultural and consumer goods sectors, and then amass the largest and most aggressively expansionist military in world history.

Likewise, for three decades the rapid growth of China's economy was achieved primarily at the expense of U.S. national security and our own economic growth. China considers rapid growth to be an essential

prerequisite for the military build-up it plans to challenge American economic and military preeminence in coming decades. Our political and cultural elite allowed China to join the *World Trade Organization* and granted it *Most Favored Nation* trade status, but then turned a blind eye to China's annual theft of \$500 Billion worth of U.S. proprietary technologies. They also ignored China's recurring \$500 Billion trade surpluses with the U.S., resulting from its currency manipulation and its imposition of large tariffs on U.S. imports to China. Not surprisingly, our wealthy elites benefited handsomely from investing in communist China's economy, while normal Americans could only watch as tens of thousands of manufacturing jobs were "*outsourced*" to China. Our wealthy elitists remained unconcerned, because they were confident *their* offspring would never need a manufacturing job.

Finally, our wealthy elites have adopted the fraudulent and ludicrous *luxury belief* of *climate alarmists* who insist that **PLANET EARTH IS BEING DESTROYED BY CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2) EMISSIONS** from industrialized nations. Wealthy *climate alarmists* fly all over the globe in their private jets -- leaving an enormous "*carbon footprint*" -- to conspire with like-minded leftists over ways to return the rest of us to the 19th Century. Yet, CO2 is an essential compound for all life to exist, because it is necessary for the process of photosynthesis that occurs within the cells of all green plants. Increasing levels of CO2 support more expansive plant life, and it is photosynthesis within green plants that produces the oxygen that we require to breathe. Climate alarmists conspire to destroy the oil and gas industries, but it is the energy from oil and gas that have made modern civilizations possible. However, wealthy dilettantes can be confident **THEIR** offspring will never need a job in the oil, gas or auto industries.

**Most luxury beliefs fly in the face of 6,000 years of history's recorded wisdom. In his book *Warning to the West*, Alexander Solzhenitsyn cautioned us never to "*suspend belief in the evidence of our senses.*"**



This was a more elegant and genteel 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.