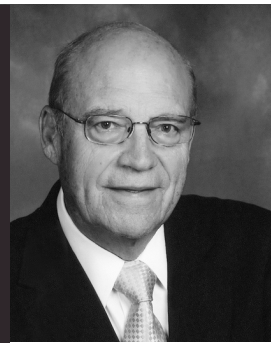




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## Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

by Brian Joondeph

Diversity and its cousins, inclusion and equity, are woke America's new guiding principles. Sports, education, media, government, military, and big business are all in on the "DEI" mantra.

Rearrange the letters from DEI to DIE. Is that a more fitting acronym for where this recent liberal push may lead?

There is nothing wrong with diversity, as long as that extends to all aspects of humanity. Why only diversity of skin color and gender? Are those the only determinants of diversity?

A civil rights icon with a national holiday in his name, once spoke of the true measure of his fellow man, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Diversity is now contrary to Martin Luther King, Jr's dream. What about diversity of thought, ideas, political views, and so on? How tolerant was the government, and its big tech and social media propaganda arms, over diverse views on COVID vaccines, masks, distancing, lockdowns, and off-label therapeutics? Can we have diverse views on transgenderism, Ukraine, or Trump?

This past week's news included the president's son enjoying his white privilege, receiving only a hand slap on crimes for which a darker skinned individual unrelated to a prominent Democrat would receive a long prison stay. There was also the horrific loss of a research submarine and 5 poor souls that perished in almost the same spot that 1500 persons died over 100 years ago, both tragedies related to the *Titanic*.

The OceanGate submarine was venturing two miles beneath the surface of the Atlantic Ocean to explore the sunken *Titanic*.

Lost aboard the vessel are pilot Stockton Rush, the CEO of the company leading the expedition. His passengers are a British adventurer, two members of a Pakistani business family, and a *Titanic* expert.

Mr. Rush had woke views on diversity that may not have served him well in his dark, ice water coffin far below the turbulent North Atlantic.

He once declared he didn't want to hire "50-year-old white guys" on his team even if they were seasoned submariners.

Rush was previously adamant that he values youth over experience when it comes to assembling his crews.

Who knows what role diversity indicatives played in the submarine's fate? But it was one of Rush's guiding principles,

"When I started the business, one of the things you'll find, there are other sub operators out there, but they typically have gentlemen who are ex-military sub-mariners, and they—you'll see a whole bunch of 50-year-old white guys.

"I wanted our team to be younger, to be inspirational," he continued.

Was the sub's implosion due to diversity over competence? Or slipshod safety measures? According to CBS News, "In 2018, a professional trade group warned that OceanGate's experimental approach to the design of the *Titan* could lead to potentially 'catastrophic' outcomes." Who oversaw safety, a 50-year-old white ex-submarine military dude or a 25-year-old non-binary inspirational person, a Sam Brinton type?

Might the sub have fared better if Rush surrounded himself with some "non-diverse" types? I'll bet that's who led the Navy and Coast Guard search and rescue mission.

This is where diversity veers from virtue signaling to life and death. How would US Airways flight 1549 have fared if instead of some "50-year-old white guy" in the cockpit, the pilot had been a 25-year-old diversity hire?

Captain "Sully" Sullenberger was in his late 50s, a "white guy" with 7 years' experience as an Air Force fighter pilot, followed by 30 years as a commercial airline pilot. His experience saved 155 passengers when his plane lost power in both engines, yet he landed the plane safely in the Hudson River.

Would a “younger inspirational” pilot have handled the catastrophe as well? Who would you rather have had in the cockpit if you were on that flight?

Captain Sully was not hired for diversity, instead for competence and experience. He became a commercial pilot in 1980, long before MLK’s dream was deemed racist. Many commercial airlines wouldn’t hire a young Captain Sully now.

“Chicago-based United Airlines wants to train 5,000 pilots by 2030, and wants half of them to be women or people of color,” as the Chicago *Tribune* reported. Sorry, next-generation Sully! Better learn to code.

United pilots are “13% people of color,” about the same percentage of Blacks in the US population. It seems United is already doing well on the diversity front.

They are certainly more diverse than some professional sports leagues, but they never raise the ire of DEI nannies.

The NBA is 17 percent White, 72 percent Black, 2 percent Hispanic and less than 1 percent Asian. The NFL is similar with 25 percent White, 58 percent Black, and less than 1 percent each Asian and Hispanic, both leagues far different from America of 59 percent White, 19 percent Hispanic, 13 percent Black, and 6 percent Asian.

