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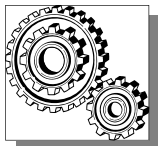
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Words: Weapons of Mass Destruction

by
Craig Lyman

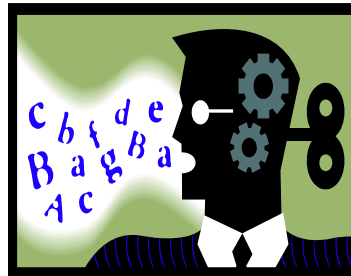
Political Correctness, Politically Correct, or PC as it is also known, is rampant in the United States. How did we get to this point, or better yet, why?

Many believe that being PC means thinking and speaking in a socially proper manner. After all, who wants to be incorrect? But the truth is, a far more ambitious agenda lurks behind those two innocent sounding words. According to the online Free Dictionary, the real meaning of politically correct is: *Of, relating to, or supporting broad social, political and educational change, especially to redress historical injustices in matters such as race, class, gender and sexual orientation.*

To bring about radical political change in a democratic society requires the acquiescence of large groups of the citizenry. That can be achieved only when free speech becomes

constrained and logical thought stifled.

George Orwell wrote of this in his book Animal Farm, in which all animals are equal, but some are more equal than others; and in his book 1984, in which language is increasingly vetted to obstruct critical thought. Orwell predicted today's cultural climate to per-



fection.

PC is Marxist in its roots, stifling in its influence, and destructive in its effects. PC is completely opposed to traditional American values, free speech, free thought, and freedom itself. Sadly, an increasing number of people seem all

too willing to hand over the reins of their own free will to the collective, and get assimilated. They are content, even eager to surrender to the thought police.

PC is a social virus of a potent variety. Step "out of line" and the PC "watchdogs" will attack with verbal tirades, labeling people "racist", and threatening them with fines or even jail time. Political correctness is essentially a political extortion racket---Shut up or else!

America is being systematically dismantled. "The American people will never knowingly adopt Socialism. But under the name of 'liberalism' they will adopt every fragment of the Socialist program, until one day America will be a Socialist nation, without knowing how it happened." - Norman Thomas, *Socialist Party Presidential Candidate 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944 & 1948 and co-founder of the ACLU.*

"Truth can stand by itself. Truth is great and will prevail if left to herself ... she is the proper and sufficient antagonist to error, and has nothing to fear from the conflict ... unless by human interposition disarmed of her mutual weapons, free argument and debate, errors ceasing to be dangerous when it is permitted freely to contradict them."

Thomas Jefferson

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As Thomas made clear through his words, governmental liberalism is a political philosophy whose very roots are based in socialism.

Whether through design, or happenstance enabled by apathy, this country is increasingly becoming a nation created according to the vision of Karl Marx rather than that of Thomas Jefferson - and most of us haven't a clue. Right now we are witnessing the rapid transformation to that day and place, where ingenuity, entrepreneurial spirit and motivation is replaced by government bureaucracy. Where the food on the table is not earned by you or selected by you, but is placed there by a government that will increase in its size and power; a government that will increase its control over us.

We've witnessed the government takeover of major industries, the failing banks, the failing auto industry, and now possibly healthcare. I submit to you that the problems we

face are real, but the failure is deliberate.

This method not only has its proponents, it has a name: the Cloward-Piven Strategy. The strategy was first made known in the May 1966 issue of The Nation magazine by a pair of radical socialist Columbia University professors, Richard Andrew Cloward and Frances Fox Piven, inspired by Saul Alinsky who later wrote the book Rules for Radicals. The strategy was one of forced political change through orchestrated crisis. The "Cloward-Piven Strategy" seeks to hasten the fall of capitalism by overloading the government bureaucracy with a flood of impossible demands, thus pushing society into crisis and economic collapse. It's not the people overloading the government, it's the government overloading the people, 44 years in the making, now with a like-minded administration which enjoys a majority in the Congress. Cloward and Piven would be proud.

I for one believe as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher did when she said, "The problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people's money."

Truth is becoming relative instead of absolute; therefore, reality for some is very abstract. When truth becomes relative then a lie can become truth. "If you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed," or "Make the lie big, make it simple, keep saying it, and eventually they will believe it." The first was from Joseph Goebbels, the second from Adolph Hitler. Enemies of America and those who are opposed to our freedoms are using PC to undermine, divide and stifle our free speech. Fans of Socialism aren't the only ones taking advantage of this powerful form of censorship; Islamic extremists are too. Could the terror attack at Fort Hood, Texas have been prevented? There were many warning signs that Nidal Hasan was a threat to his fellow service

members. Many saw them but were afraid to report them for fear they would be accused of "discrimination" against Muslims.

In a blog written shortly after the Fort Hood Jihadist attack, President George Bush Sr. was quoted as saying: "The notion of **political correctness** declares certain topics, certain expressions, even certain gestures off-limits. What began as a crusade for civility has soured into a cause of conflict and even censorship."

Well said!

It is impossible not to conclude that a "culture of political correctness" actively being fostered in schools, government, media, the military, and law enforcement has created a climate of fear in this country that has not only compromised our safety and security, but compromised our cherished ideals of a free press and free speech.

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With all the news we have heard concerning wars going on around the world and the deployment of our men and women here in Vermont and throughout the country, I want to emphasize to all of you reading this newsletter the awesome power of prayer. During WWI an officer in charge over his brigade prayed Psalm 91 over his troops and every single one of them came home unharmed. As I understand it another brigade that fought next to his lost 90% of their men and no prayer was prayed over them. I also read that the same kind of encounter happened during WWII. If you do not know this, Psalm 91 is a prayer for protection for those being prayed for.

