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## The Left's Hypocrisy

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The Left and Mainstream Media endlessly taut their belief in diversity and claim to be open-minded. If they just proclaimed those beliefs and left it at that, many on the Right wouldn't care. The problem, however, is that in addition to telling everyone about their positions, they can't resist disparaging those of us on the Right for being allegedly against diversity and close-minded. Their moral superiority is sacrosanct and unquestionable.

From Barack Obama's hit that conservative voters cling to their guns and religion to Hillary Clinton's slur that millions of Americans fit in her basket of deplorables to Joe Biden's slam that 10%-to-15% of fellow citizens are bad people, the Left's repeat attacks on large numbers of Americans evidences the very opposite of what it believes about itself. Specifically, when it comes to diverse people not like them, they are horribly close-minded. Diversity for the Left apparently only applies to those holding liberal-progressive views.

Beyond famous people on the Left who exhibit close-mindedness and non-diverse views, the problem infects virtually all aspects of everyday life in a manner that creates greater polarization and, frankly, less diversity. Let me give you a humorous, but revealing example, as I believe it speaks volumes about the animosity boiling across America.

Over 35 million Americans use dating apps to meet potential partners, which covers 11 percent of America. Many of these users possess bachelor degrees or higher, so we are talking about educated people. The first jarring aspect of using the dating apps is the number of women who use precious space in their profile to declare: "if you voted for Trump, swipe left!!" In the 2016 presidential election, 63% of men voted for Donald Trump so, at a minimum, these anti-Trump daters are excluding from half to upwards of 63% of eligible men out-of-the-gate. For the record, I have never seen a woman with a profile telling men to swipe left if they were liberal or voted for Obama or Clinton. It is uniquely a thing on the Left against the Right.

One would think given their open-mindedness, they at least would ask a few questions for clarification before closing their minds. Given the countless reasons someone could have voted for Trump in 2016, such behavior seems utterly contradictory. Here are a few reasons someone voted for Trump:

- He's a veteran who believes the U.S. has fought too many wars;
- He's a small business owner who wanted tax and regulatory relief;

- He's a corporate executive who wanted to reshore profits at a lower tax rate;
- He's an avid hunter who wanted his Second Amendment rights protected;
- He's a firm believer in federalism who wanted conservative Supreme Court justices who would reinvigorate the Tenth Amendment;
- He's from the Rust Belt who lost faith in Democrats to protect manufacturing jobs from trade agreements; or
- He simply didn't like Hillary Clinton so went with Trump as the lesser of two evils.

None of these reasons make him a bad person or should make him an untouchable in the dating world or society generally, but, for those on the Left, **any** reason for voting for Trump renders you irredeemable.

The second jarring aspect occurs after a match happens. I can't speak for others, but my profile clearly lists that I am a conservative so anyone who swipes right on me does so knowing that basic fact. Yet, inevitably as the conversation moves towards occupations and I reveal what I do, the next exchange always ends up the same way. The woman discovers, shockingly I guess, that a conservative voted for Trump and the match ends.

For example, just this past weekend, I matched with a beautiful woman who teaches music and appeared to have lots of common interests. It didn't bother me that her profile listed her as a liberal and Jewish, as I don't really care about those things and frankly believe diversity in thought makes conversations far more interesting. Plus, I find other religions fascinating so am always up for learning more from people.

Our conversation was going well as we talked about museums, kids, and other topics until in response to me stating what I do for a living she responded, "I'm okay with that as long as you don't support Trump." After sending her a message stating: "(Sigh...)", she informed me that she was "very open-minded but drew the line on that man" as if I was Trump--"Inside Edition" tape and all. I just shook my head and went back to the movie I was watching.

You may laugh at this silly anecdote, but it is problematic. Americans already are becoming increasingly tribal with people self-sorting into groups based on political parties and beliefs. If we limit where we live, who we are friends with,

who our kids play with, and, yes, who we date by ideological and political positions, America is doomed. Our country will no longer be a melting pot that combines folks from all walks of life where our interactions educate and demystify each other leaving all of us as just Americans; rather, it will become more and more like a buffet where each food resides in its own bucket with bright labels ensuring that the different foods never mix.

In 2018, as part of a study, a [group of liberals women from New York City and conservative men from Michigan](#) agreed to host each other in their homes to learn about each other. One finding of the study noted:

the more education that Democrats, in particular, acquire, the more ignorant they seem to be about Republicans. Democrats with a postgraduate degree are three times as inaccurate in their perceptions of Republicans as Democrats who dropped out of high school. Interestingly, education does not seem to have this effect on Republicans. But Republicans are, on average, just as ill-informed about Democrats for other reasons.

At the end of the experience, one of the liberal Jewish New Yorkers noted: “It’s still really interesting to me — and hard to describe to people — that it matters so much that I have these people who feel like friends. Who are so different from me. I’ve never been in relationships like this before.” Imagine that, diversity in thought can result in relationships that matter.

If we want to come back together as a country, we are going to have to break out of our political tribes and try to understand each other. A nice start would be if the Left realized it isn’t open-minded nor truly interested in the kind of diversity that matters. Demonizing half the country based on stereotypes or a vote they cast is about the most close-minded act imaginable. As the study showed, it is much easier to dismiss “them” when you don’t actually know them as fellow human beings.

You’d think the open-minded Left would know that by now.

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