

## What I learned From Politics – Part 3

Our politicized culture has bastardized the English language. Words and phrases like “hate,” “terrorism,” “deniers,” “Holocaust,” “cuts,” “compassion,” “racist,” “sexist,” “bigot,” “immoral,” “slavery,” “hate crime,” “offended,” and “separation of church and state,” have meanings today that people just a generation ago would not recognize.

Feigning offense today at nearly everything that is said, is just a tactic to gain the moral high ground, and silence opposition. People now claim they are personally offended, when what they really mean is that they disagree.

How long will it be before reading a Bible will be a sign of political extremism?

If the Old Testament prophets were alive today, is there any doubt they would be shouted down at universities, ridiculed by Hollywood, and denigrated by the media? And what does that tell us about whose side the prophet’s critics are on?

The young people of the 1960s that proclaimed to “never trust anyone over thirty” and “question authority” are now running our country. Of course, they now expect us to give them our complete trust and never question their authority.

The public complained about the old Blue Laws, which kept businesses from opening on Sunday; so they overturned most of them. Now I hear people complain about businesses being open on Sunday, but blame greed and capitalism.

Many politicians understand the U.S. Constitution about as well as the two thousand plus page bills for which they vote without reading.

The Federal Withholding Tax on wages is the greatest sleight of hand since the serpent tricked Eve in Eden. Because of the hidden nature of the tax, workers actually believe that how much money they get back from the IRS at the end of the year is more important than their total taxes paid for the year.

Does anyone else believe that politicians really want properly constructed roads and bridges? If infrastructure projects endured, then no workers would be hired to maintain and repair them.

Too many people believe that a country can actually borrow and spend its way to greater prosperity. Apparently, they are either unaware or

completely ignore similar economic policies by impoverished nations in Latin America and Africa over the past century.

It was “for the sake of the children” that gave us both the prohibition of alcohol and the repeal of the prohibition of alcohol. Likewise, it was for the sake of the children that we began an unsuccessful war on drugs and are now considering legalizing many drugs. Of course, it is the adults that will do the partaking, and not the children.

Over ninety percent of the national media vote for one political party. Yet they lecture the rest of America about the lack of diversity in the workplace.

Journalists are wanna-be politicians who either lack the courage to run for public office, or are not clever enough to hide the skeletons in their closet.

I have lost count of the times a political party brought the people to a fevered pitch over some national issue, only to continue the same policy or ignore the issue once they acquire power.

The public complains about politicians holding public office too long, re-elect their representatives anyway, and then complain that things never seem to change.

If you give any political group everything they want, they will just create a new list of more things they want.

Politicians are always telling us that immigrants are exceptionally hard working, and, consequently, we need more of them. But the term “hard working” is relative. Doesn’t that imply that some non-immigrants are not hard-working? And if so, to whom are they referring?

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