Any cries for diversity in professional sports?

The medical world also plays diversity games. The once prestigious American College of Surgeons pushes critical race theory. Rather than promoting their mission, “To serve all with skill and trust,” this longstanding surgical organization has declared itself to be “structurally racist.”

Patients, regardless of skin color, want the best and most competent doctors caring for or operating on their bodies. Instead, future doctors are admitted to medical school based on their skin color, rather than character or knowledge, as medical schools increasingly ignore MCAT scores and grade point averages, favoring diversity over demonstrated competence.

Another life and death situation, more for entire countries rather than individuals, is the military. If America is at war, do Americans want the best military leadership and fighting force or the most diverse?

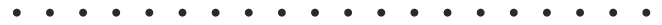
The likely next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Charles Q. Brown, Jr is all in on quotas. As Daniel Greenfield reported, “Brown’s quotas limit the number of white officers to 67% and cut white men down to 43%.” Will that provide the best and most competent military? I’ll wager that Russia and China favor competence over diversity.

Is this over-emphasis on diversity over competence making us safer or putting people at increased danger? Furthermore, will patients or plane passengers look

suspiciously at their physician or pilot, wondering if that person is the best for the job or merely checking the box on some woke corporate diversity scorecard? What would any of the sub passengers or their families think about this question?

Wokeness is turning MLK’s dream into a nightmare, a fatal attraction to diversity.

—*American Thinker*, June 26, 2023



## The Pedophile Network

by Jeff Horwitz and Katherine Blunt

Instagram, the popular social-media site owned by Meta Platforms, helps connect and promote a vast network of accounts openly devoted to the commission and purchase of underage-sex content, according to investigations by *The Wall Street Journal* and researchers at Stanford University and the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Pedophiles have long used the internet, but unlike the forums and file-transfers services that cater to people who have interest in illicit content, Instagram doesn’t merely host these activities. Its algorithms promote them. Instagram connects pedophiles and guides them to content sellers via recommendation systems that excel at linking those who share niche interests, the *Journal* and the academic researchers found.

Though out of sight for most on the platform, the sexualized accounts on Instagram are brazen about the interest. The researchers found that Instagram enabled people to search explicit hashtags such as #pedowhore and #preteensex and connected them to accounts that used the terms to advertise child-sex material for sale. Such accounts often claim to be run by the children themselves and use overtly sexual handles incorporating words such as “little slut for you.”

Instagram accounts offering to sell illicit sex material generally don’t publish it openly, instead posting “menus” of content. Certain accounts invite buyers to commission specific acts. Some menus include prices for videos of children harming themselves and “imagery of the minor performing sexual acts with animals,” researchers at the Stanford Internet Observatory found. At the right price, children are available for in-person “meet ups.”

The promotion of underage-sex content violates rules established by Meta as well as federal law.

In response to questions from the *Journal*, Meta acknowledged problems within its enforcement operations and said it has set up an internal task force to address the issues raised. “Child exploitation is a horrific crime,” the company said adding, “We’re continuously investigating ways to actively defend against this behavior.”

Meta said it has in the past two years taken down 27 pedophile networks and is planning more removals. Since receiving the *Journal* queries, the platform said it has blocked thousands of hashtags that sexualize the children, some with millions of posts, and restricted its systems from recommending users search for terms known to be associated with sex abuse. It said it is also working on preventing its systems from recommending that potentially pedophilic adults connect with one another or interact with one another’s content.

Alex Stamos, the head of the Stanford Internet Observatory and Meta’s chief security officer until 2018, said that getting even obvious abuse under control would likely take a sustained effort.

“That a team of three academics with limited access could find such a huge network should set off alarms at Meta,” he said, noting that the company has far more effective tools to map its pedophile network than outsiders do. “I hope the company reinvests in human investigators,” he added.

Technical and legal hurdles make determining the full scale of the network hard for anyone outside Meta to measure precisely.

Because the laws around child-sex content are extremely broad, investigating even the open promotion of it on a public platform is legally sensitive.

In its reporting, the *Journal* consulted with academic experts on online child safety. Stanford’s Internet Observatory, a division of the university’s Cyber Policy Center focused on social-media abuse, produced an independent quantitative analysis of the Instagram features that help users connect and find content.

