

Is 2016 The End of America?

A few months ago I predicted that this was going to be one of the most violent presidential elections in modern times, and that it was going to be bloody. A few weeks later, the violence began. It was almost exclusively centered on Donald Trump, his rallies and his supporters. The Donald said many things that really upset a lot of people, so the protests began in earnest and it even got bloody, just as I predicted. Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders said a lot of things that really upset some people as well, and the protests...well, they never happened. So why does one side *consistently* protest while the other side rarely ever does? Why does one side hold meetings and conversations and call their Congress people and talk things out, while the other side goes completely berserk? More importantly, why do these two sides have totally and completely, and seemingly *incompatible*, views of America, both where it is today and where it should go in the future, with almost no middle ground? In short, what the heck has happened to this country, and can it even survive the election of 2016? I am really starting to believe that this country is on the verge of splitting apart at the seams.

So how did we get here? How did we go from a country where we all just worked, hung out and had a good time and generally enjoyed each other's company to one where nearly everything under the sun has become political and contentious? I mean, honestly, it has become so ridiculous that it's getting really hard to even partake in normal daily activities without having to worry about how what you do or say will be construed or whether you will be vilified, ostracized or even arrested because of your actions. Back in the day, if a child misbehaved, he was disciplined. These days, if you swat your kid on the butt, you could go to jail. Back in the day, you were considered a patriot for putting your hand on your heart and saying the Pledge of Allegiance. These days, you are considered an evil, racist bigot for doing so. Back in the day, the vast majority of Americans did not support gay rights. These days, if you side with God on the issue, you are considered an evil, homophobic bigot. Back in the day, abortion was considered a grisly crime. These days, if you are pro-life you are, you guessed it, considered an evil, sexist bigot. It seems that if you don't agree with something the Left supports these days, regardless of what it is, you are considered a bigot. It's the Left's favorite term, designed to silence dissenters on just about every single issue.

Well, I've got news for you: you can call me every single name in the book, and it will not silence me. I am proud of who I am, of my religion, of my ethnicity, of my country, and I simply will not be silenced or back down from anyone who disagrees with me or with whom I disagree. You can say your piece, and I can say mine. That's how it works. It's called freedom of speech folks, it's in the Constitution, and the Constitution is HERE TO STAY!! So, I suggest you crawl out of your little safe spaces and deal with the real world, where people are allowed to, and often do, disagree. Instead of plugging your ears, maybe you should start using them.

So now the question becomes this: Why did we agree on so many things in the past but now we can't hardly agree on anything? Why are so many friendships, families, companies, schools and towns being ripped apart by so many issues? What has happened to us? Are we even really a nation anymore? Why are people saying if you think a certain way about something that they will unfriend you on Facebook and/or never talk to you again...even close family and friends? Why have we become so uncivil and hyped up and ready to ruin lifelong relationships because we can't agree on who should use which bathrooms? I mean, come on, are we not better than this? Or has the liberal myth of evolution gone

into complete reverse, rendering humans only slightly higher than animals on the so-called evolutionary tree? I have seen many instances on TV recently that suggest this might be the case.

So back to my question: Why do we disagree on so many things? Well, there are two main sides of American society today, one that holds a very liberal view of the world and one that holds a very conservative view of the world. Here's the thing, the side that holds a very conservative view of the world holds pretty much the same views as those held by both conservatives *and* liberals when this nation was founded, with a few exceptions of course. But for the most part, conservatives have held to their views. They have not changed much. On the other hand, you have liberals, who are *constantly* trying to change American society, I mean absolutely not a day goes by when they aren't trying to change or redefine something that has held true or been in place for hundreds, if not thousands, of years with the goal of complete Utopia in mind. Truth be told, not all change is bad, nor is all change good. Sometimes it's good for things to change, sometimes things are better left the way they are. That's a fairly reasonable statement. However, liberals, for some reason, just can't seem to accept *anything* the way it is. They always want to change change change and protest protest protest...and they call *all* change progress regardless of how it impacts other people or the country in general.

Therefore, the answer to my question about why we argue so much these days as opposed to the past is simply this: one side likes things the way they are, and one side simply can never be satisfied with the status quo. It is the side that is constantly pushing for change that lies at the heart of all the angst, tension and fighting in America today. Now, the liberals will lay all the blame on conservatives for not being "progressive" enough or being stuck in their ways. Well, conservative thinking has, for the most part, done this country a lot of good throughout its history. Admittedly, there have been a lot of good things that have come from the minds of liberals as well, but, in my opinion, most of them have been in the areas of technology and business, and of course arts and entertainment. When it comes to social issues though, I don't recall one single change made recently that has made America a better place; certainly none that have made it a more harmonious place.