*Lord, Your Word says that whoever goes to You for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty can say to You, "You are my defender and protector, You are my God: in You I trust. May **name the person or persons** in the military, and all our troops turn to You and find rest in the shadow of Your wings. Keep them safe from all the hidden dangers and all the deadly diseases. Shield and shelter them with Your wings, and let Your faithful promises be their armor and protection. May they not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor fear the dangers of the day or the disaster that might strike at mid day. Though a thousand other people may fall at their side, though thousands are dying all around them, protect our soldiers from harm. As they make You, the Lord, their refuge and shelter, let no evil conquer them, no plague come near their tent or dwelling. Order Your angels to protect them wherever they go. The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love Me. I will protect those who trust in My Name". May this be true of every man and woman in uniform. When they call upon You, Father, answer them, be with them in trouble, rescue them and honor them. Satisfy them with a long life and give them Your salvation. Amen.*

Marion Clegg attends Hunger Mountain Christian Assembly in Waterbury Center

Constitution Corner

by
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Article One, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution; Amendments IX and X

The recent attempts by the U.S. Congress to pass legislation establishing a government-controlled healthcare system have deeply divided the nation. The Christian Action Ministry decided to look at the actual wording in the U.S. Constitution to see if such a piece of legislation passes the test of constitutionality. In other words, does the U.S. Constitution give our federal government the power or authority to take over and run the current, mostly private healthcare delivery system in the United States? Does the wording of the U.S. Constitution establish the federal level, through Congress, as the holder of the rights over the healthcare delivery system in the United States?

In order to answer that question, it is necessary to read Article One, Section 8 to see whether Congress is allowed to do that. We will summarize the list of powers Congress is given in the U.S. Constitution. This is referred to as the *enumerated powers* section. Since we are summarizing, this is not the actual long wording of the document. Our readers must read the actual long wording in these sections themselves, bearing in mind we are summarizing. It is the duty of

every individual U.S. citizen to know his/her Constitution.

Article One, Section 8: Powers Granted to Congress.

Subsection (1) Congress has the power to collect taxes, to pay the nation’s debts, and to provide for the common defense and general welfare of the nation; **(2)** to borrow money; **(3)** to regulate commerce; **(4)** to make laws regarding naturalization and bankruptcies; **(5)** to coin money and fix weights and standards; **(6)** to punish counterfeiting; **(7)** to set up a postal system and roads; **(8)** to promote science and the useful arts; **(9)** to establish lesser courts under the Supreme Court; **(10)** to punish piracy; **(11)** to declare war; **(12)** to raise and support armies for two years at a time; **(13)** to establish a navy; **(14)** to make rules for the regulation of military forces on land and sea; **(15)** to provide for calling out the militia; **(16)** authority to organize, train, discipline, etc. the militia; **(17)** establishing the seat of the U.S. government (eventually Washington, D.C.); **(18)** the ability to make laws to carry out any powers granted above or powers granted elsewhere in the Constitution (such as the ability to sign Treaties with other nations).

These sections must then be read in conjunction with

Amendments to the Constitution IX and X, which state that unless the U.S. Constitution explicitly grants certain rights to the federal government, the rights and power belong to the individual states and to the people. If the Founding Fathers and Framers of the U.S. Constitution meant for the federal government to assume power over this area, they would have said so explicitly. They did not. The power to provide a healthcare delivery system in the U.S. belongs to the individual states and to the people. If that were not true, we would have had a federal government healthcare delivery system in the U.S. from the beginning of our nation. We did not. That was not the intent of the Founders. They explicitly set up a military, a postal system, a banking system, a highway system, etc. but not a healthcare system. Their intent was to limit the scope of federal government power, and share power between the federal, state, and local/individual levels. This was the system our Founders thought best to keep the powers of the federal government limited. They did not mean for the federal government to possess total control over all aspects of the lives of its citizens, even in the face of the “general welfare of the nation” wording in Section (1), which applies to the nation as a whole, and not as mandates concerning citizens as indi-

viduals. That is one of the reasons our nation’s early settlers and founders fled from Europe: loss of individual liberty (religious and otherwise). Federal control of a total medical care system like those found in Europe and Canada are constrained by the U.S. Constitution.

We are a Constitutional Republic, not a pure democracy. The United States of America operates under several legal founding documents. None of the three branches of our government can do whatever it/they want(s) to just because they vote to do it. They must respect the Founding Documents, the rights of individual states, the rights of the people, and the rule of law. All such laws and rulings must be in conformity with the wording of those documents, or the laws and/or legislation would be unconstitutional. If the citizens and the states don’t like this fact, they can always amend the Constitution. We’ll discuss that in a later issue.

An excellent, pocket-size copy of [The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It](#) can be obtained for \$2.95 by calling Oak Hill Publishing Company at 1-800-887-6661. You can also read the U.S. Constitution online.

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“I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them”

Thomas Jefferson

What can I do?



Faith without works is dead
James 2:17

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If you are concerned about the Federal Healthcare bill, you should be aware that Universal Healthcare was introduced in the Vermont Legislature this year. The concept mirrors the Federal bill.

**Legislation entitled
“An Act Relating to Health Care Financing and Universal Access to Health Care in Vermont”
has been introduced in both the Vermont House and Senate.**

Senate bill S - 88 was introduced by Edward Flanagan, D-Burlington

House bill H - 100 was introduced by Michael Obuchowski, D-Bellows Falls

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*February 16, 7:00 pm
Parkinson home
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March 9, 7:00 pm
Maranatha Christian Church
Williston, Vt.*

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