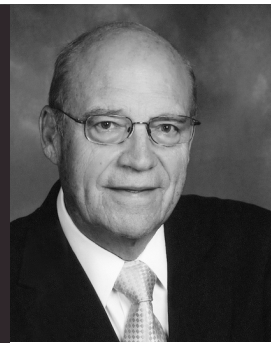




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Pentagon Heads South

by Monica Showalter

Are the wokesters running the Pentagon on the run?

Probably not, but something is brewing, given the news that broke today about one of Gen. Mark Milley’s wokester-finest being reassigned at the Pentagon, following congressional criticism and unfavorable media coverage of her anti-white social media posts just prior to taking her Pentagon job.

According to the *New York Post*:

WASHINGTON—Self-described “woke” Defense Department schools official Kelisa Wing, whose anti-white social media comments garnered national attention last fall, has been reassigned to an unrelated role, *The Post* has learned.

The Defense Department in October launched a 30-day review of Wing—the now-former education activity chief diversity, equity, and inclusion officer—after her Twitter posts with disparaging comments about white people resurfaced.

“I’m so exhausted at these white folx in these [professional development] sessions this lady actually had the CAUdacity to say black people can be racist too,” she wrote in one post from June 2020, using a portmanteau for “Caucasian audacity.”

This is weird stuff to read from someone who’s sitting there in the Pentagon in charge of children of all colors’ education, as well as the self-described “woke” chief of diversity, inclusion, and equity at the DoD’s school system. Some kids better than others, Kelisa?

Wing also was listed as the co-author of a string of wokester books for kids being pushed in 600 elementary schools attended by children of service members, according to the *Post*, which came out in the House Armed Services subcommittee meeting.

In October, about 45 copies of books Wing co-authored—including titles such as *What Is White Privilege?* and *What Does It Mean to Defund the Police?*—were available in 11 DOD school libraries, according to a Substack report by OpenTheBooks, a right-leaning nonprofit that tracks government spending.

As of this month, that number had grown to more than 600 books in 49 DOD schools from Quantico, Va., to Yokosuka, Japan, according to online library databases and the report.

Sounds like a pretty penny for her, for telling all the white kids they’re the bad guys. If she got paid for this propaganda, it doesn’t even sound ethical or even legal, given her Pentagon post, as Rep. Elise Stefanik, who led the questioning, noted. That’s one heck of a conflict of interest, to be using one’s Pentagon post to shill radical wokester books for big dollars, all to demonize police, berate white kids for their unchosen skin color, and hassle them about their ancestors she couldn’t possibly know about.

As Wing told the *Military Times* in an exclusive interview last February: “No, I did not make disparaging comments against white people. I would never categorize an entire group of people to disparage them. I’m speaking now as a private individual, about my private free speech from July of 2020,” she said.

How does she square that second sentence with the third sentence, then? She’d never disparage an entire group of people—except as a private citizen? Tell that to the local Klansman whose nefarious statements and activities are what he says and does in private. . . so it’s O.K.? That’s some logic she’s got there.

She’s not even good at lying. When congressional heat first came down on her for her anti-white tweets and wokester book-writing machine, she claimed the tweets were taken out of context; she actually denied that she wrote the books. There was no explanation in the *Military Times* report as to why her name was on the front of each of them.

That leaves a lot of open questions about what she was up to in what was undoubtedly a six-figure job.

Someone was paying her to be “woke,” and she ran with it, until someone started looking at her tweets. Now she’s been “re-assigned” in what the Pentagon claims was a non-punitive reassignment that it didn’t identify. It’s almost as if they’re trying to hide her from Congress.

Who hired her without checking her tweets? Did they check her tweets and nod approvingly? One wonders if that lateral move was actually a promotion.

One wonders where she will turn up next to spread her message of racial division. And one wonders how many more of these characters are at the Pentagon drawing six-figure salaries to spread racial grievance and hatred of other people.

