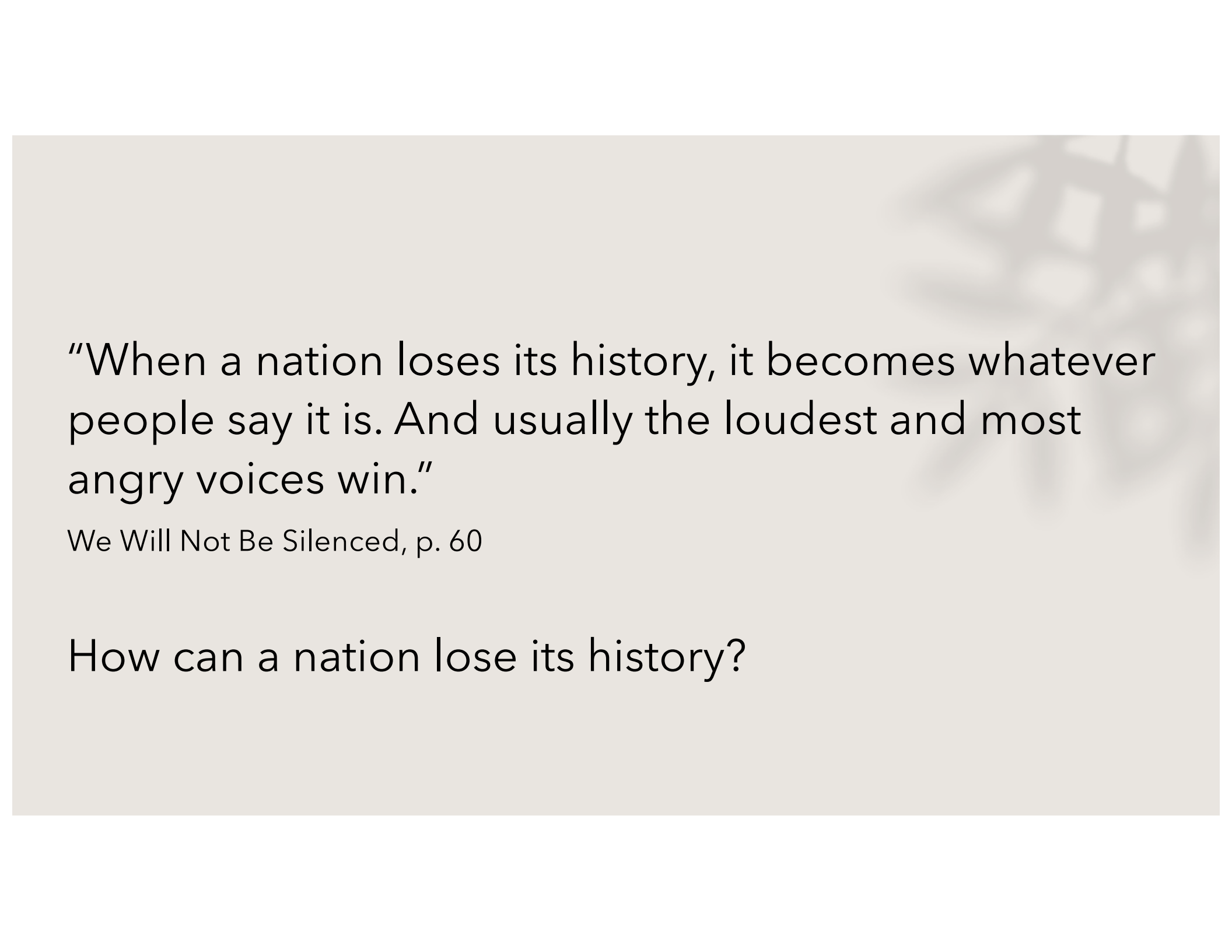
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We Will Not Be Silenced

Rewrite the Past to Control the Future



“When a nation loses its history, it becomes whatever people say it is. And usually the loudest and most angry voices win.”

We Will Not Be Silenced, p. 60

How can a nation lose its history?

When the prevailing understanding of that history is wrong.

Either through lie or mistake.

Why would anyone want to lie about history?

“Who controls the past controls the future.”

George Orwell

We Will Not Be Silenced. p. 41

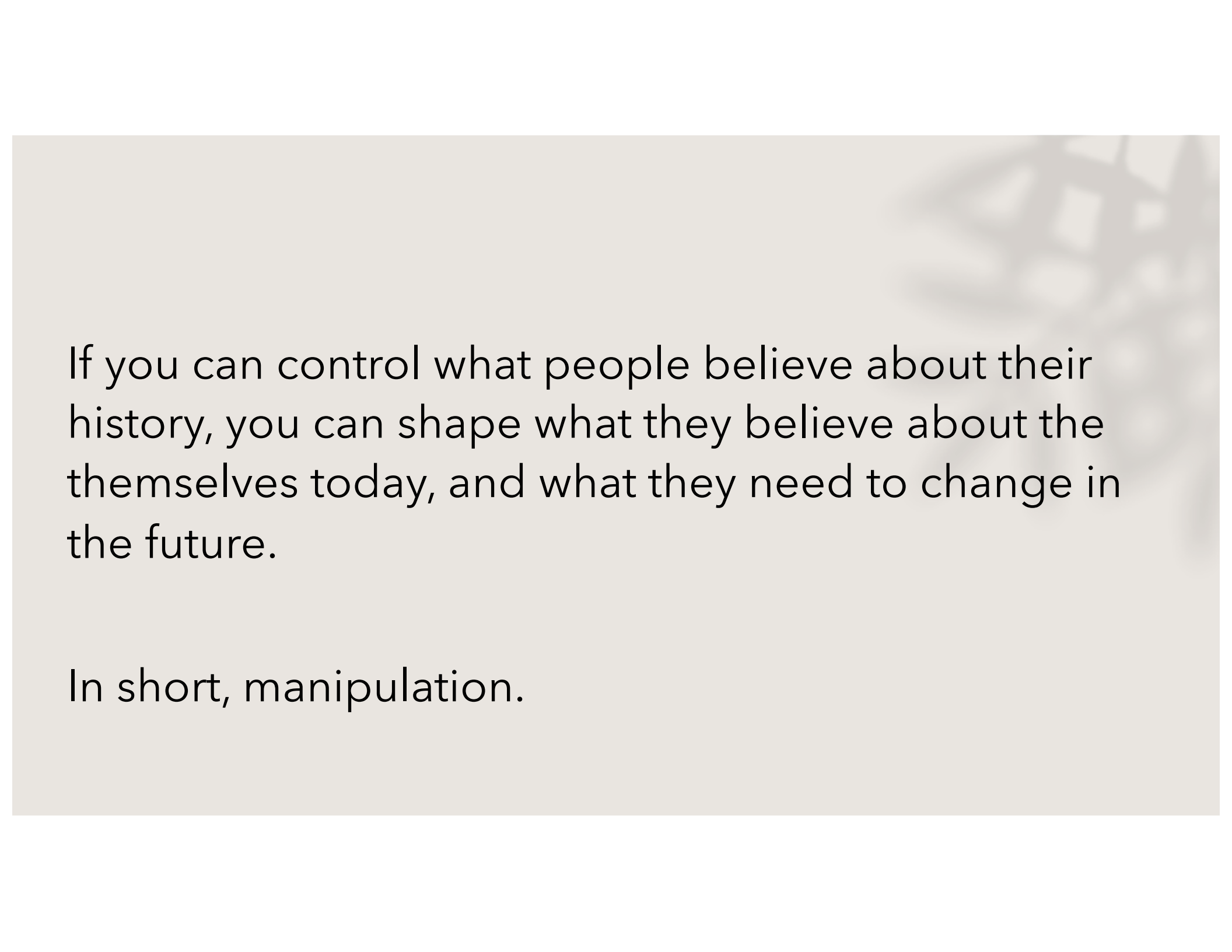
How can the past be controlled?

“Who controls the present controls the past.”

George Orwell

Orwell conceived of the “Ministry of Truth.”





If you can control what people believe about their history, you can shape what they believe about themselves today, and what they need to change in the future.

In short, manipulation.

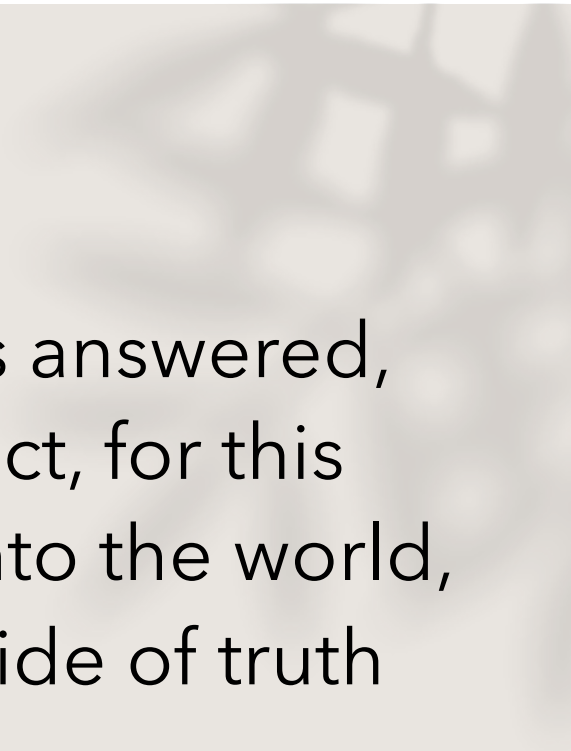
History should be based on truth.

Absolute truth (not relative truth).