The *Journal* also approached UMass’s Rescue Lab, which evaluated how pedophiles on Instagram fit into broader online child exploitation. Using different methods, both entities were able to quickly identify large-scale communities promoting criminal sex abuse.

—*The Wall Street Journal*, June 8, 2023, p. A10

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## Sinking the Ship of State

by J.B. Shurk

Why is it that whenever I call customer support to get a replacement for my broken America, I end up on the line with an operator from China? *I kid...*but only a little. Four separate stories this last week hit the nail on the head:

(1) In defending America’s two-tiered (in)justice system currently dedicated to covering up Biden family crimes while persecuting Trump and his supporters, Gestapo chief Merrick Garland had the audacity to declare that any condemnation of the secret police “constitutes an attack on an institution that is essential to American democracy and essential to the safety of the American people.”

Hear that, plebes? “Democracy” will survive only if the people’s voices are silenced and the powerful institutions are obeyed. The opinions of commoners are “attacks,” while the crimes of institutions are “essential.” To save “democracy,” defend the dictatorship! If Garland had been speaking German, he could have easily been mistaken for Himmler or Heydrich defending the “Night of the Long Knives” as necessary for “public safety.” The death of “democracy” always comes from a thousand separate cuts made for the people’s “own good.”

(2) Pretend President Biden stumbled into California to push his plans for gun confiscation and mocked the idea that the Second Amendment is an essential check against government tyranny. “So what’s the deal with the idea that it’s an absolute?” Dementia Joe mumbled. “You know, the tree of liberty is watered with the blood of patriots. Well, if [you] want to do that, you want to work against the government, you need an F-16. You need something else than just an AR-15 anyway.”

Amazingly, in a speech geared toward justifying the government’s unconstitutional disarming of Americans, the puppet-in-chief bemoaned how “freedom is really under siege, particularly freedom of choice.” In constructing a system of checks and balances, how did the Founding Fathers empower Americans to defend their freedoms? That’s right: by making it perfectly clear through the Second Amendment that self-defense against government tyranny is an inalienable right. Biden says freedom is “under siege,” and what does he want to do? Disarm Americans. *Hello, customer support, why is my Bill of Rights riddled with holes and written in Chinese?* Ah, that’s right, because the American president who has been caught taking bribes from the Chinese Communist Party sent in F-16s to obliterate Americans’ constitutional freedoms.

(3) A federal judge ruled that a student's First and Fourteenth Amendment rights were *not* violated when school administrators ordered him to remove a shirt with printed text saying, "There are only two genders." The Obama judge concluded that "the shirt invades the rights of others." The freethinking boy was later ordered to remove another t-shirt that read, "There are censored genders." *Listen here, boy: not only will the government prevent you from stating a scientific fact, but also the thought police will strip you bare for having a sense of humor! You must never make fun of the authorities who most deserve to be humiliated.*

While the (in)justice system punished the young rebel for possessing a working brain, the seventh-grader pointed out that his school allows posters covered in rainbow flags and encouraging students to "rise up to protect" the trans agenda—messages that target his personal beliefs. *Sorry, son, free speech protections in America exist only for special people.* If you have power, your words must be celebrated and emblazoned in all the colors of the rainbow. If you have no power, your words must be censored. If you choose to point out the government's irrational hypocrisy, then Gestapo chief Merrick Garland will book your reservation for a future stay in the J6 gulag. You are only as free as you are willing to obey!

Actually, I think this young lad has proposed one of the most effective defenses against tyranny. Call it the "wet Willy" technique, the objective of which is to use facts and humor to make the thought police squirm, tattle, and squeal. Mockery is a profound form of resistance because authoritarians are thin-skinned cerebral lightweights. *Well done, young Padawan.*

(4) Finally, the CEO of Raytheon—one of America's major defense companies—gave an interview in which he stated clearly that "decoupling" from China is impossible. "Think about the \$500 billion of trade that goes from China to the US every year," Greg Hayes argued. "More than 95% of rare earth materials or metals come from, or are processed in, China. There is no alternative." Hayes assured *The Financial Times* that it would take years to rebuild the necessary infrastructure in the United States before American dependence on China could logically come to an end. Entrepreneur Arnaud Bertrand called Raytheon's embarrassing admission "hilarious." In effect, "one of the US top weapons manufacturers" says, "we need China to fight China."