It’s important to know because service members, especially those who are young and starting families, don’t usually have a lot of choice in their young children’s schools. They have to move around a lot, and they don’t make much money, so military schooling is often their only choice. The service schools should reliably be all about patriotism and respect for the service, but all these children saw were grievances, wokery, and learning to hate their country instead.

What a picture. Congress should keep on with this woke issue at the Pentagon because right now, recruiting is at post-Vietnam War lows, and China is on the march. Rep. Elise Stefanik, is fierce, and absolutely on the right track, as is Rep. Matt Gaetz.

If the military is seen as a place of wokery and racial division, who’s going to sign up, especially if they can’t protect their kids from being the objects of establishment hate such as we’re seeing now?

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US Navy Goes Green

by Daniel Greenfield

The “age of American naval dominance is over,” Jerry Hendrix, a former Navy Captain warned in a high-profile article in *The Atlantic*.

Hendrix’s article imagines a scenario in which China or other enemy nations seize control of what are now international waters and the cargo that moves across them. “The great container ships and tankers of today would disappear, replaced by smaller, faster cargo vessels capable of moving rare and valuable goods past pirates and corrupt officials.” A handful of nations would end up controlling the chokepoints of international trade and America would not be one of them.

Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro has already conceded China’s naval supremacy. Last month, the

Biden appointee stated that China has “got a larger fleet now so they’re deploying that fleet globally.”

The People’s Liberation Army Navy topped the US Navy in 2020. By 2025, it will have an estimated 400 ships. We’re still below 300.

Biden’s current defense plan is to have 350 by 2045. And by then we will have lost.

“They have 13 shipyards, in some cases their shipyard has more capacity—one shipyard has more capacity than all of our shipyards combined. That presents a real threat,” Del Toro conceded. “They’re a communist country, they don’t have rules by which they abide by.”

We don’t have China’s shipyard capacity because it isn’t a priority. Biden’s Navy budget would buy 9 ships and retire 24. That means we’ll be down to 280 by 2027. The administration has plenty of money, with over \$1 billion directed to Afghanistan aid, hundreds of millions for the “Palestinians”, and foreign aid for every one of our enemies, but plans for a shrinking military.

Communist China has its priorities, but so do Biden and Del Toro. “As the Secretary of the Navy, I can tell you that I have made climate one of my top priorities since the first day I came into office,” Del Toro declared a week after admitting that China had taken the naval lead and would hold on to it for the conceivable future.

The Navy’s 2023 budget wastes \$718 million on fighting global warming. That’s more than 10% of the \$6.2 billion in maintenance costs for 151 Navy vessels.

China’s Communist leadership is focused on building warships to win a war, ours isn’t.

What does it mean that under Biden, the Navy has made global warming into its priority?

Last year, the Navy joined California and assorted failed blue states in committing to “net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.” Net Zero emissions is an impossibility. In practice it means wasting a fortune on buying carbon credits from politically connected leftist companies. It also means that we will not be quickly and efficiently constructing warships because that’s not “green.” Winning wars isn’t green either, losing them however might be.

A Navy official absurdly claimed that, “to remain the world’s dominant maritime force, the Department of the Navy must adapt to climate change.” Going “green” means that being a dominant marine force is not the priority. Much like diversity, equity and inclusion, which the woke brass have taken to claiming will improve our deadliness, it’s a betrayal of the mission.

China, which is rapidly becoming the dominant marine force, doesn’t give a damn about adapting to climate change except when it comes to peddling its junk solar panels assembled by slave labor to woke companies that will resell them at a massive markup while gobbling up tax credits because when we go

“green”, it only weakens us and strengthens our enemies.

Communist China aims for a “victory-ready” force while Biden’s after a “climate-ready” force.

While China builds warships to achieve naval dominance in the next decade, the US Navy’s goal for the next decade is to have “100 percent zero-emission vehicles by 2035” and “100 percent carbon pollution-free electricity.” No word on whether firing torpedoes will also be carbon-pollution free, but that’s not a problem for a leadership that never intends to use them.

There will be “hybrid-propulsion” for naval vessels and more money lavished on “green fuels.”