We will spend some time examining "absolute truth," both as Christians and as Americans.

Certain philosophies, such as “postmodernism,” hold that absolute truth does not exist.

How do we know absolute truth exists?



““You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, ‘You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.’

‘What is truth?’ Pilate asked.”

John 18:37-38

What is truth?

- Pilate's answer.
- Ministry of Truth's answer.
- Jesus' answer.

Start with ***reality***.

Does actual reality exist?



The Bible teaches that God exists, and He created the universe and everything in it.

God's creation exists and is real.

Therefore, actual reality exists.

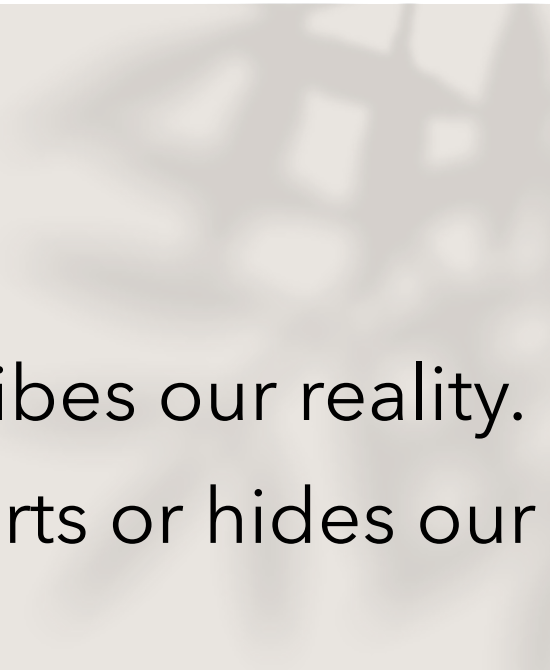


Contrast this with some philosophies that hold that reality is an illusion.

Example: Hinduism “teaches that the everyday world of material objects is maya, illusion.” *Is Atheism Dead*, p. 350

If actual **reality** exists, then actual or absolute **truth** exists.

Truth is what conforms to reality.

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- Truth is inherently good because it describes our reality.
 - Untruth is inherently bad because it distorts or hides our reality.
 - Part of reality is what happened in the past, and why.
 - Part of truth is what accurately describes that historical reality.

Exodus 20:15: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

John 8:31-32: "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

In Revelation 22:15, we are told that "whoever loves and practices a lie" will be outside the gates of the New Jerusalem.

Hosea 10:13: "You have plowed iniquity; you have reaped injustice; you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your own way and in the multitude of your warriors."


What can we discern about the United States Founders' vision of truth?



They signed a document that said in part:

“We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—”

- The United States government was designed to prevent any person or institution from controlling truth, including “controlling the past.”
- Protected rights of free expression and assembly are intended, in part, to facilitate finding truth.
- Free people then decide how to act on that truth.



Our Judeo-Christian heritage and our government charters recognize truth as an important value in our lives.



What is happening to our rights of free expression today in the U.S., and why?

The First Amendment is still law, but how is it being distorted or weakened?

Does the government favor some speech and punish others?

- BLM and Antifa rioters vs. January 6th demonstrators?
- AG Garland's memo regarding parents protesting at school board meetings?

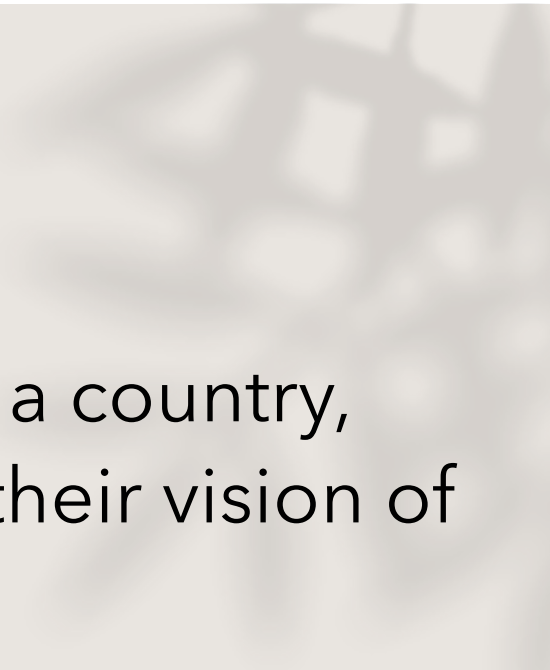


What are other ways the rights of free expression and assembly are abrogated today to obscure truth?



If people are afraid to speak, or prevented from speaking, it is harder to find truth.


Our Founders understood that.



"[W]hen revolutionaries want to remake a country, they vilify the past to give legitimacy to their vision of the future."

We Will Not Be Silenced. p. 42

What do we make of this statement?

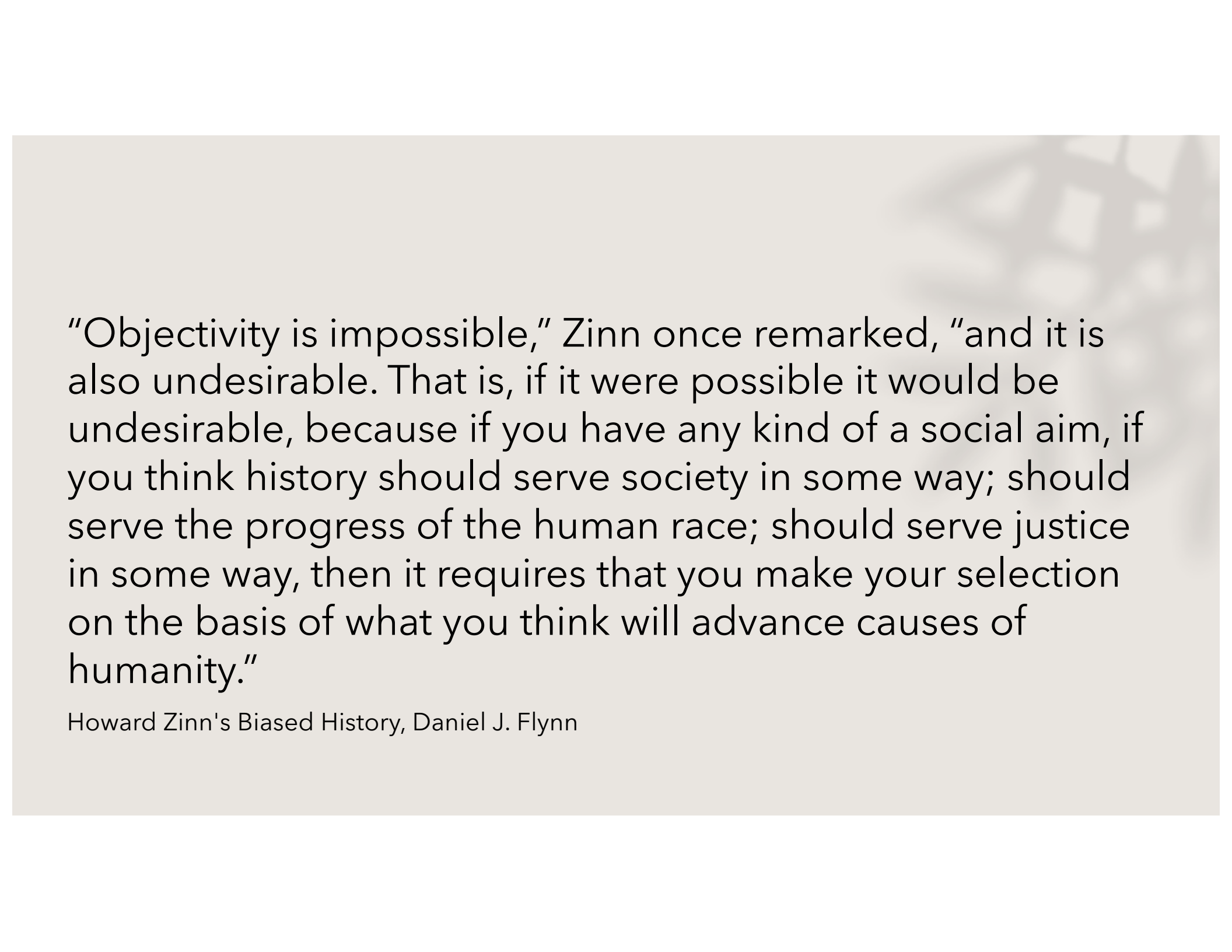


If you want to falsely vilify the past to remake the future, what is your attitude towards the free flow of ideas and expression?

What are some ways people falsely vilify our past to change the country?