If only there had been an American president who had warned about the dangers of depending on communist China for America's own defense. *Oh, right!*—that was one of the major planks of Donald Trump's America First campaign. The lifelong businessman and political outsider who dared to challenge the

Uniparty's stranglehold over D.C. continually warned the American people that "economic security is national security." He has consistently argued for decades that the Rust Belt is a vivid danger sign of our own vulnerabilities. Offshoring blue-collar jobs to China has made the US weak, and only a return of American manufacturing and industrial dominance can ensure future American strength.

Did anyone in D.C. listen to his warnings? Of course not. Everybody across the political spectrum—from the Bushes to the Clintons—had made too much money from Chinese slave labor the last three decades to acknowledge the obvious. RINOs such as Mitt Romney and Ben Sasse defended overseas dependence on vital industries as necessary for "conserving" the honor of "free trade." (Nothing says "free trade" like slave labor, after all.) And China Joe and his meth-addled son Hunter were busy trading political favors for cold, hard commie cash.

Do you think it is an accident that the Deep State has worked so hard to protect the Biden family from prosecution when the Chinese bought Joe long ago? Do you think it is a coincidence that the Deep State is trying to put President Trump in prison for the rest of his days, when he has been the lone voice on the national stage calling for American independence from reliance upon foreign dictators? Could the Deep State make it any more obvious that it works *against* Americans' interests and *for* the interests of World Economic Forum scum such as Klaus Schwab, George Soros, Bill Gates, and all the other anti-American, Marxist globalists? For all intents and purposes, the Uniparty occupying D.C. is a wholly owned and operated corporate subsidiary of the communist Chinese.

Why is America broken today? Let's see: (1) Gestapo chief Garland believes "democracy" requires obedience. (2) Chinese Puppet Biden wants to disarm Americans before they figure out they have been betrayed. (3) Free speech exists only for those under the government's protection. (4) And the Deep State has transformed the United States from undisputed "superpower" to an economic dependent of the Chinese. If an evil cabal were looking for the most effective way of dismantling America, this would be a fine working blueprint.

If the idea is, indeed, to destroy America, a lot of Americans will still have something to say. It occurs to me, in fact, that if the Deep State ever forces ordinary Americans to fight for their freedoms, those same Americans should later construct a monument consecrating their victory. Its epitaph could serve as an enduring warning: "In remembrance of all those who refused to leave others alone."

—*American Thinker*, June 27, 2023

## As a Man Thinketh...

by R.W. Trewyn

“Whether you think you can or think you can’t—you are right.”

That profound truth by Henry Ford may be more important in America now than at any time in American history. Today’s blame others, victim culture is poisoning the citizenry, destroying our country.

It’s time to quit whining and pay attention to Mr. Ford’s wisdom. Think you can ... then do!

Stop pointing the finger at everyone else as to why you’re not succeeding. Look in the mirror. You think you can’t ... then don’t. It’s you!

It’s not your culture. It’s not the color of your skin. It’s not your gender, whatever you might consider yourself to be. It’s not the wrong pronoun someone calls you by mistake.

“Whether you think you can or think you can’t—you are right.” Henry’s crystal ball figured it out for you back in the last millennium.

It’s you!

And guess what?

Henry Ford thought he could, then went out and proved he could.

People should try to emulate that.

My discovery of Ford’s quotation occurred a decade or so ago, but I first observed the reality of it over a half century ago—in combat.

During the Vietnam War, Delta Company’s 2nd Platoon always believed they could do whatever was assigned...and did. Conversely, 3rd Platoon always thought they were going to get their butts kicked with whatever was assigned...and did. In the process, 3rd Platoon went through lieutenants and sergeants at an astounding pace. The Army infantry’s leadership motto, “Follow Me,” took a heavy toll.

As a staff sergeant in Vietnam, I spent most of my time as the platoon sergeant in Delta’s 2nd Platoon after a couple weeks as 3rd squad leader. However, due to officer and NCO casualties, I also served as a platoon leader off and on with 2nd Platoon and 3rd Platoon. As a result, I learned the character of both firsthand.

The second time serving in that capacity with the permanently paranoid 3rd Platoon, the duration was short—1-day—before my tour in Vietnam ended. A booby trap tripped behind me booked my flight to Okinawa where I recovered four months before being discharged from the Army.

Yes, combat taught me the meaning of Henry Ford’s astute words decades before stumbling across his actual statement. The outcomes are real.