Apart from the massive waste of money, hybrid systems are more expensive and more prone to breakdowns. Forcing ground vehicles to rely on lithium batteries comes with more expensive maintenance costs and worse operations in extreme weather. All of this pandering to green special interests not only corruptly steals money from national defense, but puts lives at risk.

Del Toro claims that the problem with our shipbuilding capacity is that, unlike China, we don’t use slave labor, but during WWII, we built a massive fleet in a short time with no slaves. But that was an age in which skyscrapers could also be built in a year. It was also a time when there were no environmental reviews and we focused on the mission, not corrupt woke politics.

Under the Democrats, politics, from DEI to climate goals, is the mission: winning isn’t.

The People’s Liberation Army Navy is not investing in “low-carbon fuels” or electric cars for its personnel. Instead it’s been busy holding drills with Iran and South Africa in a matter of a few weeks to show off a growing ability to operate on a global scale with its international allies.

While our military brass obsessed over diversity, equity and inclusion, the PRC turned the South China Sea into its own private backyard, enabling it to potentially cut off traffic to the United States. China has built up chains of islands studded with its naval outposts so that its fighter jets and anti-ship and anti-aircraft missiles now encompass not only the coasts of Taiwan and China, but much of the coastlines of everything from Thailand to Malaysia to the Philippines.

The People’s Republic of China has military goals, our military now only has political goals.

The US Navy brass claim that “leveraging our diversity is the key to reaching the Navy’s peak potential” and that their priority is changing the weather and fighting global warming.

China’s priority isn’t fighting the weather, it’s fighting us.

—*FrontPageMag.com*, March 23, 2023

Furman Heads Toward Gehenna

by Mary Eberstadt

I was scheduled to give a speech on Monday at Furman University about my recent book *Primal Screams: How the Sexual Revolution Created Identity Politics*. I canceled it. Here’s why.

In the spring of 2014—in retrospect, the dress rehearsal for cancel culture—some commencement speakers around the country were disinvited or withdrew themselves from consideration owing to left-wing protests. I wasn’t among them. A few faculty members at Seton Hall University tried to have my invitation rescinded on the grounds that I wasn’t what they meant by “Catholic”—progressive. They failed. I delivered my address as scheduled at New Jersey’s Meadowlands Arena to some 6,000 graduates, families and friends, and was awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters.

It was a thrilling event, I enjoy talking to students. I teach graduate students and young professionals, and I founded an organization that helps mentor hundreds of women involved in journalism and media, many of them right out of college. Those experiences probably explain why I had never been the object of protest by students.

But 2023 is light years from 2014. Some months ago, the head of Furman’s Tocqueville Program invited me to give a public lecture about *Primal Screams*. Not knowing a soul there, I googled. Nestled in scenic Greenville, SC, the university was founded in 1826 by the Southern Baptist Convention. Furman’s website features young people said to be “innovative in their thinking, and compassionate in their approach to career, community, and life.” The Tocqueville Program has hosted impressive speakers. This seemed a promising opportunity to visit an attractive campus, befriend some students and faculty, and talk over ideas. What could go wrong?

Well, consider what happened to the speaker who preceded me last month in the same series: Scott Yenor, a professor of political science at Boise State University.

Mr. Yenor had been invited to speak on “Dostoevsky and Conscience.” An inhospitality committee sprang into action, “triggered” not by his speech topic but by opinions that he had expressed elsewhere, including his critique of feminism and support for “sex-role realism.” Scores of faculty and student protesters “silently” objected inside and outside as he spoke. Three armed policemen were assigned to his protection. Within the auditorium, protesters lined the walls the professor had to pass, holding posters with ad hominem slogans and quotations of his taken out of context, staring balefully at him throughout.

I called Mr. Yenor to ask for his take. “Never in my life have I experienced a crowd so uninterested in learning, and so unwilling to hear,” he said. “They were simply filled with malice.” No one in the administration commented on his treatment, much less apologized for it.