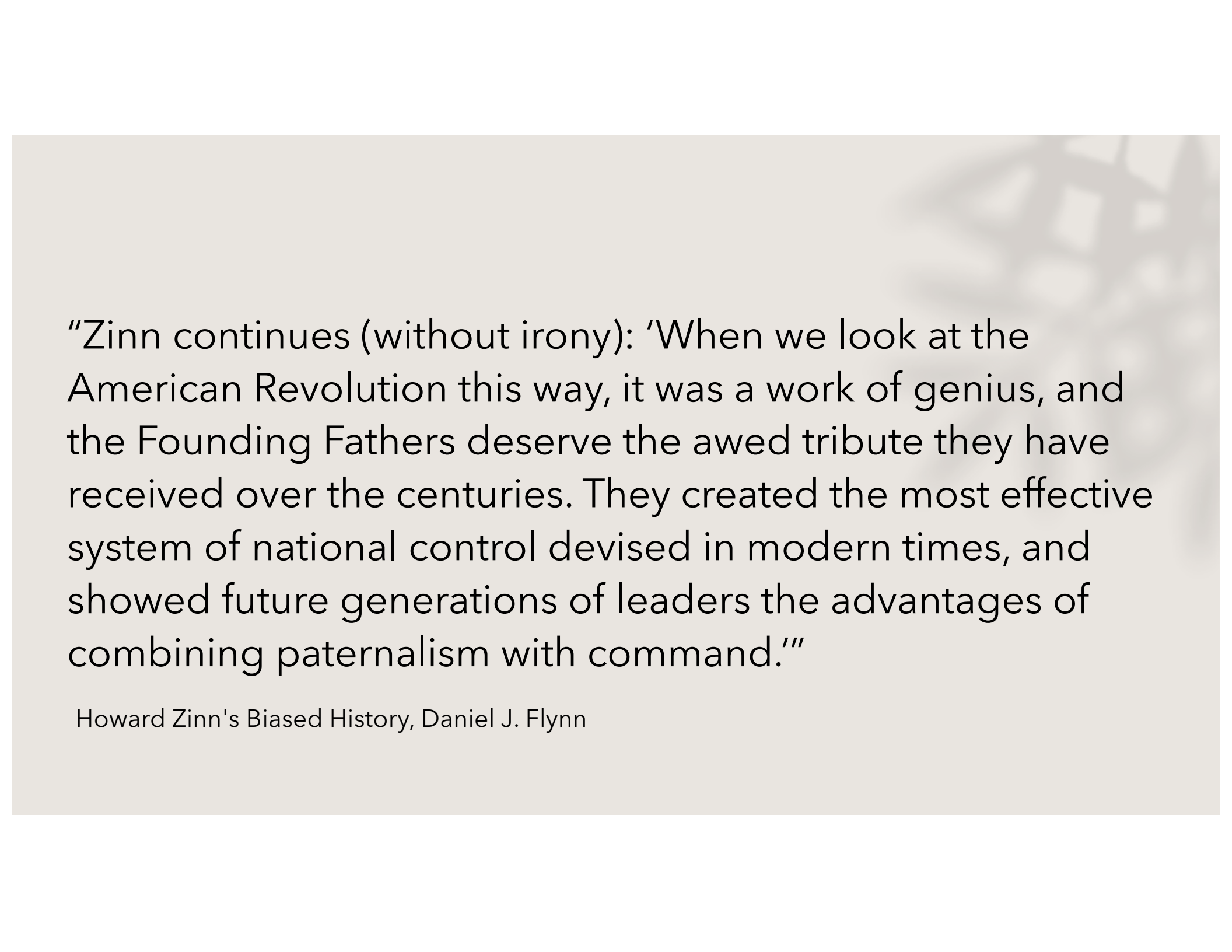
A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn.

We Will Not Be Silenced p.48



"Objectivity is impossible," Zinn once remarked, "and it is also undesirable. That is, if it were possible it would be undesirable, because if you have any kind of a social aim, if you think history should serve society in some way; should serve the progress of the human race; should serve justice in some way, then it requires that you make your selection on the basis of what you think will advance causes of humanity."

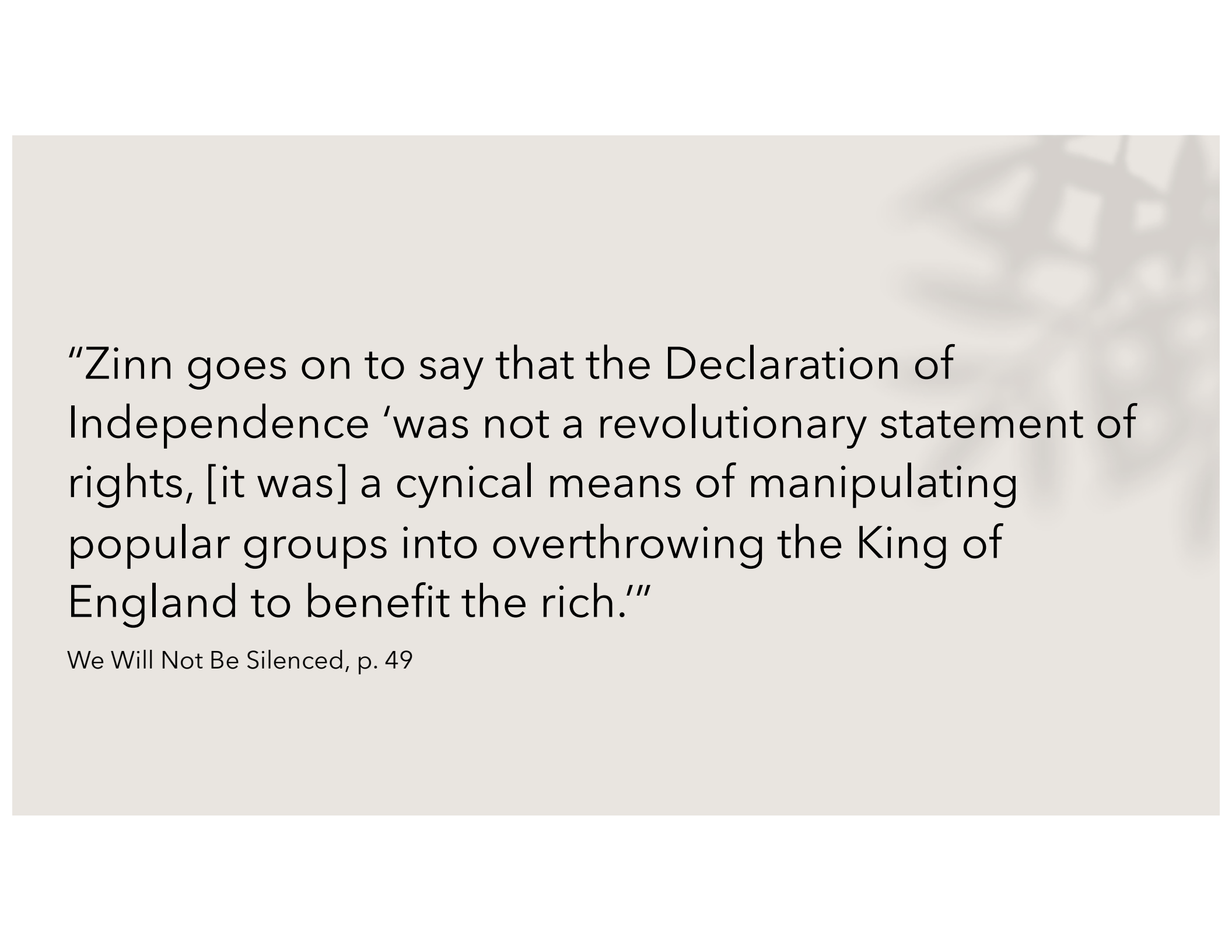
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"Zinn continues (without irony): 'When we look at the American Revolution this way, it was a work of genius, and the Founding Fathers deserve the awed tribute they have received over the centuries. They created the most effective system of national control devised in modern times, and showed future generations of leaders the advantages of combining paternalism with command.'"

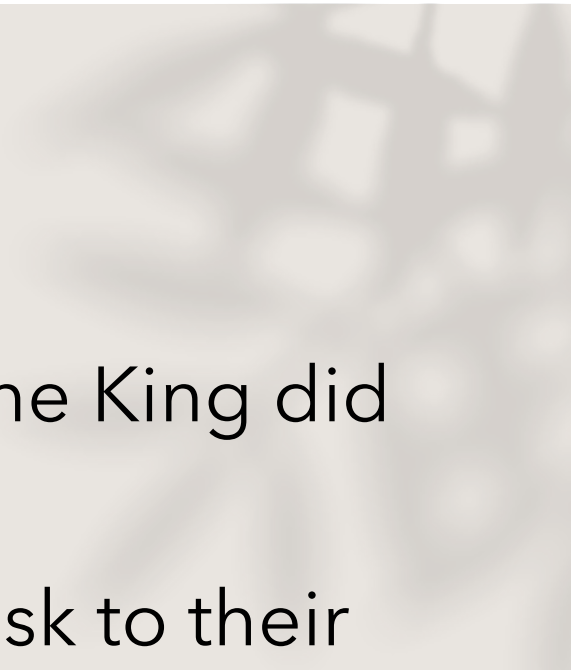
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- The first government was the weak Articles of Confederation, which gave most of the power to the individual states, not the federal government.
- The Constitution that followed was designed to limit federal power by granting only the enumerated powers, and by the checks and balances on the federal government, including the Bill of Rights.



"Zinn goes on to say that the Declaration of Independence 'was not a revolutionary statement of rights, [it was] a cynical means of manipulating popular groups into overthrowing the King of England to benefit the rich.'"

We Will Not Be Silenced, p. 49

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- The Founders were already rich, and the King did not threaten that.
 - They signed the Declaration at great risk to their lives.
 - “We must all hang together or we will surely hang separately.” Benjamin Franklin


Racism accusations are weaponized.

Why is this effective?

What are some ways that weaponized racism claims are manifest?

The Destruction of Monuments.

It started with confederate monuments, but it is moving to monuments of our Founders, such as Washington and Jefferson.



If our Founders were villains, what does that say about what they founded?

The 1619 Project.

The New York Times Magazine sought to reframe American history by claiming that the true founding of this country was in 1619 when the first slaves arrived in Jamestown.



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At the time of our country's formation, slavery was a problem the Founders had to deal with.

It was not the reason for the formation.

