

America, We Have A Problem!

On April 13, 1970, John "Jack" Swigert, Command Module Pilot of Apollo 13, made the first call to Mission Control in Houston. He has been quoted as saying, "Houston, we've had a problem." We all know how this story turned out. Thankfully, all three astronauts of Apollo 13 made it back to Mama Earth, safe and well.

Today, November 04, 2022, more than 52 years after that famous emergency call, I am making an emergency call to America, and it is this, America, We Have A Problem. Many in America may ask, Alan, What Is The Problem? My short answer is, The Divide. Remember, we must First Name the Problem, then Describe the Problem in order to be able to Solve the Problem.

Before we get to what do about The Divide, We need to understand what the Divide is. The Divide is made up of many commonly accepted attitudes, positions and beliefs that I believe, possibly by intended design, Divide our America into many separate pieces. Why do this? History has taught us well that one divides to conquer and conquers to control all people, places and resources. In other words, to have and hold Power. The Divide is also part of the attack on our intended Way of Life in America, which is, Liberty, Freedom, Rights, Individuality and Equality of Opportunity For All.

Some main components of What Makes up the Divide include:

- a) Skin Color,
- b) The term and idea of races,
- c) Left vs Right, Liberal vs Conservative, Democrat vs Republican.
- d) Cultural differences,
- e) Lack of tolerance and acceptance of differences,
- f) Big government or not,
- g) Rights, and
- h) Divisive topics such as CRT and climate.

What do We do about The Divide? My good friend Cicely Davis taught me the answer. Cicely is currently running to unseat Omar in Minnesota's 5th congressional district. What do We do about The Divide? We Dissolve the Divide. As each person works in their own life to Dissolve the Divide, they will help discover and uncover what We all very much need in our lives, We need our Common Ground.

Now for a brief discussion of the above mentioned components of the Divide. Please keep in mind that our differences are what make each one of us absolutely unique, you know, like our fingerprints. Our differences do help define us, but please, do not let them be used to Divide Us.

a) Skin color. Skin color comes from melanin which is a substance in your body that produces hair, eye and skin pigmentation. The more melanin your body produces, the darker your eyes, hair and skin will be. Your melanin hangs out in your epidermis which

is the outermost layer of skin on your body. Generally speaking your epidermis, for most of your body, is approximate 0.05 mm thick. Think of the thickness of a sheet of paper. Other things that generally determine ones color include the presence of melanocytes, carotene, oxygenated hemoglobin, and local blood flow. Wow, this is something we really need to be hateful about! I can hear it now, "Man, you got way too much oxygenated hemoglobin for my liking." Let's get over this one. Let us Dissolve this part of the Divide by understanding the source and nature of skin color and then stop hating because of it. Just stop.

b) Race. This one is simple for me for there is only one race, Human. Yes, there are many different ethnic groups and cultures, that comes with different languages and looks, but this does not change that there is only one race, Human. Accept this fact and Dissolve this part of the Divide.

c) Left vs Right, Liberal vs Conservative, Democrat vs Republican. For goodness sakes, lets get real. These words, for me, are so Divisive because they have no real point of reference. Left or right of what? The main aisle in a chamber? Let's get to the starting point, Our Constitution. This is the document that started it all. It is a CONTRACT. In real life we do not read and then "interpret" what the words in a contract mean. No. In real life we read, understand and follow the instructions given to us by a contract. How can anyone reasonably be left or right, liberal or conservative when it come to actually following the instructions and limits given to us by the Contract? It is time We, as the Citizen Owners of Our Country tell our elected employees, follow the Contract or you will be fired. Accept and Dissolve.

d) Cultural differences. For me, cultural differences and accents are a great source of conversation starter questions. Where do you come from? How long have you been here. How many languages do you speak? What is your birthplace home town like? Do you miss it? Is your family here? If you really want to learn about why America is so unique and desirable, talk with an ABC, an American By Choice. When We accept and embrace cultural differences then we will easily Dissolve this part of the Divide.

e) Lack of tolerance and acceptance of differences. Really, since when has being tolerant and accepting differences of opinion, likes and interests become such a problem? It seems to have happened around the time some folks decided to be "all inclusive". If we all have to like and think and believe in the same way then we have stopped being Human and have willing become a drone, clone or widget off an assembly line. Time to Human Up, be unique, accept others as they are and learn how to give and share with others. Even if you disagree with someone, you can still be tolerant and accepting and thus Dissolve this part of the Divide.

f) Big government or not. When I was 3 years old I needed big government, Mom and Dad. The Founders knew what big gov would do for they actually suffered under the rule of a monarchy. One only needs to read and understand the Constitution to absolutely know just how limited the federal government was designed to be. We are not taught the Constitution in high school anymore because if we were, we would

absolutely know just how rogue and Un-Constitutional our current fed gov is. Big Gov never knows when to stop taking power from its Citizen Owners. Therefore, just say No to big gov and this will help Dissolve this part of the Divide.

g) Rights. There is only 1 set of Rights for all citizens and these Rights come from the Creator, as acknowledged in the Declaration of Independence. Having separate group after separate group believe they have a unique set of rights is very Divisive. Being unique or different does not give you a special set of rights. Accept this and Dissolve this part of the Divide.

h) Divisive topics such as CRT. What makes CRT critical? What Is the emergency? Since there is only one race, Human, to take another position is to be very Divisive and racist. The proponents of CRT acknowledge this is theory which begs the question - Why change or set policy simply because someone proposes a theory?

Time to Human Up America. Be tolerant, accepting, know, understand and follow the Contract, get our elected employees to be and do the same. This is all happening on our watch, we have no excuses. Dissolve the Divide, find Common Ground and become United under the blessings of Liberty, Freedom and Rights for All. In other words, To Unite We The People, We The People, Must Dissolve The Divide.

Until next time, may all you Patriots Be and Stay, Safe and Well. Patriot Out.