

# Big View Small Window

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## In Response to an Article on the Venezuela Crisis...

*So, I'm a bit slow...35 and just now trying to get woke outside my cushy, American existence. Better late than never, right? YouTube makes "research" easy, but I'm also reading the Bible, encyclopedias, articles on both liberal and conservative sides, etc. Trying to keep a balanced perspective - even if I agree with one more than the other. After watching Democratic debates (it's a struggle to understand their logic), I knew something was \*off\* about wanting to give Americans free this and free that, and reform gun laws to make it "safe for kids to go to school". But wow, at the same time American's believe it's no longer important to affirm the physical sexual identity kids are born with?...twisted...*

*Venezuelan issues can easily become US issues if people don't educate themselves BEFORE casting a vote. And voting for a free lunch is not going to cut it. The future of humanity must outweigh your gut. Things like pride and dignity are not bestowed by diplomats. It's maintained through hard work and decent wages to provide for one's self/family. **We don't all need to be wealthy to have a good life.***

*Guns? Never shot one in my life. But still smart enough to know that those who do know how to use them sometimes should. Gun bans are not a solution. But reforming our justice system - i.e. stopping all the coddling of mass murders - is definitely something that should be happening. Where*

*there is [capital] crime there should be [capital] punishment. That goes for those up top in our society too.*

The above quote doesn't begin to scratch the surface of what my mind is trying to comprehend. For the first time, I am really seeing people eat garbage, worshiping demons and unknown spirits, starving, and rotting away in prisons for "free speech" crimes. In light of that, I see the comments and commentaries written by Americans who say there's no problem with a socialized reform of our policies.

Americans (collectively, not individually) seem to believe a godless, gender-less, gun-less, soul-less existence based on humanistic ideas and inclusivity, with free handouts from the government, are the answer to our nation's problems. Oh, and they want the rich to pay for it. Basically looking to anyone - or anything - but God for help. A lot of people are falling for this "fresh, new vision of Democratic Socialism" (as I heard one Democratic Presidential candidate describe it). And people are okay with this? Even highly intelligent, college graduates who have access to information outside our slanted education system? There are so many who won't ask questions or do the smallest bit of research on what they're voting for! **Why!?** And since when did the *American Dream* become a desire to stand in line hoping the government and the rich will sweep the crumbs from their table into our mouths? Have we (as a people) already lost the fight? What are people willing to sell their souls for?

Any sort of reform promised to Americans by Democratic idealists will not include a plan to restore the dignity of human existence or the rights of ALL people, including the unborn. Dignity is God-given. We all have a right to exist because we were created with purpose. However, I don't believe it's necessarily our *right* to have the first and absolute best of everything. Even our fictional heroes in films and novels are not always the richest, smartest, most talented, and well deserved. The moral of those stories usually point the way for anyone to rise from ashes and to have an ending that's better than the start. But I guess that's no longer good enough. We have to have it all.

Dignity and faith cannot exist where people believe they are the result of an incidental cosmic combustion of meaningless matter. I suppose thoughts of where one will spend eternity probably seem ludicrous in the midst of a crisis like that of Venezuela. And yet, I am proposing that Christ

is still the Answer to humanities' biggest problem. Let's continue to serve the under-served and fight for equality, fair wages, and transparency from our leaders if we think it makes a difference. Where would we be if not for activists and other voices of reason and opposition? I commend those who find their voice on various platforms. However, I am using my voice to simply say that feeding the hungry - noble as the task may be - won't amount to much if the soul continues to starve.

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