

The Battle Lines Are Drawn

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The November Presidential election will be all about change, that according to the Democratic candidate, Barack Obama. I agree...it is about change, but it's about a change that has already begun to alter the complexion of our American society and culture. The change that Obama and his liberal political confederates are trying hard to have implemented will put our country at risk. The liberal left, if given the opportunity to gain power in the White House and Senate, will make sweeping changes to our national defense, our tax system, and indeed the very standards and morals that have caused our great country to be held in high esteem by nations around the world. The battle lines are drawn!

While events such as the massacre of over 2,800 American citizens on 9/11 and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are pivotal moments in our history, I submit that those are external episodes. We had outsiders perpetrate the attacks on 9/11; our ground wars are being fought on foreign soil. What concerns me more than those profound events is the subtle and steady decline of our American culture. The covert attempts by forces within our own borders such as the mainstream media, Hollywood, illegal immigration proponents, and the powerful lobbying of special interest groups. These are the insidious agents of change that will not rest until they have completed their evil mission of obliterating any and all traces of a once proud, welcoming country—the USA.

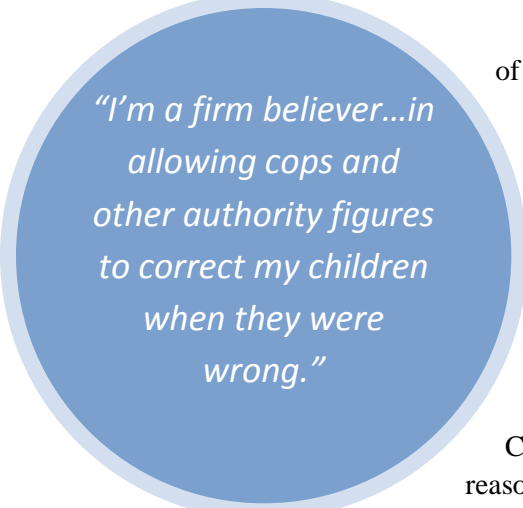
I'm a parent and a grandparent. I'm also an Army veteran, former cop, and a retired FBI Agent. I have always had a huge stake in things like law and order, traditions, role-modeling, sports and other competition as a healthy activity. I've also always recognized that the family is the cornerstone...the foundation on which our society is built. I've never abdicated any of my parental responsibility to the schools that educated my children. Indeed, I kept abreast of exactly what the curriculum was, and spoke out when I felt that the educators stepped over the line in trying to inculcate improper ideas and values. I recognize that a huge component of how a family, and by extension a culture, establishes morality and ethics is through faith and worship.

I'm a firm believer, not in the Clinton's concept of taking a village to raise a child, but rather in allowing cops and other authority figures to correct my children when they were wrong. I believe that if a neighbor or a store owner catches my child breaking the law, they should have full authority to do whatever it takes to correct or otherwise get the authorities involved to ensure that the child is held responsible for his actions.



I feel no malice toward those folks in our society who choose to become life partners with someone of the same sex. I say that your choice and preferences are your own business. What you do in your private time and behind closed doors should be ignored by society, unless you've hurt someone or broken a law. I harbor no ill will toward immigrants as long as they are here legally. Our country has thrived because of the desire of people from every nation on earth to become part of our great country.

The United States of America has been a paradigm for all democracies, as well as those nations that still long to be free. Our Constitution, one of the most unique documents ever written, has been in place and has withstood challenges for well over 200 years. All of its supporting documents, our system of government, and yes, even our elections, serve as models for those that study the gift of a free society.



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So what is causing our country to lose some of its appeal, some of its luster? I submit to you that it is as simple as good versus evil. Consider the following if you will...

It starts simply enough with seemingly innocent things like schools determining what playground games can or cannot be played. Childhood games such as tag, an innocuous game that knows no race, gender, political leaning, or religion is deemed to be "too rough." According to a USA Today report in June of this year, elementary schools in Wyoming, and Washington, banned tag at recess in the name of safety. In South Carolina, soccer and touch football were banned. The stated reason: safety. But someone please explain to me how banning activities such as tag, dodge ball, touch football, and soccer can be harmful.