Soon after, something called the Cultural Life Program at Furman, which requires students to attend a certain number of public speeches, mysteriously decided to deny credit for mine unless the program inserted a different faculty interlocuter rather than the one who had invited me—presumably because the latter would have been too supportive. An article was posted by the independent online student newspaper, the *Palidin*, attaching the Tocqueville Program, applauding the public abomination of Scott Yenor, darkly noting that Catholics had been invited as speakers, and taking potshots at me. There’s no evidence that the indignant writer had read my books or even knew their titles. The piece accused me of perpetuating “dangerous” (dog whistle) myths, adding that students “demand to interrogate” (another whistle) the Tocqueville Program.

Posters advertising my speech disappeared en masse around campus the week before the event. They were replaced and disappeared again. Furman community members following social media and conversations on campus relayed independently that the protest was expected to be “substantial,” as two put it. They also informed me about a letter that was sent by some students to the Cultural Life Program’s committee, caricaturing my work and calling me names in an effort to revoke credit for attending my speech.

As I mulled what to do about such unexpected hostility, different calculations came to mind. What might be the odds of an ugly Yenor-style experience? Likely high.

What about the odds of physical injury? Low, but not nonexistent. In 2017 students at Vermont’s Middlebury College attacked Prof. Allison Stanger, sending her to the hospital, after she hosted a talk by Charles Murray. Bystanders have been injured during other recent campus brawls, like the March 14 protest of a Charlie Kirk speech at the University of California, Davis that left an officer injured. In 2021 the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education polled 37,000 students at 159 campuses; 23% said they believe violence is justified against unwanted speech. Not all students think sending campus guests to the emergency room is good form—but 1 in 4?

In the end, it was a different thought that led me to pull the plug. As Liel Leibovitz put it recently in *First Things*, “The terrible power our pursuers hold over us, the power of intimidation and of setting the terms of the debate, dissolves the moment you realize you’re free to disengage.” To which I add: Bullies have a right to protest, but that right doesn’t extend to dragooning

others into untruth—including the untruth that people who join a hateful mob have any intention of listening to a speaker in the first place. They don’t, and the rest of us are under no obligation to help them live that lie by playing along.

To the students who did want to hear my speech: I’m sorry to miss you. On a positive note, it’s better to read than to watch. Copies of *Primal Screams* have been sent to every student in Furman’s Tocqueville Program, and two dozen more will be available this week for whoever wants them—delivered care of the university president’s office, since social-media mobs lack mailing addresses.

The book makes the case that social upheavals since the 1960s have led to compounded fractures on generations and that the implosion of family, real-life community, and religion has weakened many people’s sense of identity. It further argues that the rise in mental and emotional problems, increasingly visible on campuses and on the streets, is a result. The students revulsed by free speech these days aren’t victims of that analysis but poster children for it.

—*The Wall Street Journal*, March 27, 2023

New Zealand Equals 1984

by Philip Johnson

The MSM in the southern isles of New Zealand are patting themselves on the back; the transactivists are whooping; and the mayor of our capital city, Wellington (Green party); and Labor M.P.s are high-fiving for refusing to tolerate a rather forthright atheist pro-woman woman, Posie Parker, who is fighting for women’s rights in this intolerant transgender/multigender world. We sent her packing because we hated what she was saying. She could only respond from afar after being escorted out of New Zealand.

The intolerance and hate on full display are reminiscent of the Antifa and BLM protests and regular attempts to shut down free speech, by government and the MSM in the US.

In New Zealand, one is not allowed to hold views opposing mainstream thought, and one cannot propose another narrative, another way of looking at things. It is impossible to present reason. In the US, you can do that and have people support you, given the size of the population and the strong Christian foundation. Even some of the US Catholic bishops are starting to get a backbone.

Here, anyone, I mean anyone, who questions the COVID-19 narrative for origins, vaccine mandates, adverse reactions, or mask effectiveness is an extremist and a conspiracy theorist. Anyone. If we question LGBTQI++++++...forget it.

