

Words Well-Worth Heeding

As a rule, I prefer to fill my articles with my own well-chosen words, but there are some thoughts that deserve the widest possible circulation. For instance, in critiquing the state of education in America, it's hard to improve on the following 21 words of Thomas Sowell: "In an age when scientists are creating artificial intelligence, too many of our educational institutions seem to be creating artificial stupidity."

Although he wasn't necessarily known for his positive messages, I believe Friedrich Nietzsche neatly encapsulated the differences between socialism and capitalism when he wrote: "The craving for equality can express itself as a desire to pull everyone down to our own level or as a desire to raise ourselves up along with everyone else."

Or as someone else once pointed out, "Socialism is the system under which all are made equally miserable." But of course that isn't quite true. Whether we're referring to China, the Soviet Union, Cuba or North Korea, the ruling class always manages to feather its own nests very nicely. As George Orwell observed in "Animal Farm," in which he turned the Soviet Union nightmare into a fable: "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others."

While some of us can't help trying to point out – logically, honestly, at times even humorously – all the damage being wreaked by Obama and his henchmen and henchwomen, Thomas Paine noted that "Time makes more converts than reason." That would explain why Obama became the first two-term president to receive fewer votes the second time around. So while it's true that time makes more converts, it doesn't necessarily make them quickly enough to suit some of us.

But we don't want to get too carried away with what other

people have to say when I still have so much on my mind. So, let me commend General James Amos for having the courage to complain about the way the Commander-in-Chief is doing his job. Someone has to have the nerve to point out that the emperor is as naked as a blue jay, and it's nice when that someone has stars on his shoulders.

For my part, as a Jew, I want to call out every Jewish member of Congress for not confronting Obama, Kerry and the anti-Semitic State Department, for spending weeks pretending there is a moral equivalence between Israel and her 8th century dwelling enemies. It is high time these Jewish politicians understood that Obama needs their support a lot more than they need his. Only the rankest sort of partisanship can explain why they either remained silent or joined anti-Semites like Penelope Cruz, Javier Bardem, Emma Thompson, Vanessa Redgrave and a slew of other show biz lunkheads in condemning Israel for "over-reacting" to thousands of missiles and scores of tunnels.

Let us keep in mind that these are the same coddled celebrities who take to their beds and sulk for a week if they even get a bad review. But they demand that Israel not raise a finger to prevent missiles from killing its own people.

The numerous references in the world's media to Israel's committing genocide was particularly insufferable not only because the Jews stood accused of doing to others what was so tragically done to them, but because it flies so blatantly in the face of reality. I mean, does anyone actually believe if the mission of Israel's military was to wipe out the Palestinians that after a month of trying they would have only managed to kill a thousand of them?

To be perfectly honest, I don't believe that anyone in the so-called civilized world actually cares about the Palestinians or about any Arab or Muslim. How could they? These are the folks who celebrate suicide bombers. These are people who burn

down churches and behead Christians. These are people who believe in honor killings and clitorectomies, and where different pay for the same work is the least of women's concerns. All of that being the case, you'll please pardon me if I don't believe those who claim that it's always Israel that's in the wrong in these Middle East conflicts, and who then self-righteously deny that they're Jew-haters.

Closer to home, we have Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg griping that while the Supreme Court is using language of "equal dignity" in recent rulings supporting same-sex marriages, "gender cases rarely get the same consideration." She complains: "The Court has yet to embrace the ability of women to decide themselves what their destiny will be."

Inasmuch as Roe v. Wade has been on the books for about 40 years, I can only assume she's referring to women's inability to have a butcher like Dr. Kermit Gosnell perform third-trimester abortions. But in response, I say that if women really wish to decide their own destinies, they might want to refrain from engaging in unprotected, irresponsible, sexual relations.

Otherwise, Justice Ginsburg, it's a lot like whining that people who use illegal drugs, rob banks or commit suicide, don't get to determine their own destinies because their addiction, jail time or death, has unfairly intervened.

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Eunuchs & Evildoers

Whenever I see Obama deliver a speech, I have a visceral reaction unlike anything I've ever experienced without having first eaten something I should have left on my plate. It isn't his politics, alone, that brings on the gag reflex; it's the fact that he lies compulsively and then never acknowledges his lies when the facts inevitably show him to be lying.

For instance, when pushing the Affordable Care Act, he swore that it would save the typical family \$2,500 and that if they chose to, they would be able to hang on to their doctor. As we now discover, those were blatant whoppers. On the other hand, how is it that anyone could actually believe that medical coverage could be extended to 30 million additional people and it would cost less?

As to the identity of those 30 million tragic souls, Obama never identified them. I did. They were illegal aliens and young people who preferred spending their money on drugs, booze and entertainment. In other words, they were some of the folks who populated Obama's base.

The plain fact of the matter is that Barack Obama has waged class warfare ever since he was elected to the Illinois legislature. It is what the redistribution of wealth is all about. As it was envisioned and has been carried out by Obama, it takes from the middle class and gives to the poor. Marx and Lenin would be so proud.

It seems like every time you turn around, you hear about some school suspending a little kid for pretending a stick or his finger is a gun. You also hear about schools banning baseballs and footballs from the playground, further feminizing young

boys. While they're at it, they demonize competition and enforce a language code that makes English both anemic and basically dishonest.

The intended purpose of this female-imposed agenda is the transformation of American males into eunuchs. It's a war that's been waged by the members of NOW and their liberal cohorts for the past 40 years. It's a war that is prolonged every time some gasbag like Nancy Pelosi or Hillary Clinton pats herself on the back for breaking through the glass ceiling, pretending that we exist in an Islamic society where women have no rights and no opportunities.