Your attitude and belief in yourself are key determinants, but so are the attitudes and beliefs of those

around you. If you have a choice, don’t surround yourself with people who think they can’t. It’s contagious and potentially deadly. A 2-inch change in trajectory with any of the three pieces of shrapnel that hit me could have killed me.

But, no, I don’t mean potentially deadly only in combat. The same can be true in civilian life. It just might take longer to end up dead, at least, physically. Mental necrosis can happen quickly, and clearly has in many of those ranting in the streets about their victimhood.

Over the years, there have been innumerable books written touting the value of positive thinking. All may be worth reading.

However, instead of perusing dozens of lengthy narratives, memorize the twelve words put forth by Henry Ford. Thinking you can will get you just as far and arriving there requires less time.

Having retired last year prior to hitting my 80th birthday this year, “only recently did I appreciate that every professional success I’ve enjoyed over the past 52 years was because of my time in the Army” (Trewyn, R.W., “Correcting the Record About Vietnam Veterans’ Service,” *ARMY Magazine*, 72 (11): 23-25, Nov. 2022). “There’s no way I would have held any of my university leadership positions had it not been for the NCO Candidate Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, and leading troops in combat.”

Those instilled in me the most important part of Ford’s maxim, “think you can.” Coupled with the “Follow Me” motto of the Army infantry school, it was a game-changer.

Something else Ford’s logic helped cinch in my retirement is not to hang around people who believe they’re old. Their “think you can’t” maladies multiply synergistically. The debilitating mindset is highly transmissible, like COVID, and just as deadly.

Avoid them like the plague! Don’t get infected.

And, yes, I have personal knowledge regarding its lethality.

For years, my father told everyone he was going to die at 64 because that’s when all his uncles did. History convinced him of that fact and it proved to be true. Well, except for the part about his uncles.

Exploring the genealogy after the fact, I was unable to find dates when every one of them passed away, but his uncle Frank lived to 73. Moreover, dad’s father, who should have factored directly into his assessment, died at 78.

We can be thankful, though, that he lost track of his fostered uncle in Illinois who perished at age 53.

The mind is a powerful catalyst. It can expedite an early exit from this life.

Will you—or I—live forever by thinking positive?

No!

But we'll live better...and likely longer. For most, longer and better together tend to be a nice combination. It's more enjoyable.

"Whether you think you can or think you can't—you are right." Heeding Ford's advice works.

Assess what's required—"think you can!"—then do it.

—*American Thinker*, June 27, 2023

## From Man to Non-Man

by Matt Lavietes

Johns Hopkins University removed an online glossary of LGBTQ terms and identities this week after its definition of the word "lesbian" used the term "non-men" to refer to women and some nonbinary people and fueled an online uproar.

Screenshots of the glossary before it was taken down showed that the university defined the word "lesbian" as a "non-man attracted to non-men." It added that while past definitions have referred to lesbians as women who are sexually attracted to other women, the "updated definition" is intended to include nonbinary people who may identify with the label.

"The LGBTQ Glossary serves as an introduction to the range of identities and terms that are used within LGBTQ communities, and is not intended to serve as the definitive answers as to how all people understand or use these terms," Megan Christin, the university's director of strategic communications, said in a statement Wednesday. "While the glossary is a resource posted on the website of the Johns Hopkins University Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI), the definitions were not reviewed or approved by ODI leadership and the language in question has been removed pending review."

Christin did not respond to questions regarding when the online glossary was first uploaded.

Screenshots of the glossary sparked an online firestorm in recent days, with many women, including some lesbians, calling the definition "misogynistic" and noting that the definition for "gay man" did not use similar language, such as "non-women."

"Lesbian was literally the only word in English language that is not tied to man—as in male- feMALE, man-woMAN," tennis star Martina Navratilova, who is a lesbian, tweeted Monday. "And now lesbians are non men?!? Wtf?!?"

J.K. Rowling—who has widely been accused of being transphobic for years—also chimed in on the matter, tweeting to her 14 million followers Tuesday.

"Man: no definition needed. Non-man (formerly known as woman): a being definable only by reference to the male," she wrote on Twitter. "An absence, a vacuum where there's no man-ness."

And on Wednesday, Nikki Haley, a Republican 2024 presidential contender and a former US ambassador to the United Nations, called the glossary's definition "infuriating," weeks after she suggested that transgender girls in sports are leading to suicidal ideation in teenage girls.