We do not have a constitution; we have a toothless Bill of Rights, which the transactivists violate every day with their accusations of bigotry and slander against well reasoned, educated, and caring Christians brave enough to make even a side comment on Twitter or Instagram, or like a Facebook post of Tucker, or have a MAGA hat in the background of a video call. Unfortunately, I am unable to even peep, as I am a government employee.

Like many in the US who are afraid of what is happening in high schools and colleges and Ivy League institutions, I now genuinely fear for our country. Our current opposition leaders in the National Party support the WEF and the U.N. 2030 goals and stifle their own M.P.s. The Christian M.P.s have been silenced. If National is elected in this year's general elections, they will only make it worse for families. If Labor continues, it will be just horrid. We are in 1984 It is frightening.

We have an amazing National Anthem. One line in particular is our only hope: "God defend our free land."

—*American Thinker*, March 26, 2023

Teaching Youth LGBTQIAXYZ Values

by Andrea Widburg

A new *Epoch Times* article reveals the contents of a leaked audio recording from a sold-out California Teachers Association ("CTA") conference dedicated to LGBTQ+ issues. On the audio, two seventh-grade teachers from California's Central Valley can be heard attacking parents who aren't on board with the LGBTQ agenda and boasting about the methods they use to circumvent parental concerns to get kids, whether LGBTQ+ or not, into their clubs.

According to the article, Kelly Baraki and Lori Caldeira, who teach at Buena Vista Middle School in Salinas, California, explained their techniques to recruit students into LGBTQ clubs (which are also referred to as Gay-Straight Alliance, or GSA, clubs). In a nod to the Central Valley's status as one of California's conservative political zones, Baraki's and Caldeira's seminar was titled "How we run a 'GSA' in Conservative Communities."

The audio clip has the two teachers explaining the following techniques:

- Keeping GSA clubs unofficial, without rosters or records, so they have plausible deniability when parents complain that their children have been attending club meetings.

- Giving clubs names that don't scream "LGBTQ," such as the "Equity Club" or the "You Be

You" club.

- Spying on children's conversations and web activities to identify children they can target for membership in the clubs.

- Using anti-bullying programs as LGBTQ promotion activities.

- Taking charge of the school's morning announcements, which allows teachers who sponsor LGBTQ clubs to make sure their activities are widely known.

The same audio shows that Baraki and Caldeira view parents as the enemy, ridiculing them and even dreaming of them being arrested and prosecuted for opposing the teachers' LGBTQ+ activity amongst 11-to-13-year-olds.

They suggested that parents who refuse to call their child by pronouns of the child's choosing should be arrested and charged with child abuse, [Rebecca] Murphy [the pseudonymous source for the recording] said.

Baraki ridiculed a parent who complained she hadn't planned on having a conversation about sexual orientation and gender identity issues with her middle-schooler but was pushed into it by the school.

"I know, so sad, right? Sorry for you, you had to do something hard!" Baraki told her audience. "Honestly, your 12-year-old probably knew all that, right?"

Homosexuality has been a part of human behavior since time immemorial, but it's always been a fringe activity. Those societies that thrive in terms of individual liberty and economic strength are the ones that put the heterosexual family unit front and center. There is no faster way to destroy that success than to turn children away from heterosexual sex, which also happens to be the biological imperative that continues the human species.

While I have no problem with the fact that there are homosexuals in any society and believe that they should be left alone to live their lives as they see fit, I have deep and serious problems when our society encourages children to embrace same-sex relationships. Statistical data shows repeatedly that, no matter how accommodating society is about LGBTQ+ relationships, they are statistically less healthy and happy than heterosexual relationships.

I have even bigger problems when our schools try to get kids to abandon biological gender entirely. Transgenderism is one of the great 21st-century delusions. Biological sex is fixed at the genetic level, except in a minutely small number of people born with a genetic anomaly. Everyone else is born in the "right" body. To the extent there are people who wish they were born as the other sex, the problem is either mental (often

associated with maternal sociopathy) or perhaps hormonal.