Three-fifths Clause

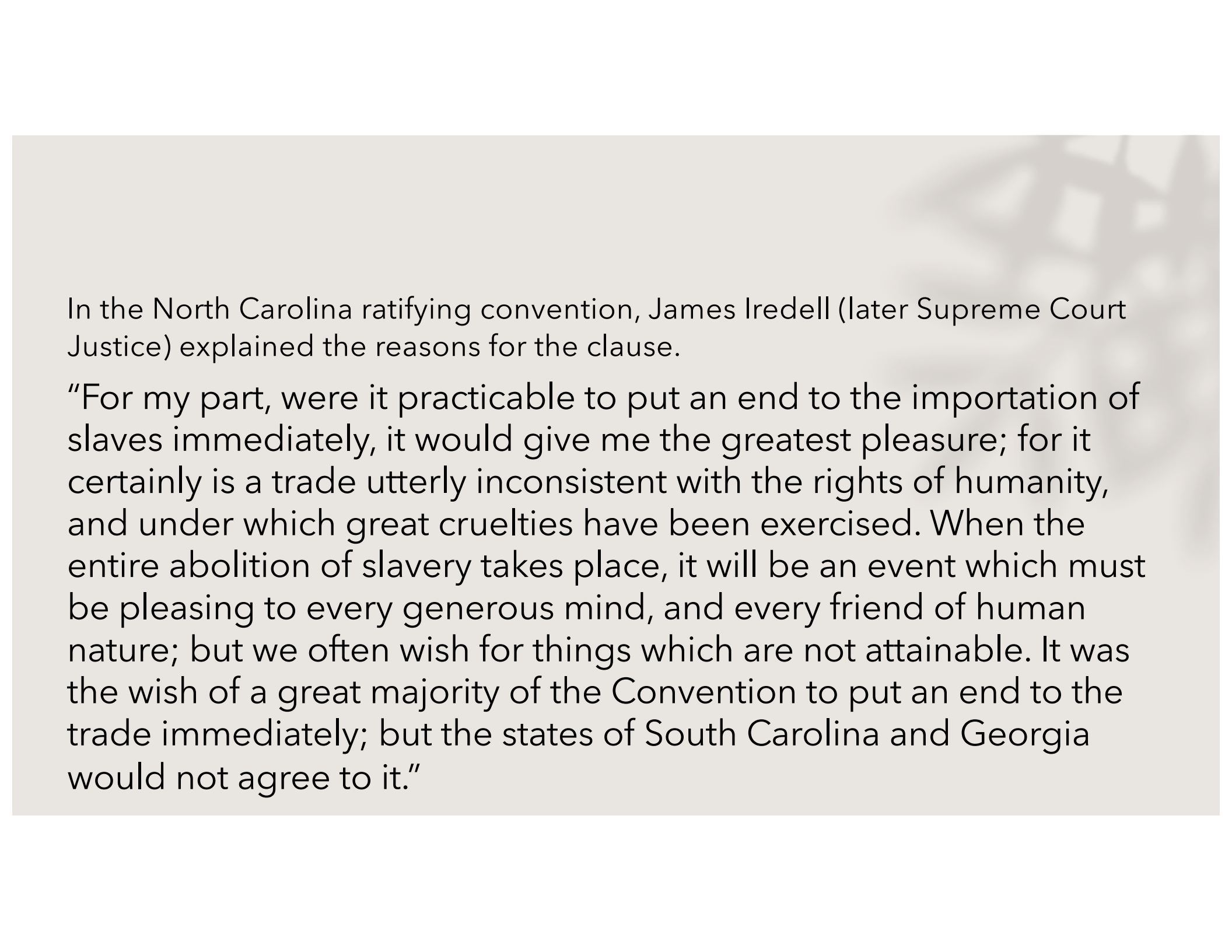
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Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.

Migration or Importation Clause

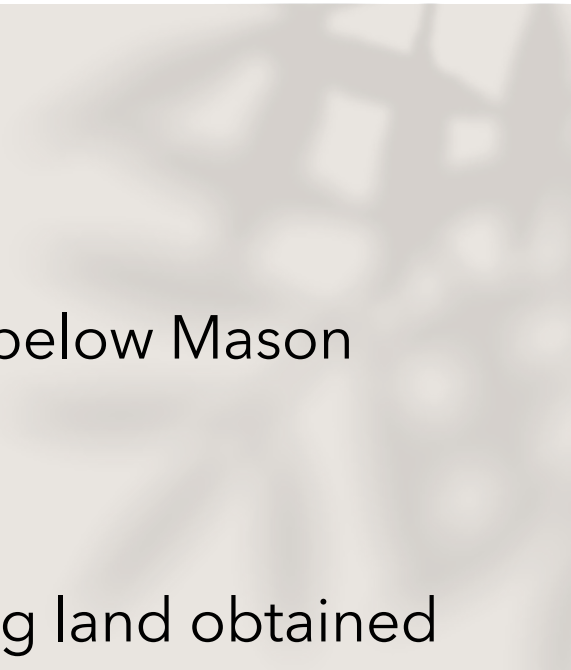
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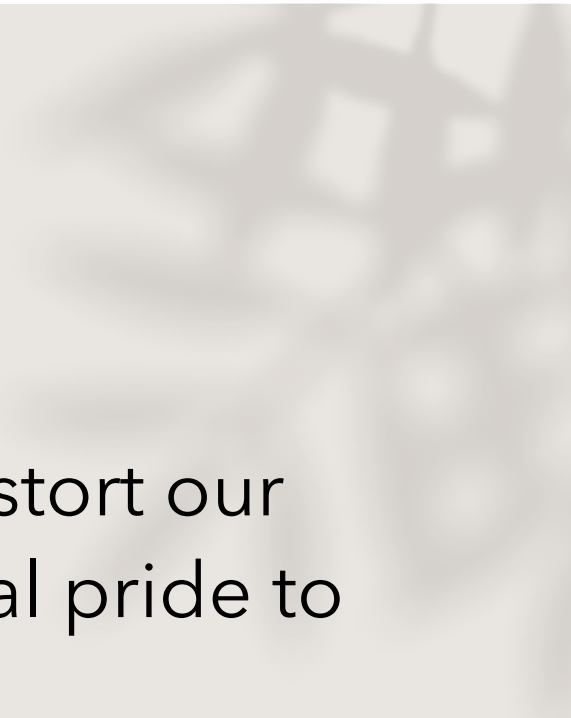
The Migration or Importation of such Persons as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the Year one thousand eight hundred and eight, but a Tax or duty may be imposed on such Importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each Person.



In the North Carolina ratifying convention, James Iredell (later Supreme Court Justice) explained the reasons for the clause.

“For my part, were it practicable to put an end to the importation of slaves immediately, it would give me the greatest pleasure; for it certainly is a trade utterly inconsistent with the rights of humanity, and under which great cruelties have been exercised. When the entire abolition of slavery takes place, it will be an event which must be pleasing to every generous mind, and every friend of human nature; but we often wish for things which are not attainable. It was the wish of a great majority of the Convention to put an end to the trade immediately; but the states of South Carolina and Georgia would not agree to it.”

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- The Missouri Compromise of 1820 (Kept slavery below Mason Dixon line)
 - The Compromise of 1850 (Compromise regarding land obtained in the Mexican-American War.)
 - The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854.



The 1619 Project is a lie, intended to distort our history regarding slavery to turn national pride to shame.



The first cousin to the 1619 Project is Critical Race Theory.

If Americans believe racism was baked-in to the formation of the U.S., they are more likely to believe they are racist today.



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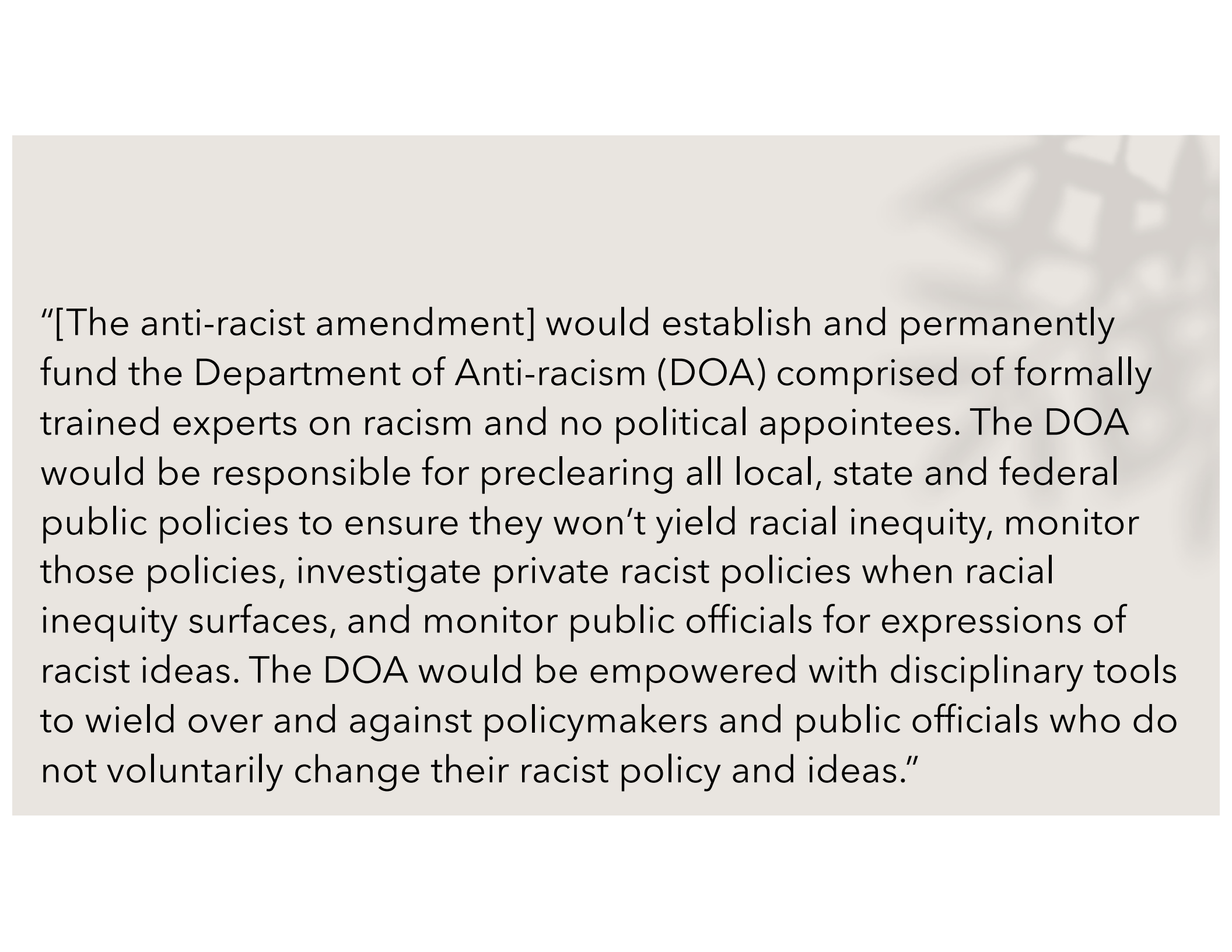
Ibram Xolani Kendi is an American author, professor, anti-racist activist, and historian of race and discriminatory policy in America. In July 2020, he assumed the position of director of the Center for Antiracist Research at Boston University.