"This war on women has to stop," she wrote on Twitter. "First, allowing biological boys to play girls' sports. Now, defining a woman as a 'non-man.'"

Haley and Navratilova did not respond to a request for further comment, and Rowling declined to comment further.

The university's glossary represents the latest skirmish in an ongoing battle over the integration of gender-neutral language, as more people around the world neither identify as male nor female.

A global survey released by Ipsos this month found that 1.3% of the 22,514 participants—who were surveyed in 30 countries in the Americas, Europe, and Asia in February and March—identify as nonbinary, gender-nonconforming, or gender fluid.

However, new research shows that the majority of Americans do not believe in gender neutral identities.

A new national poll from Public Religion Research Institute, a nonpartisan research group, found that 65% of all Americans believe there are only two gender identities—male and female.

The poll also showed that views on gender identity are deeply divided by party affiliation. Among Republicans, 90% say there are just two genders, compared with 66% of independents and 44% of Democrats.

Over the last handful of years, Rowling and others have mocked gender-neutral terms, including "people who menstruate," "pregnant people" or "chestfeeding."

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## America Racing to Bottom

by Dennis Prager

This is one of the saddest of the more than 1,000 columns I have written.

I am writing in Budapest after spending four days in Warsaw last week and four days in Munich two weeks before that.

To put this in context: I have traveled abroad every year since I was 18 years old—except for 2020, because of the “experts”-induced destructive, irrational, police-state lockdowns.

Thanks to all that travel, I have visited 130 countries.

All of my life, traveling abroad prompted ever more appreciation of America and ever more gratitude for living here. Every time I returned to the USA, I felt a surge of patriotism when I saw the American flag at passport control.

Something I could never have imagined has happened in the last few years. I have begun to envy Europeans. With few exceptions—most notably the U.K., the one English-speaking country in Europe—few of the pathologies that are destroying America are present to any analogous degree in Europe.

Here is an example: My wife and I and another couple hired a driver and an English-speaking guide in Warsaw. The guide was a woman of the left. Though we never raised any political subject, like leftists tend to do, she let us know her negative feelings about Poland’s conservative president, Andrzej Duda, Hungary’s conservative prime minister, Viktor Orban, and, of course, America’s former president, Donald Trump. She let us know that she hated all three of them.

But when I asked her if anyone she knew would say that men give birth or that children should choose their own sex, she gave me a confused look. “Who does that?” she asked.

Europe’s leftists loathe conservatives as much as the left in America does, are as anti-nationalism, are just as prepared to shatter the economic life of their countries in the name of environmentalism, support ever-growing state and EU power, and supported mandatory COVID vaccinations as much as the American left. But they are not prepared to tell first graders they can choose their “gender,” remove the healthy breasts of girls who say they are boys, or have “all-gender” (as distinguished from unisex) bathrooms.

Few, if any, European countries are wracked by the trans tensions—such as whether sex is binary, whether children should be exposed to drag queens and whether they should be given hormone blockers—that are wracking American life. Even England has barred trans women swimmers from competing against women

swimmers. As reported by Openly News, an LGBTQ news organization, “Swim England follows similar rulings by World Athletics, Scottish Rugby, FINA, England’s Rugby Football Union, and the International Rugby League, all of which have banned trans women who transitioned after puberty from competing in female categories.”

*The Wall Street Journal* recently reported that a male JetBlue flight attendant wears a skirt while working on flights. That is also the policy of the British-based airline Virgin Atlantic, though I have not seen a photograph of a male Virgin Atlantic flight attendant wearing a skirt as I have a JetBlue flight attendant. And surely other U.S. airlines will follow. Will this take place on board European airplanes? Perhaps. But if you people-watch on the streets of European capitals, let alone in small cities, you will find that far more European women—including young women—dress as women than do women in America.

In other words, no matter how left the politics of European countries, few deny the male-female distinction as much as America does. In fact, in Europe, they appear to value it.

There are other ways in which life in Europe seems less tense than in America. In Munich, Warsaw and Budapest, I saw virtually no homeless people—and certainly no homeless encampments, no tents pitched on city sidewalks. Nor are children in European countries taught to loathe their own society as American young people are. And Europeans still venerate their statues.