The hormonal idea is my theory, predicated on two facts: (a) enormous numbers of women get pregnant shortly after going off the Pill and (b) American drinking water is riddled with hormones excreted from women on the Pill. This may mean that infants in utero are getting hormones that interfere with their brains' sexual development. The answer, of course, is not to give confused children the hormones of the opposite sex, followed by mutilating surgery. If my theory has any validity (and frankly, I don't see why it shouldn't), the answer is to give the children hormones aligned with the biological sex.

Problem solved—but leftists don't want to solve the problem. Like those two teachers, they are aggressively attempting to create a nation that has abandoned biological reality and the cultural successes of the nuclear family.

As for Buena Vista Middle School, the "You Be You" club was disbanded; all clubs must have rosters, parental permission, and other paperwork; the school principal will control morning announcements; presentations or assemblies covering sexuality must comply with state standards and be shown to parents first; and teachers may not monitor students' non-academic online activity. The teachers are being monitored but will continue to have access to students. In other words, identifying leftist activity and calling it out works to stop it.

—*American Thinker*, November 21, 2021

Ben Stein is Right!

by Selwyn Duke

Recently, actor-cum-commentator Ben Stein was condemned in media for touting the "progress" the US has made and saying that black Americans "never had it so good." One website called his remarks a "racist rant" even though he was, in keeping with his personality, just calmly expressing his opinion. The worst thing about this story, though, isn't that Stein may become a cancel-culture casualty.

In fact, the matter reminds me of philosopher G.K. Chesterton's observation that the worst aspect of duels wasn't that someone might die, but that they settled nothing about who was right or wrong. For as is always the case with these matters, Stein is criticized only for making a politically incorrect assertion involving race—and could suffer reputational and career death because of it—when the real issue is this: was he correct or not?

He surely was, too—for the most part.

Only, the pseudo-elites don't want this issue settled and that known, lest their BLM narrative be debunked.

First off, broader perspective is necessary. As even left-wing Think Progress admitted in 2013, the standard of living worldwide was that year the highest it had ever been in history. America is among the world's lifestyle leaders, too, which means that, at least materially, we're generally living a relative life of Riley.

Note here that man's historical default has been grinding poverty. People lived without our luxuries, including those we consider necessities, and sometimes with a lack of many necessities themselves. They had no plumbing, indoor or otherwise; toilets; refrigeration; modern transportation; effective medical care; insurance policies; or safety net of any kind. They might've had to toil sunrise 'til sunset to eke out a subsistence living.

Privation was the order of the day, with Spartan boys in their military camps, for example, living off blood soup and being perpetually hungry. Lives were often hard, brutal, and short; I've read that the average lifespan in the Roman Empire was 22 and in ancient Greece 35, and while these numbers likely aren't dead-on accurate, our average of 76.4 was surely unheard of.

And even in today's relatively wealthy world, the US is, again, among the best places to be. The poorest 10 percent of Americans live better than approximately 70 percent of the world's people; moreover, were the poorest 20 percent of us their own nation, they'd be among the richest countries on Earth. This isn't surprising when considering how many people worldwide still live on less than a dollar a day.

To the point here, much the same can be said of black Americans. As economist Walter E. Williams informed in 2020, if "one totaled up the earnings and spending of Black Americans and considered us as a separate nation with our own gross domestic product, we would rank well within the top 20 richest nations." Williams also added that "as a group, Black Americans have made the greatest gains . . . in a shorter span of time than any other racial group in history."

So, now, here's a question for those condemning Stein, one which, if it cannot be answered, will reveal that their criticism reflects nothing but prejudice:

If he's wrong, and American blacks have had it better, when and where would this have been? (Note for the world's Ras Barakas: Wakanda and Kailasa aren't options.)

Would it be/have been in Africa today or 50, 100, or 1,000 years ago? Would it be some point in history in Europe, South America, or Asia, or at an earlier time somewhere in North America? What's the answer?