Although America began life in miraculous fashion, the likes of Washington, Franklin, Jefferson and Hamilton, serving as midwives, it is fast becoming the land of the craven and the home of the freeloader. The list of our vices is now even longer than our virtues. It has become commonplace for homosexuality to be seen as an acceptable life style. Fifty million abortions have taken place since Roe v. Wade, and most of us don't even bat an eye.

Welfare and disability are gamed by millions of able-bodied people who feel they're entitled to live off the efforts of others. Hordes of viewers tune in to TV talk shows and have their hearts touched by celebrities who brag about overcoming addictions to booze and drugs, and never bother asking why their pampered idols didn't simply avoid the well-known pitfalls in the first place.

Illegitimacy is encouraged; the media promotes Marxism; wealthy actors promote the danger of global warming while flying in private jets; bureaucrats argue for higher taxes while failing to pay their own; the president closes military monuments and refuses to pay death benefits to military families while he plays golf on military bases; and the vice-president deals with the government shutdown by taking his grandkids to vacation at Camp David.

Although candidate Obama vowed to bring us all together, he and his henchmen take every opportunity to demonize Republicans, labeling them arsonists, extortionists, traitors and murderers. Well, you know what they say – if the shoe fits, throw it at the other guy.

When Muslim terrorist Abu Anas Al-Liby was captured, the first thing I heard was that this administration planned to try him in a criminal court, that the death penalty would not be on the table, and, rather than squeeze him for essential information, he would be allowed to lawyer-up after a one week boat ride to the U.S. Frankly, when it comes to national security, I'd feel a lot better if Moe, Larry and Curly, were on the job.

Speaking of big dopes, when it comes to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, one might leap to the conclusion that Alzheimer's had kicked in if not for the fact that she was just as dippy at 40 as she is at 80. In arguing for the extension of affirmative action in the case brought before the Supreme Court by the state of Michigan, Ginsburg said that racial considerations had to be taken into account in order to compensate for the political powerlessness of blacks. I suppose it's just possible that she has failed to notice that the current president and attorney general, along with two of the past four secretaries of state, have been black.

If anyone feels politically powerless in America today and could desperately use some of that affirmative action, it's conservatives.

As that old wag Plato once observed: "Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber."

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Hard Questions and Easy Answers

I realize that those on the Left hold anyone who questions where Barack Obama was born in contempt. They even came up with a silly term, Birthers, for those who aren't satisfied that a president who continues to keep documents related to his college applications and grades under lock and key is being entirely forthright.

But I want to start a movement to find any female who ever dated Obama prior to his marrying Michele when he was 30. We know he smoked weed and sought out commies to associate with in school because he said as much in his memoirs. But how is it that not a single woman has stepped forward to claim she dated him in high school or college, even though she would achieve instant celebrity and millions of dollars in book deals and TV appearances? If the liberals wish to call me a Dater, I'm okay with it. They've called me far worse.

I'm just saying it seems more and more likely that the union of Barack and Michelle was not a marriage made in heaven, but, considering the way that blacks feel about gays, one politically arranged in the backroom of Jeremiah Wright's Trinity Union Church.

Next, I am wondering if I'm the only person who can't stand listening to Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. I liked what he had to say, I just could never stand the phony-sounding way he said it. But for all I know, I wouldn't have liked listening to Abe Lincoln delivering the Gettysburg Address.

The latest unemployment statistics showed a dip from 7.4% to

7.3%. My question is why do they continue reporting that number as if it means anything? When 500,000 people stop looking for jobs in a single month and are therefore removed from the nose count, why don't they simply report that, in spite of increased population, we have never had such a low percentage of adults drawing a paycheck? One can imagine that the way the Obama economy is headed, we might reach the point where both the unemployment rate and the employment rate wind up at 0%.

How is it that everyone else is supposed to retire at 65, but politicians and Supreme Court justices get to go on and on, long past their shelf life?

Consider Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who is 80 and has been on the Court for 20 years. Just recently, after performing a marriage service for a couple of lesbians, she reported that "same-sex marriages prove the genius of the Constitution."

This is the same Constitution about which she said not too long ago she wouldn't advise an emerging nation to adopt as its own.

So, just as it took her husband's presidential nomination to finally make Mrs. Obama proud of America, it took institutionalizing homosexual marriages to get this former counsel of the ACLU to say something nice about our most sacred document.

Keep in mind this is someone who owes her judicial career to Jimmy Carter, who appointed her to the U.S. Court of Appeals; to Janet Reno, who recommended her to Bill Clinton; and to Clinton, who appointed her to the Supreme Court. All things considered, it shouldn't be too surprising that she's been on the wrong side of virtually every decision the Court has made over the past two decades. America would have been better served if, instead, Judge Judy had been appointed.

Interestingly, during her 13 years on the Court of Appeals,

District of Columbia, she had occasion to oversee the hiring of 57 clerks, interns and secretaries, and nary a one was a black. In Washington, D.C.?!

And yet, Ginsburg, is widely known as an advocate for “disparate-impact statistics as evidence of intentional discrimination.” In plain English, that means that even if a city or state doesn’t have an official policy of racial discrimination, if 30% of the population happens to be black or 50% of the population are women, but only 10% of the firemen or cops are black or female, that is proof of discrimination, and something had better be done about it. Or else! And yet she was 0-57. Even the Houston Astros have a higher batting average than that.

But liberals never feel they have to put their convictions where their mouths are. So it is that although, with a single voice, they call for higher taxes, they pay as little as possible, and on occasion – Charley Rangel and Tim Geithner come to mind – pay nothing at all, or call for the end of the Patriot Act and the closing of Gitmo, unless, of course, one of their own has his feet on the desk in the Oval Office.

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