

Current Events – Summer 2019

by Don Lein



REPARATIONS FOR SLAVERY

According to civil rights veteran, Bob Woodson, reparations discussions/hearings are not about reparations for slavery, but rather, “for the damage done by the New Deal and redlining” wherein “red lines” were drawn around black communities and

they were treated differently by governments and financial institutions. He went on to say “I think it is fool’s gold. It demeans both blacks and whites. To black America, you can monetize oppression. Also, what it does...the message is, somehow, your destiny is determined by what white people do. What white people give you. And not what you are able to do for yourself.”

Also, at the House of Representative hearings on reparations, former NFL star Burgess Owen had a bit of a different take. “I do believe in restitution—lets point to the party that was part of slavery, KKK, Jim Crow, that has killed over 40% of our black babies, 20 million of them... How about a Democratic Party pay for all the misery brought to my race.” “Every white American that feels guilty because of your white skin should need to pony up also. That way we can get past this reparation and recognize that this country has given us greatness...we have become successful in this country like no other because of this great opportunity to live the American dream. Let’s not steal that from our kids by telling them they can’t do it.”

CLIMATE CHANGE

Who can forget Ted Danson warning us about the coming ice age with only 20 years left to shift the tide or later Al Gore telling us the “inconvenient truth” of death by global warming or Governor Jerry Brown of California telling his residents that brush fire danger

was increasing because of global warming or more recently Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez dire warnings that we have, maybe?, a dozen years before the end, because of global warming. Glacier National Park has been warning visitors with signs that say “Gone by 2020” near glaciers that they expected to melt by next year. Alas, a number of the glaciers have expanded since the signs were posted—the Jackson Glacier, for example has grown approximately 25% or more over the past decade!!! The rangers have been busy, quietly removing the signs. The placement of the signs and their dire warning was repeated in the *New York Times*, *National Geographic* and international news sources—their removal was not even covered by the *Missoulian*, *the Billings Gazette* nor the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*!! So much for the press’s responsibility to inform the public.

TRANSGENDERISM

According to USA today, a new Harris poll indicates that Americans of 18–34 who feel comfortable dealing with the LGBT community has dropped from 63% in 2016 to 53% in 2017 to 45% in 2018. Young women seem the most uncomfortable going from 64% in 2017 to 52% in 2018. One theory is that this drop is simply a product of our “toxic culture”. Another is that the youth are responding to a culture being shoved down their throats and being told they are bigots and/or homophobes if they reject it. Let’s face it, LGBT activists are everywhere—schools, workplaces, sports, locker rooms. Generation Z seem to be more immune than previous generations to political correctness and it seems that it is not anti-LGBT sentiment that creates the acceptance problem, but over-the-top LGBT activism.

The field of sports is a frequent target for LGBT activists. A quote from a Portland, OR, LGBT activist sums up their logic – “The Patriarchy needs to be smashed... once every single female sport is utterly dominated by biological males who identify as women, the criminal

hierarchy of men utterly dominating all aspects of life will be broken—this is not hard.” A second example involves a 36-year old male, Nate Ripley, who identifies as a 6-year old. Ripley “absolutely crushed” a game winning homer to win the T-ball championship. This concluded a season in which he batted 1.000, with 52 home runs and was “incredible” in the field. He is being called “an inspiration to 6-year olds everywhere”.

SPORTS

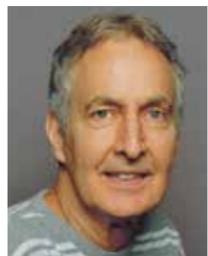
The world of sport faces some unique challenges particularly from biological males who consider themselves female. The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill that makes it a federal offense to deny a biological male who self-identifies as a female the opportunity to compete in female athletics. A couple of states have tried this already and naturally the record books are being completely rewritten by the biological males. After decades of Title IX, the politically correct progressive crowd have pushed women’s athletics back a half century or more!

However, there is a gender identity issue with which the sports world is presently dealing. It deals with Caster Semanya a 28-year old South African Olympic champion runner. Caster, a biological female has abnormally high testosterone levels which the world ruling body, IAAF, has declared gives her an advantage over other females. For years they required her to take medication to lower her testosterone levels, so she could compete on a level playing field with other biological females. This also led to significant weight gain, regular fevers, internal pain and a feeling of sickness—but she had no choice if she wanted to compete internationally, where the money is! She has said enough!, and the issue is still in litigation.