The reality is that there's a reason why, after being asked his impressions of Africa following his "Rumble in the Jungle" fight in 1974, boxing great Muhammad Ali replied, "Thank God my granddaddy got on that

boat!” To wit: Blacks are much, *much* better off in the US—just as everyone else is. And, as with how Rome’s colonizing of other European lands brought superior civilization to them, benefits are often byproducts of misdeeds.

All this said, it’s untenable claiming that black Americans “never had it so good” in *every* dimension. For example, in “three-fourths of 19th-century slave families, all the children had the same mother and father,” Dr. Williams also related in 2020. “In New York City, in 1925, 85% of Black households were two-parent.” “In fact, ‘five in six children under the age of 6 lived with both parents,’” the professor continued, quoting another researcher. Williams further tells us that in 1938, only 11 percent of black children were born to unwed mothers.

Today, 73 percent are.

This broken-home status and rampant fatherlessness breed a host of social ills, such as crime and violence, including frequent black-on-black homicide; drug use; poor educational and occupational outcomes; and general irresponsible behavior. All these ills were, do note, far less common in the black community a century ago.

What’s more, even unemployment was once lower among blacks—even than it was among whites. Just consider that until “about 1960, black male labor force participation in every age group was equal to or greater than that of whites,” wrote Williams in 2013.

Today, it’s notably lower.

In fact, in “some cities, unemployment for black working-age males is more than 50 percent,” Williams lamented at the time.

Of course, these realities contradict the claim that black Americans suffer today because of the “legacy of slavery”—for *vis-à-vis* these character- and morality-related measures, they were faring far better at a time much closer to antebellum days.

Note, too, that remedying these largely moral issues would go far toward closing the black-white performance gap. (Such a disparity, mind you, also exists between whites and Asians.) But moral appeals aren’t the racial grievance-mongers’ business—because they’re shallow people, often with ulterior motives. Moreover, the black community’s woes are caused by the very left-wing policies and social norms the racialists themselves support.

At this point they may say, and have said, “Well, what does that matter? Things can be better!” But life could always be better, for everyone; perfection isn’t a thing of this world. Scoring America because, even though she gave you a lot, you have some perceived deficits with the context of the fit-for-a-king lifestyle she has provided, is a bit like condemning God for your headache—after he gave you your head.

So, once again, leftists, what’s your answer? If Stein is wrong, when and where did blacks have it better?

Don’t be surprised if you hear crickets. When liberals call someone a “racist,” it usually means they’re out of arguments.

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The Communist Tortoise

by Adam Vicari

When many people of the 21st century think of communist authoritarianism, they probably tend to think of the horrific genocidal regimes of dictators like Stalin, Mao, and Pol Pot. Their approaches to political dissidents and Marxist theory were blunt, and done in a quick fashion, so as to hasten the revolution and bring about their fictitious “utopia” much more quickly than non-authoritarian states. Pol Pot’s Khmer Rouge, for instance, wasted no time in initiating the revolution, because as soon as the regime gained power in Cambodia, it went straight to work purging the cities and forcing its inhabitants into the country to work on agricultural projects, and then proceeded to summarily execute between 1 and 3 million Cambodians, including the most disfavored group: the intellectuals, whom those in power were able to recognize because they “wore glasses,” in what became known as “the killing fields of Cambodia.”

Similarly, about a half century before, the Bolshevik regime, under V.A. Lenin, initiated what was known as the “Red Terror” against their political and class enemies, a campaign of murder against non-Bolsheviks (known as “the Whites”) that resulted in up to 1.3 million deaths between 1918 and 1921. This approach was simple, to the point, and expedient, but it left a trail of death and destruction that some future communists, particularly communists in Western nations, sought to steer clear of.

In the race between the Tortoise and the Hare, Lenin and Pol Pot were the Hare. What modern Marxists have come to realize, however, is that the Tortoise, the one who took the “slow and steady” approach to the race, ultimately won. That is why the current slow-rolling communist revolution going on in the United States today will not, and does not, involve mass murder, Gulags, and manufactured famines.