Kendi was included in *Time's* 100 Most Influential People of 2020.

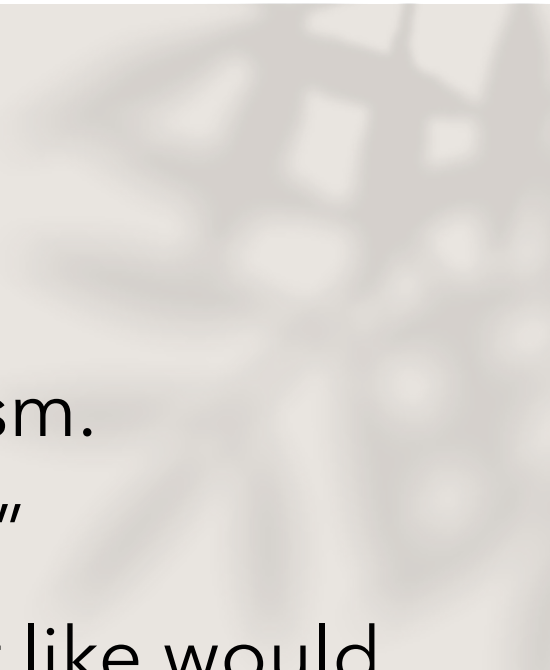


"How to Be an Antiracist"

"To fix the original sin of racism, Americans should pass an anti-racist amendment to the U.S. Constitution that enshrines two guiding anti-racist principles: Racial inequity is evidence of racist policy and the different racial groups are equals. The amendment would make unconstitutional racial inequity over a certain threshold, as well as racist ideas by public officials (with "racist ideas" and "public official" clearly defined)."



"[The anti-racist amendment] would establish and permanently fund the Department of Anti-racism (DOA) comprised of formally trained experts on racism and no political appointees. The DOA would be responsible for preclearing all local, state and federal public policies to ensure they won't yield racial inequity, monitor those policies, investigate private racist policies when racial inequity surfaces, and monitor public officials for expressions of racist ideas. The DOA would be empowered with disciplinary tools to wield over and against policymakers and public officials who do not voluntarily change their racist policy and ideas."

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- Totalitarianism in the name of anti-racism.
 - The USA would become a "raceocracy."
 - Everything in the USA the DOA did not like would be deemed racist, needing a forced remedy.
 - People would not be allowed to object.
 - In effect, a "Ministry of Truth."

Denouncing Free Market Capitalism

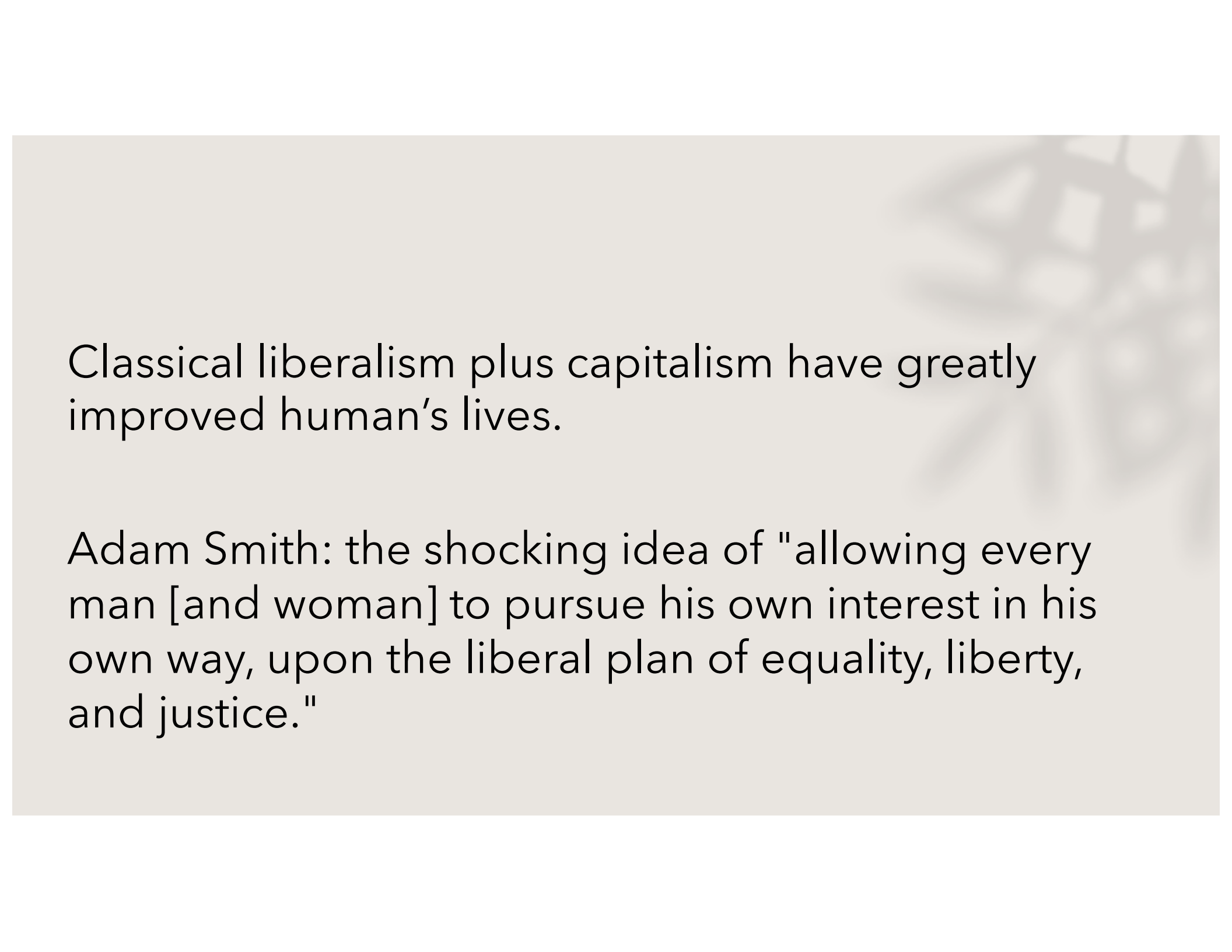
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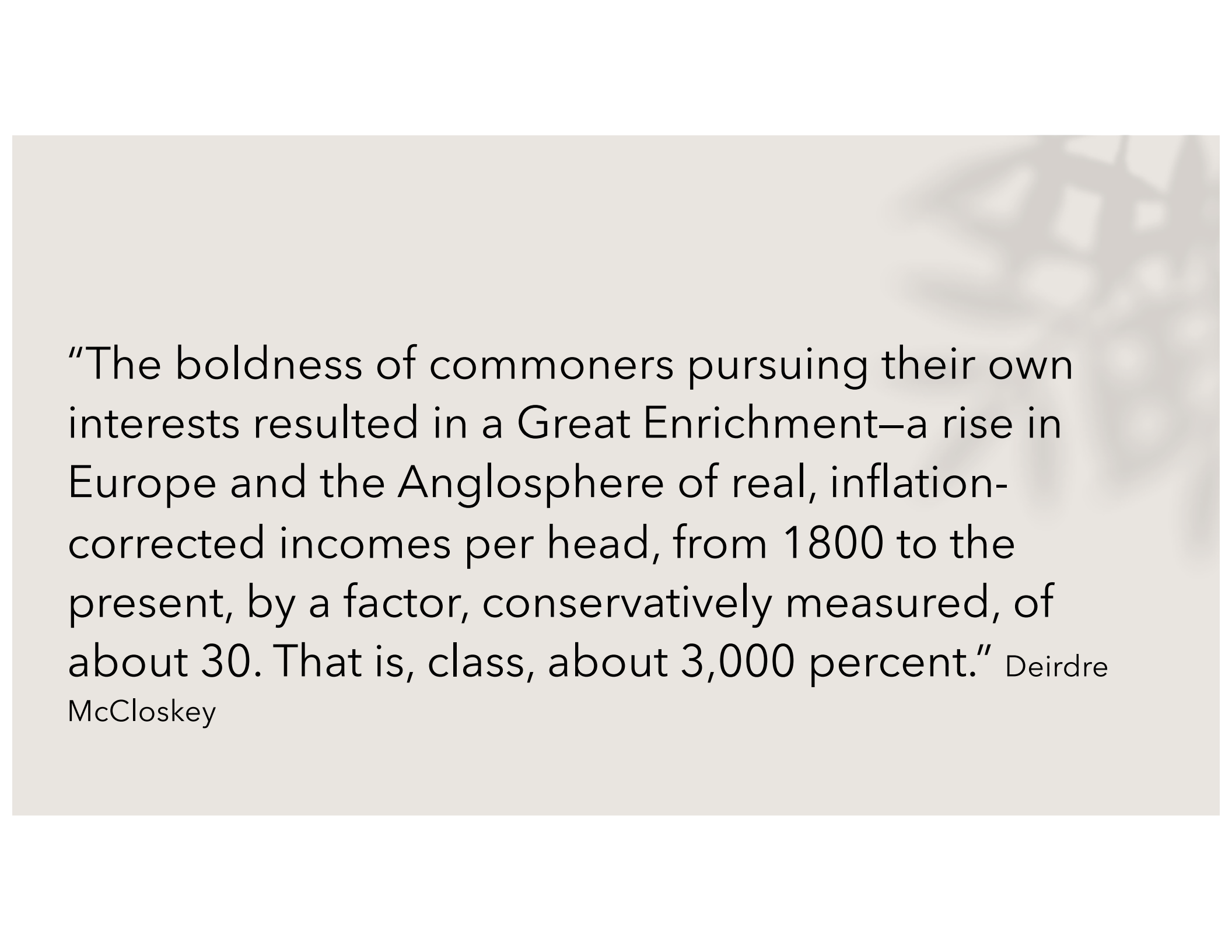
Inequality