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Hate Has No Home Here

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Drive around any town in Chatham County, Orange County, Wake County, and so forth, and you’ll see a smattering of the same types of signs. People displaying in their windows, or on their front lawns, signs that say “Love trumps hate,” “Love is the answer,” or, “Hate has no home here.” On

their license plates you’ll see bumper stickers that say, “No hate in my state.”

If you haven’t figured it out, these sign bearers are all liberal virtue signalers who are sending a not-so-subtle message: They believe that conservatives, President Donald Trump, and anyone who voted for him are a hate-filled lot, who dislike immigrants, children, old people, clean air, you name it.

A HIGHLY SHELTERED LOT

Sheltered for years, if not decades, in the liberal mainstream media bubble, they have a contorted view as to what’s happening in the world. Everything is filtered for them through the New York Times, the Washington Post, NPR, CNN, MSNBC etc.

The left erroneously espouses, for example, that our President hates immigrants. This contention couldn’t be further from the truth. He does not like are the floods of illegal immigrants – arranged and paid for by the likes of George Soros. These people seek to storm our borders, undo our laws, overrun our facilities, and jump ahead of people who have been legally waiting in line for months or years.

The misguided left will have you believe that President Trump is an anti-Semite. This is ridiculous on its face, as his most politically prominent daughter, Ivanka Trump Kushner, converted to Judaism to marry a Jew, and her three children – his three grandchildren – are all Jewish. On top of that, his support for Israel is unyielding.

The left also will have you believe that Donald Trump

is a racist and dislikes black people. The funny thing is, before he ever ran for president, he was honored on numerous occasions by the NAACP and other African-American institutions and organizations. The moment he became president, amazingly that all changed!

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WE KNOW BEST, NOT!

The left always knows best, even when they know nothing, which is most of the time. If the left were ever to proceed beyond the mainstream liberal media bubble, in which they have been ensconced for decades, and read more widely – including *Free Beacon*, *Daily Caller*, *Red State*, *Community Digest News*, *Beltway Bandit*, *Townhall News*, *The Hill*, *Instant Pundit*, *MRC*, *Roll Call*, *Before It’s News*, and the *Gateway Pundit*, just to name a few several dozen news organizations – these cloistered folks might begin to realize that it is their side, the Democrats, ‘progressives’, and the left in general that promulgates most of the hate in American society today.

The one thing that liberals have gotten correct is that love does indeed trump hate, in many instances. Thus, it is shameful that liberals are so hateful.

UNENDING LIBERAL HATE AND INTOLERANCE

Here’s a list of 21 items out of at least 186 items and issues that a majority of liberals hate:

- Liberals hate people who disagree with them politically
- Liberals hate the idea of having fair and effective voter ID laws
- Liberals hate giving equal time or even sympathy to crime victims
- Liberals hate to acknowledge the cerebral differences between men and women

- Liberals hate to encounter acts of patriotism
- Liberals hate free speech on campus, unless of course they agree with it
- Liberals hate to consider what or who set the Big Bang in motion
- Liberals hate merit-based college acceptance
- Liberals hate anyone who does not conform to political ‘correctness’
- Liberals hate to acknowledge the rights of the unborn
- Liberals hate African Americans who deign not to be Democrats
- Liberals hate anyone who seeks to maintain U.S. sovereignty via secure borders
- Liberals hate blue collar workers and regard them as idiots
- Liberals hate anyone who seeks to legitimately reduce the federal bureaucracy
- Liberals, hate knowing that 20,000+ people attend Trump rallies, with thousands more turned away, as their own candidates draw in the hundreds at best
- Liberals hate news features about illegal immigrant crime
- Liberals hate anyone who is deeply religious except, of course, Muslims
- Liberals hate school vouchers or returning power to state and local school boards
- Liberals hate anyone who runs for, or wins, office as a Republican or Libertarian
- Liberals hate being exposed as to their double standards
- Liberals hate, most of all, being cited as America’s most intolerant group (Pew Research, 2016)

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