See, the Marxists of the 21st century have learned their lessons from the revolutions of the 20th century. The Marxist revolutionaries of today are taking the Tortoise’s approach to the race toward revolution and communist “utopia.” They are, and have been since the 1960s, doing a “long march through the institutions,” where they hope to fundamentally and radically transform society over a long period of time through the

culture. After all, politics, the politics of the revolution, is downstream of culture.

At present, the left has successfully captured nearly every major institution of society. Instead of sending political dissidents to Gulags or re-education camps, they instead send themselves and the champions of the cultural revolution to, say, Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity training seminars, where they engage in Maoist-style “struggle sessions” between and among the various races of employees.

They have all the employees “of color” air their grievances against the white employees, or all the white employees “admit” their “racist” attitudes or beliefs to the “people of color,” all of whom they are trying to indoctrinate as “oppressed” and “oppressor.” According to critical race theorists, who view all human interactions and structures of society through a lens of power dynamics and systems of oppression (just as Karl Marx did, except through the lens of class and economics), white people “dominate” society and the institutions of it, and have “cultural hegemony,” which results in the various “people of color” being “oppressed” by them.

Modern Marxists believe that if passive-aggressive activities like this are done long enough, with enough intensity and commitment, then indoctrination will result, and a revolution will not have to be forced onto society. The revolution will instead occur naturally because an eager and brainwashed populace *wants* it to happen, and has been taught that it *must* happen.

Not a single shot will have to be fired to achieve this revolution, because the culture, after a long enough period of time, will embrace the ideology of the revolution and bring about its goals of its own accord. The left is playing the long game. That is why leftists are teaching Critical Race Theory and Comprehensive Sexuality Education and using Social-Emotional Learning strategies in schools, all of which are rooted in neo-Marxist critical theory.

The left knows that it will take but one generation of students indoctrinated into Marxist dogma to foment a cultural revolution. The revolution, necessarily, in this case, would not be violent, or even contentious, because once an entire generation is uniform in thought and has no opposition to speak of, they can implement their agenda with complete impunity. The left is not betting on a turbulent revolution in the present; it is betting on a gradual and peaceful revolution in the future.

You may dismiss out of hand, for instance, the fact that R.L. Stine’s children’s book series *Goosebumps* is

currently being edited, without his permission and while he is still alive, to remove “problematic” or potentially “offensive” language. You may view it as just another example of excessive leftist political correctness or wokeness, which it is. However, this seemingly trivial matter is also part of the long-term game plan of the leftist cultural revolution. If the left can control what children think in something as simple as an entertaining book, and can teach them that certain ideas are off-limits, some thoughts are good and others evil, then how much easier will it be to control them once they get into high school . . . or once they become adults? If the children were themselves censored when they were in school, then naturally they would continue the cycle of censorship of “bad” or “dangerous” ideas in the future. And the best part, for them, is that any dissidents who may exist won’t have to be massacred in a rice field or tortured to death in a Gulag. They can simply silence them forever by not giving them a voice in society, or not hiring them to a job, in the name of “equity.”

This is also the kind of thinking behind Environmental, Social, and Governance metrics. The leftist revolutionaries don’t need to blow up oil pipelines or force people into cities the way Pol Pot forced city-dwellers into the countryside. All they need to do is set up a framework in the institutions that makes it impossible for people to live any other way than the “sustainable” way. All the left has to do is get a compliant puppet like Joe Biden elected to the presidency, where leftists can advise him to shut down an oil pipeline in Alaska and two more in the Gulf of Mexico, and then claim that the reason they did it was a “lack of industry interest in leasing in the area.” Why might the industry have a “lack of interest” in the project? Could it be because banks refuse to loan money because the project doesn’t align with the “Environmental” ESG goals? The left knows that all it has to do to further its “climate change” crusade and holy mission is to extort, bully, and intimidate the private sector into making anything that the left deems “harmful” impossible to achieve or the federal government into making it illegal.

No, the left does not have to be the Hare anymore. It knows that it can achieve its revolution by going “slow and steady,” like the Tortoise. It was the Tortoise who ultimately won the race.

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