Environmental Harm



Classical liberalism plus capitalism have greatly improved human's lives.

Adam Smith: the shocking idea of "allowing every man [and woman] to pursue his own interest in his own way, upon the liberal plan of equality, liberty, and justice."



“The boldness of commoners pursuing their own interests resulted in a Great Enrichment—a rise in Europe and the Anglosphere of real, inflation-corrected incomes per head, from 1800 to the present, by a factor, conservatively measured, of about 30. That is, class, about 3,000 percent.” Deirdre McCloskey

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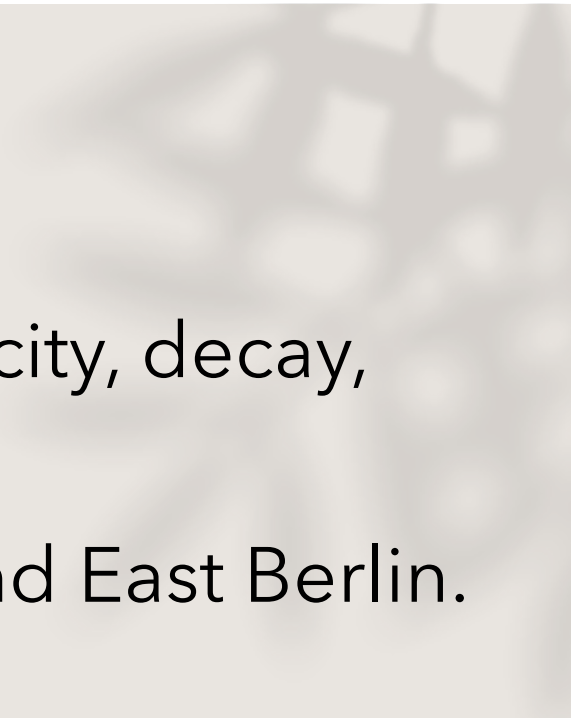
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The “market” is like a God-given law of nature.

Free people coming together to share their talents, efforts and resources to their mutual benefit.

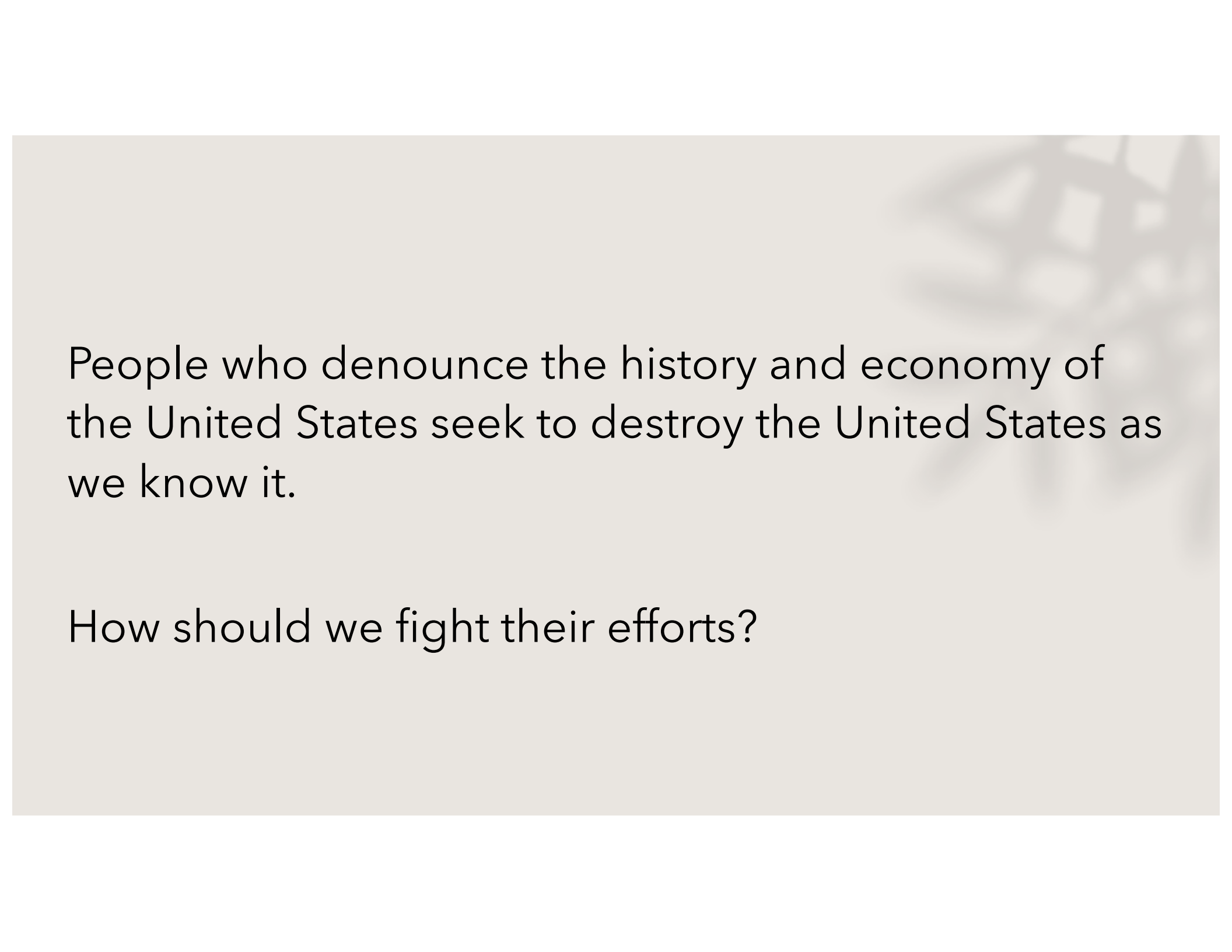
It has driven ever increasing prosperity, innovation, and improvements to the human condition.



Lack of free markets drive poverty, scarcity, decay,
and tyranny.

Think Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea, and East Berlin.

“Black Markets” spring up naturally.



People who denounce the history and economy of the United States seek to destroy the United States as we know it.

How should we fight their efforts?

Don't let them control the present.

- What is taught to our kids and grandkids.
- What constitutes "news" (both what is and what is not reported).
- What constitutes fair elections.
- What is allowed on social media.

“If I could, I would put this book into the hand of every Christian in America.”