On the contrary, these are all activities that allow our children to get much needed fresh air and exercise. They learn how to be competitive; they learn how to interact with their peers; they learn rules, and what's acceptable. Not allowing a child to participate in sports activities inhibits their growth, promotes isolationism rather than socialization, and hastens the onset of obesity and its related maladies such as high blood pressure and diabetes. All this is done because someone's child probably suffered a bloody nose or a sprained muscle.

While we're discussing the declining societal learning atmosphere in our schools, let talk about the newest phenomenon—history revision. The liberals want to change the history books that our youngsters use as text books, to reflect their own warped notion that the U.S. is a flawed country. Their version of history is that our country is evil, that every time we take action on foreign soil it's for our own evil purposes. Never mind the fact that the USA is the most compassionate nation in the world. We've donated more money, food, and people to countries destroyed by wars, famine, and natural disasters, than any country on the planet. Yet in the eyes of the left—we are evil.

The Left takes no joy in those that become successful and wealthy, unless of course it's one of them. They think that individuals and companies that make huge profits are evil. Case in point: the oil companies. Their profits are characterized as "obscene." Yet without the oil companies doing what they do, these very same chronic complainers would be unable to fly in their Lear jets and drive in their Hummers and limousines.

Another favorite topic of the Left is the concept of wealth redistribution. The notion that those that make a lot of money (they have yet to define what that amount is) should share it with those that don't. Ignore the fact that many of the targeted money recipients are folks that are lazy and refuse to work, or are illegal immigrants. The argument that I should be compelled to share my hard earned money with someone who is not as successful is a flawed one indeed. What becomes the incentive to work hard for yourself and your family, if the government will take the bulk of your earnings?

There are many other areas in which this creeping "re-defining" of America and of our culture can be found. Consider just some: the banning of words by those few on the Left that feel offended by them, selective phony outrage and the subsequent "playing of the race or gender card" when one wants to obfuscate an issue rather than address the question or problem. The extension of Constitutional guarantees to those that have already attacked our country and its citizens or have attempted to do so (Gitmo),

The list goes on and on and the problem becomes one of sheer volume—so many attacks on so many fronts that battles have to be chosen. We fight the big ones, yet that allows the smaller problems to continue to grow and eventually become part of our societal fabric. People eventually become worn down from all of the attacks and begin to become apathetic towards some of them. These new laws and ideas eventually become the norm and then it's too late and too complex to change them. That is the strategy—to throw so many things up against the wall that hopefully a few of them will stick.

We've seen this successful formula work successfully in the area of worship. The Left has been able to take almost all references to God and faith from the schools and legislative bodies. The mere mention of the Lord or the utterance of anything resembling a prayer is met by a lawsuit. Yet those that subscribe to the Left's dogma of being all things to all people, and not wanting anyone to feel left out or uncomfortable, has brought us the new phenomena of separate facilities for Muslims—feet washing stations at airports and schools. There is even a separate gym for Muslim women at an Ivy League school.

Taken individually, each problem may not seem to be a big deal. But look at them collectively and you can plainly see that these are not cosmetic changes—these practices and laws have changed the behaviors of our citizenry, and as a result changed the country. We cannot stand idly by and watch this denigration of America continue. As painful as it may sometimes be we must strengthen our resolve and enter the fray. Our great President, George W. Bush, said immediately following the attacks on our country on 9/11 that "You're either with us or you're with the terrorists." I submit to you that the same mindset must exist on the issue of our country's moral culture. You are either with those that love and honor the sacrifices that have been made in the name of a free republic, or you are with those that would turn our country into a socialist and eventually a communist nation. The choice seems clear to me...the battle lines are drawn.