Two years ago, even the woke *New York Times* acknowledged that Europe’s left is different. Under the headline “Will American Ideas Tear France Apart? Some of Its Leaders Think So,” the article began:

The threat is said to be existential. It fuels secessionism. Gnaws at national unity. Abets Islamism. Attacks France’s intellectual and cultural heritage.

The threat? “Certain social science theories entirely imported from the United States,” said President Emmanuel Macron.

French politicians, high-profile intellectuals, and journalists are warning that progressive American ideas—specifically on race, gender, post-colonialism—are undermining their society. “There’s a battle to wage against an intellectual matrix from American universities,” warned Mr. Macron’s education minister.

During the lockdowns, in states such as California that were ruining small business, the economy in general and the precious and irretrievable years of children’s youth in particular, I wrote a column about how I, a Californian, felt on a visit to Florida where businesses

were open, people ate in restaurants without masks, and my grandchildren attended school and other activities of normal childhood. I wrote that in Florida, I felt like I did during the Cold War when I returned to the West after spending time in communist countries.

And now, for the first time in my life, I feel freer in Europe than in America.

That's why this is one of the saddest columns I've ever written.

—*WND News Center*, June 6, 2023

## Debt Spells Doom

by Robert A. Taft

A CNN poll revealed that 60 percent of Americans wanted meaningful cuts before a debt limit rise. Another 15 percent wanted the United States to default. Only 25% wanted the debt ceiling raised unconditionally.

The concern was that the United States would default on its debt. This was a fear-mongering falsehood. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen never produced actual numbers, and she changed the default date several times. The truth of the matter is that the federal revenue cash flow would easily have covered all debt payments while temporarily delaying some contract payments.

Nonetheless, in an overwhelming bipartisan vote (the House—314 to 117, and Senate—63 to 36), Congress voted to give President Biden unlimited spending for the remainder of his term.

Even the *New York Times* declared that the new debt limit bill will not save a penny or cut a dime from government spending. Over the next two years Biden will have access to \$14 trillion of new spending, \$4 trillion that will not be covered by tax and revenue income. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the bill will save \$2.1 trillion over six years, but since there are no statutory caps in place, the 2.1 trillion is a fiction. In fact, supplemental requests for natural disasters and the Ukraine war will add to the \$14 trillion.

Everyone, including those in Congress and the White House, knows what additional spending will mean in the near term. Inflation will rise and the Federal Reserve will have to raise interest rates significantly. People will spend less, tax revenue will drop and personal investment managed by the likes of Blackstone and Sequoia Capital will continue to feed the Chinese economy while US small businesses will be denied access to capital.

But there is something even worse: the impact this new bill will have on the dollar. Over the next two years, the debt will increase to \$36 trillion or more, weakening the dollar on the world stage. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and their coalition of nations call the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) are developing a gold-backed alternative to our weak fiat currency. Central banks are buying gold at record rates and the BRICS are far ahead in this race. (The BRICS are geographically dispersed, have over 40 percent of the global population, the vast majority of natural resources and minerals, and their intention is to replace the dollar as the world's currency.) Their new currency will be backed by a precious metal while the dollar by the Fed's reckless printing of money.

Unlimited spending is exactly what the BRICS want and McCarthy, Biden, and the globalist Congress have agreed to do exactly what the coalition wants. If the BRICS new currency replaces the dollar, hyperinflation will set in. Our debt will increase. The US energy sector will still be restrained, making the United States a net buyer of foreign oil. As interest rates climb to check more inflation, banks holding low-interest US bonds will be in worse condition than they are now.

But inflation will soar like Americans cannot imagine.

This country has never experienced hyperinflation. For example, when I was in Brazil, I watched the cruzeiro—the currency at that time—devalue two, sometimes three times a day. Finally, the cruzeiro plunged to zero and the government had to create a new currency (the real), which ironically was tied to the dollar.

If China has its way, the US dollar will be replaced with a currency tied to the Chinese yuan or other BRICS currency. A coalition of third-world countries will have and control the world's currency. This transition is occurring, not when China and the other BRICS are doing so well, but when the West is purposely propping up that coalition, sending US investment dollars to China and buying their oil and other natural resources.

Why, then, are American globalists from venture capital firms to Wall Street using dollars to bolster Chinese industry that is determined to take down the West? Because they admire China's totalitarian form of government and want to replicate it in the "New World Order."

But when China finally has the world's currency and Western globalists have to rely on it, will those globalists control the world or will they be even more subservient to the Chinese Communist Party than they already are?

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