—Dr. David Jeremiah

Responding Courageously to Our
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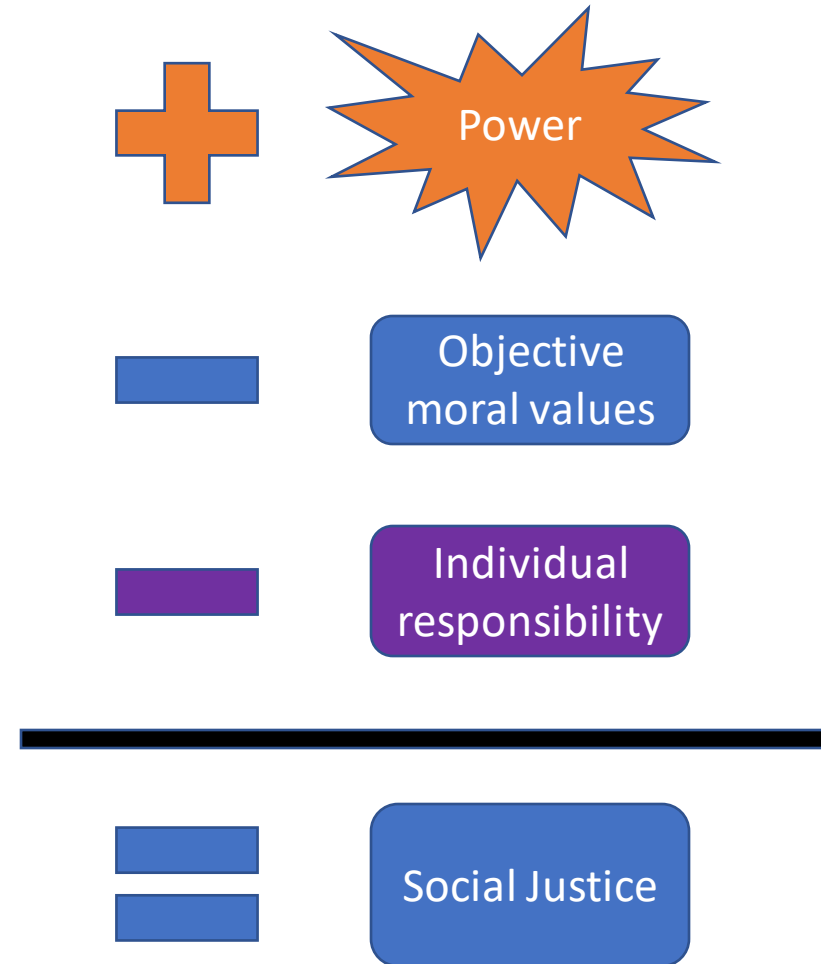
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Chapter 3: Use Diversity to Divide and Destroy

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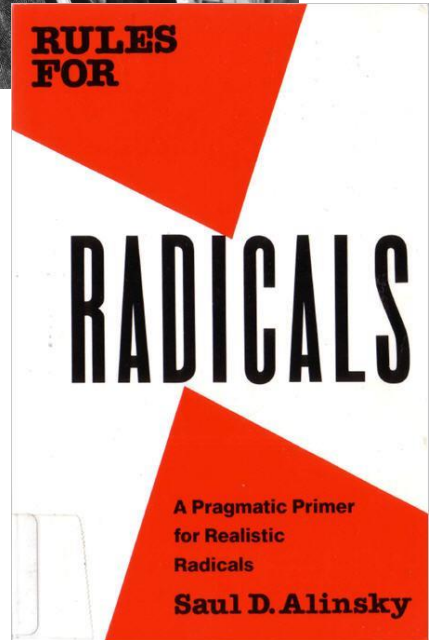
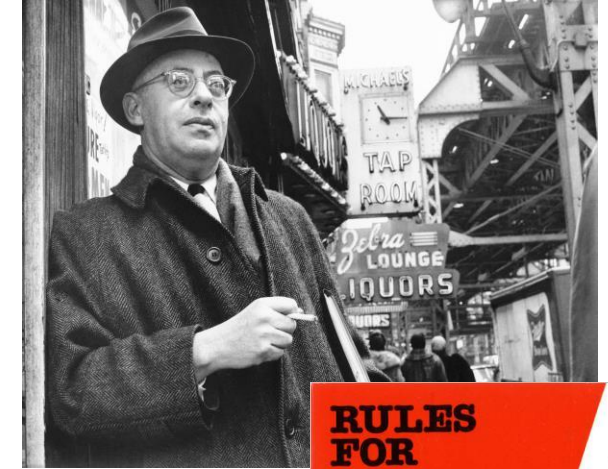
Chapter 3 Overview

- Introduction
- Equality
- Social Justice
- White Guilt
- Arithmetic
- Families
- The Church



Chapter 3 Introduction

- Saul Alinsky led a movement to organize poor and disenfranchised communities for power in the 50's and 60's. Antagonizing and stirring up discontent was critical to Alinsky's strategy for gaining power.
- Whereas Karl Marx saw conflict between the rich and poor, Alinsky saw that conflict could be based on race, gender, economic status, and other attributes: "Cultural Marxism."
- Cultural Marxism, which encourages division based on race and other attributes, is gaining widespread acceptance.
- The goal of Marxism is a forced equality. Today this is promoted under terms such as social justice, equity, diversity, political correctness, and wokeness.



Alinsky References

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZ9Si5pkAqg>
 - William F. Buckley interview Dec 11, 1967 (play first 3:30)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfAyNrEsgic>
 - 1966 TV Interview
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r91t8R--PHw>
 - Interview with Studs Terkel
- https://www.azquotes.com/author/247-Saul_Alinsky
 - Saul Alinsky quotes
- Excerpts from Rules for Radicals chapter "Of Means and Ends"

The Many Faces of Equality

- America from its inception has affirmed that all men are created equal, meaning they have equal value before God and are entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This does not mean all men are equal with respect to gifts, ingenuity, intelligence, or income.
- Cultural Marxism applies equality to many areas, including marriage equality (same-sex marriage), reproductive equality (abortion), healthcare equality (free healthcare), gender equality (trans)

The Many Faces of Equality

- Marx insisted on equality of income, **power**, and status through state control, but freedom *necessitates* inequality of outcomes. Equality of opportunity cannot guarantee equality of outcomes.

Men differ in strength, ambition, courage, perseverance, and all else that makes for success.

There is no method to make men both free and equal.

(Jude Dougherty, Dean Emeritus, School of Philosophy at Catholic University)

Jesus on fairness and equality

The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14 – 30)

¹⁴ “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants^[c] and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents,^[d] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.^[e] You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Q: What can be learned of God's view of fairness and equality from this parable?

Q: What other scriptures or examples from the Bible provide insights on equality?

Biblical Insights on Equality

- God's fairness is not seen in the distribution of talents but in the expectation of our faithfulness with what we have.
- Greater blessing demands greater responsibility
- Different outcomes among individuals is not unjust
- Every person is individually responsible for their actions

The Quest for Social Justice

- *Social Justice* may mean many things, so its use must be defined.
- Social justice is most often defined as the redistribution of resources and **power** to oppressed minorities. It is a form of socialism built on Critical Race Theory (CRT).
- Biblically, justice means equality under the law.
 - 138 references to justice in the Bible (ESV)
 - No partiality, bribe, favoritism, etc. in administering the law
 - Judge "with righteous judgment"
- A just law is a law that is rooted in eternal and natural law. (Thomas Aquinas).
- Today justice has been separated from divine law and attached to many different agendas: racial justice, environmental justice, gender justice, reproductive justice.

The Quest for Social Justice

- CRT teaches that race is a social construct created by dominant group to maintain its superiority
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E33aunwGQQ4>
 - Neil Shenvi on what is critical race theory, 4m:30s – 8m:30s)
- Diversity Studies focus on issues of race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender identity to demonstrate that inequitable outcomes are the product of oppression
- Intersectionality teaches there are multiple sources of oppression such as race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and these can intersect in a persons life to put them at risk for multiple layers of oppression.
- <https://youtu.be/ViDtnfQ9FHc> Kimberle Crenshaw on Intersectionality
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwmxxK3dLe8> Vodie Baucham on Intersectionality
- CRT is also in the church!

Additional CRT Video Links

- <https://youtu.be/i2SGgL7XES0>
- James Lindsay brief explanation of CRT
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E33aunwGQQ4>
- Neil Shenvi: Social Justice, Critical Theory, and Christianity: Are They Compatible?
- <https://news.yahoo.com/diversity-trainers-weaponize-critical-race-002755451.html>
- Tucker Carlson interviews Christopher Rufo on CRT in the government

Select Scriptures regarding "justice"

- You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous. (Deut 16:19)
- By justice a king builds up the land, but he who exacts gifts tears it down. (Prov 29:4)
- You shall not pervert the justice due to the sojourner or to the fatherless, or take a widow's garment in pledge, but you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this. (Deut 24:17-18)

Q: How does social justice compare to Biblical principles of justice?

The Critical Role of Families

- Cultural issues must be solved within that culture, starting in the home.
- Many solutions come down to individual responsibility, regardless of race or ethnicity.
- From Theodore Dalrymple "Life at the Bottom: The Worldview That Makes the Underclass"
 - *"The most powerful issue that holds people down as an underclass is not race, but moral relativism."* (p. 93)
 - The foremost perpetrator of the underclass is uncommitted sexual relations. (p.94)

The Critical Role of Families

- *"Without meaningful changes within our homes, no university courses or national social programs can remedy our nation's racial and economic ills." (p. 92)*
- Missing fathers and single parent households significantly increase the odds that a child will live in poverty, drop out of school, and end up in prison.

Q: How can we (individually or as a congregation) better minister to single parent families?

Bonus: Additional Dalrymple Quotes

https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/67950.Theodore_Dalrymple

- “The purpose of those who argue for cultural diversity is to impose ideological uniformity.”
- “IT IS A MISTAKE to suppose that all men, or at least all Englishmen, want to be free. On the contrary, if freedom entails responsibility, many of them want none of it. They would happily exchange their liberty for a modest (if illusory) security.”
- “The Cartesian point of moral epistemology: I'm angry, therefore I'm right.”
- “Political correctness is the means by which we try to control others; decency is the means by which we try to control ourselves.”
- “No one seems to have noticed that a loss of a sense of shame means a loss of privacy; a loss of privacy means a loss of intimacy; and a loss of intimacy means a loss of depth. There is, in fact, no better way to produce shallow and superficial people than to let them live their lives entirely in the open, without concealment of anything.”

