

TABOO OPINIONS #15

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7-16-04 Let me now, just for the hell of it, just because it needs to be said once in a while, talk about RACE! And I'll inevitably segue into other rants, tirades and fulminations.

Race is a dirty word nowadays unless you are practicing or speaking good racism. Good is when you are protecting (usually one particular) minorities from discrimination and/or evil-speak. That one minority is usually the African Americans.

Good racism requires everyone to pretend that Af-Ams are as smart as everyone else. And most of them are. No problem. But, alas, a larger minority of Af-Ams are "dumber" than the dumb ones among the whites and Latinos and Am-Inds.

So, to avoid admitting the obvious, we pay for Head Start to give mostly Af-Ams intensive early education so they will be as smart as other kids. And we bus Af-Am kids to so-called 'white' schools and expect them to absorb white culture and smarts and to give up Af-Am argot (ebonics) and Af-Am culture.

And besides, mixing the races and socio-economic classes is a good thing, isn't it?

And we (right-thinking liberals) studiously ignore the true and obvious meaning of city-wide and state-wide education tests which show (generation after generation after generation) low and lower scores in schools attended by large percentages of Af-Ams.

No matter what we liberals do to 'level the playing field' according to right-thinking equality-must-rule theory, the Af-Ams remain, on average, at the bottom of the education charts.

The trouble is, Head Start early education too often wears off after Af-Am students leave the program, and mixing the races in schools has ironically resulted in the "superior" white kids adopting much of the attractive (easy, forbidden, parent-enraging) Af-Am argot and culture. Mixing the races has been a distasteful-to-many two-way street.

We liberals explain the low Af-Am test scores as due to parents

with low incomes, parents who don't value reading, an ever-present prejudice among whites and anti-intellectual blacks!, the easy-money drug culture, etc, etc.

We clutch at straws, we never ask the next question, we dare not, cannot, admit there is a difference between the races even as we strive mightily to make the differences disappear. We hate the entire concept of race!

We often cannot even admit there is another minority, another race, which exists in our country. The Asian-Americans. The As-Ams are an intolerable pain in our liberal asses. We ignore them. We make them invisible, often, by not even counting them as a minority. They're too damn smart! They are a constant, maddening proof that our 'racial equality' theories are bullshit.

Am I saying all Af-Ams are stupid? Lazy? NO!

I am of the opinion that the enduring, irreducible minority of Af-Ams who drag down the education-accomplishment scores are as they are because their brains are not as well genetically structured or 'programmed' for reading-logic tasks.

That minority of a minority are genetically more picture-music-athletics oriented. They don't fit well in a word-tech civilization. They often turn to anti-social services and activities to survive.

If that reality is a problem, what's the solution?

It is my opinion that all kids should be thoroughly tested at an early age for their potentials in all fields of accomplishment. All their talents and natural skills should be found and they should be strongly encouraged to develop them.

This way-to-go marks me as a dreaded Socialist in many minds.

Why have I abandoned the "freedom" camp? Because it is virtually impossible to leave what I call The System and live outside of it.

In our current finance capitalism, partial socialism civilization in which homelessness (not paying somebody rent or property taxes) is a moral-social-legal crime, being employed and doing work is absolutely necessary.

For example, homelessness in Portland, Oregon has resulted in a city-authorized camp called Dignity Village. It is located on city-owned ground by the International Airport. It is full-up, with a waiting list. And "business interests" oppose its existence and its continuation... because it is a precedent, and they know thousands of

low-income people would opt for the opportunity to live rent-free in a homemade shelter or tent or camper in a strictly self-policed, self-governed fenced area rather than pay a landlord \$400 a month room rent, and rather than live in the horrible, dangerous downtown skid road shelters run by religious groups.

There are no other options. Reclusive subsistence farming out in the toolies is not really possible anymore.

Today you must work for a business or for the government, directly or self-employed indirectly. And thus you are forced into voluntary or involuntary servitude. The System will use you, like it or not. It will even use you as a Victim or as a Criminal or as a Destitute or even as an Enemy to provide work for others.

The System eats you alive with direct and hidden taxes, fees, charges, rents... You are their slave, from birth to death.

The problem with our present jobs-providing "free market" system is that it is clumsy, cruel, inefficient, and incoherent. Too many people fall through the cracks and get mashed and traumatized. Too many others are doing work they hate and too many are examples of wasted talents and wasted skills.

Therefore, I believe The System must be socialized and rationalized enough to provide a job for everyone who wants one and provide social-medical services as needed.

The Owners, the Goldsters and the Godsters and the Govsters (who own and operate The System for their benefit) often talk about a "social contract" by which you must live. You owe society obedience, service, loyalty, they say, in exchange for the benefits of their civilization---their System. And of course they are the ones who wrote the contract you must live by.

Real Personal Freedom nowadays is a chimera, a pretense, a lie, a fantasy of media propaganda and advertising and school inculcation.

To be truly 'free' [you are taught] you must pay \$500,000 for a house over 30 years (\$300,000 of it interest on that debt), you must buy a new car at least once every five or six years (another \$40,000 or so), buy a few computers, cell phones, big high-definition TVs, DVD players... The list goes on and on, new toys every year, for you to be a self-respecting, "successful" citizen.

Let's not get into the Medical Rackets.

Or the Investment Rackets.

Or the Criminal Justice System Rackets. [Crime pays--guess

who!]

All part of The System.

Because The System will and does, directly and indirectly, often brutally and viciously require you to work and above all get deep & deeper into debt and pay huge amounts of interest, and (if necessary) work where it tells you to work. [Join the Army to defend and enforce The System [in its clever plastic disguise as FREEDOM and OUR NATION and OUR WAY OF LIFE] and you're on the hook for life or likely death---read the fine print.]

And the current System will also cast you aside in shameful "unemployment" [your fault, you lazy, parasitic bastard!] because of its erratic and incoherent "free market" self-serving capitalist solutions to the business (debt accumulation, debt destruction) cycle. Our financial leadership has one primary dictum: When in doubt, inflate and devalue, cheat the suckers and lie about it!

In the kind of advanced, efficient education-training system I envision, race consciousness would be reduced to a minimum.

But as long as we are humans we will have ugly prejudices and 'illegal' needs.

And, ideally, in my utopian vision for America, we'd also have to admit that mankind has built-in instinctual Us-vs.-Them prejudices, territoriality, and possessiveness which cause endless conflicts, fights, and wars. We'd have to find ways to defuse and compromise almost every major and minor struggle.

Tolerance would have to be the watchword, and absolutes relinquished. We've got to learn to live with ourselves and accept ourselves as imperfect!

To "perfect ourselves", to alter our instincts and drives, would entail genetic alterations of all humankind---lots of luck getting that accomplished! And whose perfection do we adopt? [And what happens to mankind after we Tame ourselves and rid ourselves of warriors...and the Awful Aliens come to claim our planet?]

But that's another Opinion or three.. Sometimes I'm amazed at the paths down which my writing leads me.

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