Now, let us take stock of where we are today. We, as a country, used to agree that homosexuality is a sin. Now, apparently, it's ok. We, as a country, used to agree that abortion is heinous. Now, apparently, it's ok, and a right. We, as a country, used to agree that having freedom of movement with our cars is a great thing. Now, apparently, it's a sin against the planet. We, as a country, used to agree that it is a good thing to discipline our children. Now, apparently, it's considered child abuse (even though, by the way, IT STILL WORKS!!!). We, as a country, used to have strong faith in God. Now, apparently, you are a nut-job if you believe in Jesus Christ, and you shouldn't even have the right to utter His name in public. We, as a country, used to agree that child pornography is a terrible thing. Now, apparently, it's ok to have books that are no different than child porn in our schools, which are being used to teach kindergartners!!!! We, as a country, used to respect and follow orders from the police. Now, apparently, the police are public enemy number one, to be ignored, ridiculed, disparaged, threatened and maybe even killed. We, as a country, used to agree that protecting our borders was the smart thing to do. Now, apparently, we need to allow everyone in because we "need them" for our economy, regardless of how little they can actually help or even if they absolutely hate us and might even have plans to kill us. We, as a country, used to take pride in our way of life, which included eating meat, going to the zoo, building nice houses, playing dodgeball, telling funny jokes and giving our fellow students or co-workers a little crap once in a while. Now, apparently, it's a sin against the planet to eat meat, it's trampling on animal rights to have zoos and killer whale shows, it's abhorrent to build a house bigger than a cardboard box, it's life-threatening to play dodgeball or go sledding in the snow, and saying anything these days, joke or otherwise, is bound to not only offend someone, but it could ruin your relationships, your career, and

maybe even destroy your life, simply because someone else holds a different view or doesn't have a strong bone in their body to handle criticism or differing viewpoints, and having a temper tantrum is their only way to express their views. (Did you see that college girl having a complete meltdown simply because her college allowed a conservative speaker to speak at her school? Flat out unreal!!!) Last, but certainly not least, we, as a country, used to, for good reason, agree that if you have male body parts you use the men's bathroom and if you have female body parts you use the women's bathroom. Now, apparently, if you still believe that, and if you believe there are only two genders, male and female, you, again, are a transphobic bigot that should go to jail, or worse.

I could go on and on for hours, but I think I have made my point quite clear. So many things that we, as a country, used to agree on are now being changed, redefined or utterly destroyed by people on the Left. The sad thing is they know it and they are proud of it, and they revel in watching America fall from its lofty heights. Whether you are on the Left or the Right, or wherever you are on the political spectrum, you have to admit that all the change, hence all the angst and disagreements and fighting, is being instigated by the Left. Well, I am here to tell you that I am tired of it. I am tired of the Left trying to destroy the greatest country in the history of the world, warts and all. I am tired of the Left trying to put duct tape on my mouth. I am tired of the Left trying to elevate animals to the status of human beings. I am tired of the Left completely disrespecting the police. I am tired of the Left brainwashing our children into believing that we all descended from monkeys, that we are destroying the planet by eating a Big Mac and that God doesn't exist. I am tired of the Left calling me or anyone else a bigot simply because they hold a different point of view. I'm absolutely fed up with it. I honestly don't know where all of their crazy ideas come from, but I've just had it with their complete lack of common sense and logic, as well as their utter inability to control their emotions.

Therefore, I ask you all, is it time? Is it time for this country to split in two? Left America and Right America? West America and East America? Socialist America and Capitalist America? Atheist America and Religious America? LGBTQABCDEFGH America and Straight America? Where should we draw the new borders? How do we get people to physically move to one side or the other? Will there be cross border trade, employment, insurance, travel, etc.? How are we going to do this? Or, are we going to take the alternative route, and sit down and have a civil, two-way back and forth discussion about the issues, where *both* sides can be heard, share their viewpoints, understand why each side holds certain viewpoints and allow for some way for all of us to once again live in peace and harmony? Is it even possible anymore?

Which option do you prefer? Are we going to listen to each other and talk things out as civil human beings, or is 2016 the end of America?