

MEMO FROM EMMETT MAYOR GORDON W. PETRIE

SUBJECT: STAY WOKE, COMRADES; WHY CAPITALISM MATTERS, PART I

In the mainstream TV and print media, conservatives are often accused of listening for dog whistle phrases and terms, namely those allegedly coded words having one meaning to the general populace while having a much deeper, hence, sinister meaning, to those of us who still believe the US Constitution is a continuing and relevant document of genius.

Such dog whistle communications always seem to be anathema to (or at least run counter to the philosophy of) the growing army of “Social Justice Warriors” annually matriculating from America’s prestigious colleges and universities. Like a caterpillar becomes a butterfly, these Social Justice Warriors crawled around helping themselves to whatever they could find first as liberals, then spun themselves into the chrysalis of progressivism, only to emerge as full-fledged “Social Democrats”, aka Socialists. While Bush 43 spun his folksy nonsense about compassionate conservatism, better known as liberalism light, the Social Democrats are now distributing a commercial strength concoction of socialism as the next Kool-Aid to be consumed by the un-, mis- and undereducated. Apparently these poor souls don’t know what Lenin said: “The goal of socialism is communism.”

The Millennials along with Generation Z’ers “feel the burn” with Bernie. (Believe it or not, “Z” in this instance does *not* stand for Zombie; hereinafter, both generations are abbreviated to M/GZ.) Astoundingly, they are further captivated by that brilliant, and I assume, soon-to-be-Nobel-Prize winning Boston University Economist, Comrade Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York’s 14th Congressional District. Yet, as the annoying “My Pillow” guy says to the inquisitive-lacking couple (who can’t seem to figure out why or how he could look at them through their bathroom medicine cabinet like a creepy voyeur), “That’s not good!”

Which prestigious colleges and universities are these Social Justice Warriors coming from, you ask? You know very well: the ones that until recently allowed rich Hollywood progressives to buy admission slots for their low-average IQ offspring, thus bumping more deserving students, many of them minorities, to the lower-caste state college system. No hypocrisy there, Hollywood!

Accordingly, the next couple of Memos from the Mayor will be dedicated to the value of Capitalism and why it matters—not crony capitalism, not monopoly capitalism—rather the free market kind of Capitalism our founders knew one day would be the driving force behind our Republic. To get there, we must define some basic terms. The first is “woke”. This new slang term is already trite, just like “gravitas”, through over use by M/GZ. Woke is a Social Justice Warrior political term; code for being socially aware, as in “Once I was asleep about social issues, but now I’m ‘woke’”. Regrettably, the M/GZ being “awakened” (maybe we should call it the Post-Modern Enlightenment Period of Darkening) has created a divide in this country the likes of which we have not seen since the Vietnam War-Civil Rights era. Before that we hadn’t seen such division since the War Between the States—or as southern Democrats called it before the Republicans in the Senate helped get the Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed, the War of Northern Aggression or the War to Preserve the Union—now, *there’s* some “dog whistles”.

What? You don’t believe the Democratic-controlled Senate needed Republican help to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964? Consider these facts: in the Senate, the final measure passed by a 73-27 vote, but only 46 Democrat Senators voted *for* the bill (the Democrats controlled both houses in 1964, as well as the Office of President). The only Republican to vote against the Act was Tower of Texas, who started his political career as a Democrat, but switched to the Republican Party to help elect Eisenhower in the early 1950s. We see, then, but for the assistance of the Republicans, this iconic Act would not have passed. Sadly, the average “Social Democrat” has no knowledge

of this, or if they do, it's irrelevant. History does not matter to them. In fact, history gets in their way. It's the Here and Now, the *Zeitgeist* that serves as the coin of their realm.

Finally, in these installments, what do I mean by socialism? What does the luminiferous aether of the internet say? Try these synonyms on for size: Bolshevism, collectivism, communism, Fabianism, Leninism, Maoism, and Marxism. Two words are also used for what it will mean should socialism come to our shores: state ownership. In other words, the state will own us from cradle to grave. Recall how Lenin viewed the purpose of socialism. No, indeed, Mr. Lindell. "That's not good." Stay tuned.