The Church in a Toxic Culture

- Marxism is not the answer; the gospel is.
- We believe:
 - The root cause of evil is not from external systems, but from within our own heart
 - We are all equal in our sin nature (Rom 3:23). There is no difference due to race, ethnicity, sex, or any other dividing line.
 - Jesus Christ is the only solution to our sin and sinful nature
- *"The church is not a collection of individuals with a common interest, but a group of people who share a common life."* (p. 97)
Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave,^[e] free; but Christ is all, and in all. (Col. 3:11)
- We must reject passivity and indifference to racial issues.
- We must actively remove cultural and racial fences that keep the body of Christ divided.
- Love God, and love our neighbor as ourself.

A Contrast of Values

	SJ/CRT	Kingdom Values
Source of Truth	Me/my group	God
Source of Power	Man	God
Moral Responsibility	by race/social group	Each individual
Treating Others	Based on race/social group	As you would be treated
Social Virtues	Shaming, censoring, punishing	Love, mercy, forgiveness
Property	Redistribute for equity	Individual stewardship
Rights	Based on race/social group	Endowed by God to individuals
Desired state	Equity (equal outcome)	Equality of opportunity
Governance	Statism / Central Control	Individual Freedom

In your own words...

Q: What aspect of this chapter "Use Diversity to Divide and Destroy" had the greatest impact on you?

Q: How do you see this affecting the way you think and live as a Christian?

Committing yourself to action...

Collosians 3:5-17

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:^[b] sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming.^[c] ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self^[d] with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave,^[e] free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Committing yourself to action...

James 2:1-13

- 2** My brothers, ^[a] show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?
- 8** If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Committing yourself to action...

Q: What do these passages say about how we are to treat people?

Committing to prayer...

What things should you commit to pray for?

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Chapter 4:

Freedom of Speech for Me, but Not for Thee

*We Will
Not Be
SILENCED*

Erwin W. Lutzer

A Reminder

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. – First Amendment of the United States Constitution

Free Speech Movement

UC Berkeley - 1964



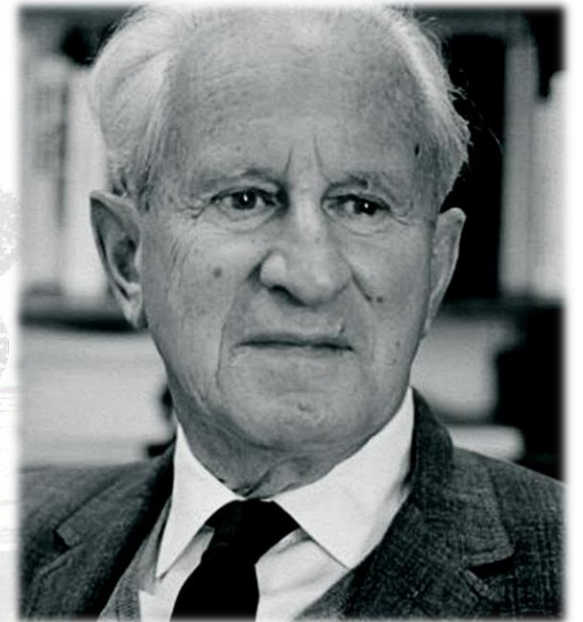
Mario Savio
1942 – 1996

FSM 50 years later YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6OLPA0rqSMk>

Also In the 60s

- “[freedom of speech] is loaded and dominated by existing elites, who skew the debate to favor their position”
- “Tolerance is extended to policies, conditions, and modes of behavior which should not be tolerated because they are impeding...the chances of creating an existence without fear and misery”
- “...the restoration of freedom of thought [in a Marxist regime] may necessitate new and rigid restrictions on teaching and practices ... which, by their very methods and concepts serve to enclose the mind within the established universe of discourse...”
- Who would establish these restrictions?
 - Someone who should be “in the maturity of his faculties as a human being”

– *Herbert Marcuse*, German Marxist sociologist (Lutzer, pp. 108-109)



A Cambridge Psychologist

“Children have a right not to have their minds addled by nonsense. And we as a society have a duty to protect them from it. So we should no more allow parents to teach their children to believe, for example, in the literal truth of the Bible, or that the planets rule their lives, than we should allow parents to knock their children’s teeth out, or lock them in a dungeon.”

– *Nicholas Humphrey* at the Oxford Amnesty lecture, 1997
(Lutzer, pg. 106)



PRESS PRESS RELEASE

New Poll: Majority of Millennials Support Jail Time for Offensive Speech

BY FREE SPEECH TEAM OCTOBER 23, 2019

Campaign for Free Speech launched to fight concerning trends around First Amendment

WASHINGTON, DC – New polling shows that Americans are increasingly hostile toward free speech, a free press, and the First Amendment.

According to the survey, 61 percent of Americans agree that free speech should be restricted, and 51 percent believe that the First Amendment, ratified in 1791, should be rewritten to reflect the new cultural norms of today.

Millennials feel a greater sense of negativity from free speech, with 57 percent agreeing that the First Amendment should be rewritten, and 54 percent believing that possible jail time would be an appropriate consequence for "hate speech."

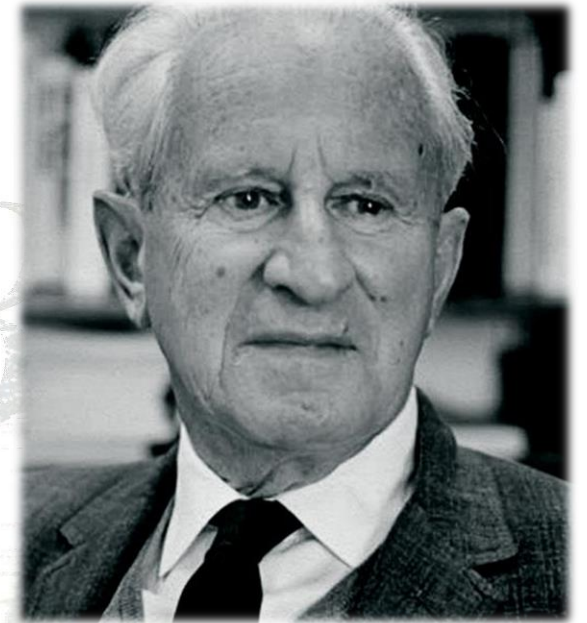
Americans also support government being able to punish the media: 57% believe the government should be able to take action against newspapers or TV stations. Of those who support this, 46% support possible jail time. Additionally, 36% of Americans support a government agency reviewing alternative media such as podcasts; less than half of Americans oppose this.

<http://campaignforfreespeech.org/new-poll-free-speech-under-attack-majority-of-millennials-agree-jail-time-is-appropriate-for-certain-speech/>

Lutzer Concedes

**“We humbly acknowledge that
Herbert Marcuse won the argument.
And he used free speech to do it.”**

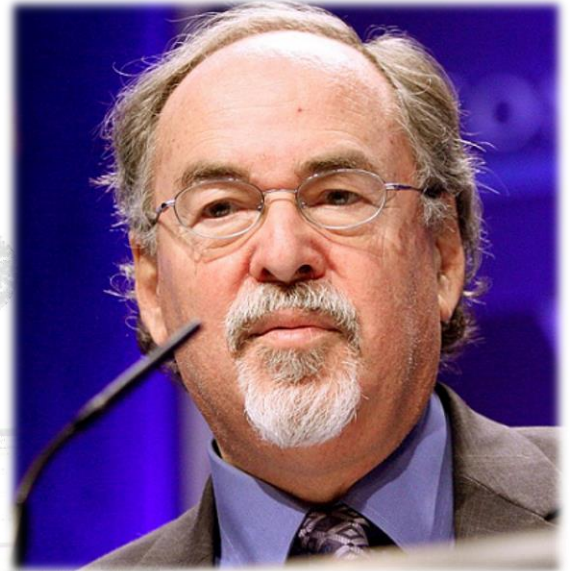
– Lutzer, pg. 111



Herbert Marcuse
1898 - 1979

Some Rights Must Be Suppressed

“To respect oppressors’ rights is to support the injustices they commit. If social justice is to be achieved, one must suppress the perpetrators of injustice by depriving them of their rights...” – David Horowitz (Lutzer, pg 112)



Some Rights Must Be Suppressed

“Individualism, fairness, merit— these three words are continually in the mouths of our up-to-date, newly respectable bigots who have learned that they need not put on a white hood or bar access to the ballot box in order to secure their ends.” – Stanley Fish (Lutzer, pg. 112)



A Double Standard for Speech

“So in order to equalize the power imbalance, explicit and forthright double-standards are absolutely and unapologetically called for in the postmodern Left.” – *Stephen R.C. Hicks* (Lutzer, pg. 112)



The Diversity Delusion

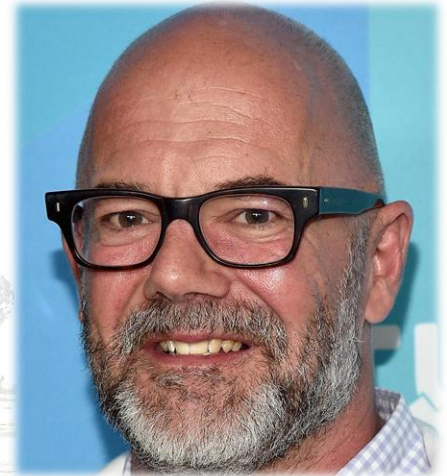
“At its center is a worldview that sees Western culture as endemically racist and sexist. The overriding goal of the educational establishment is to teach young people within the ever-growing list of official victim classifications to view themselves as existentially oppressed. One outcome of that teaching is the forceful silencing of contrarian speech.” - *The Diversity Delusion* pg. 29 (Lutzer, pg. 115)



Heather Mac Donald

An Assault on America's Foundation

“The Enlightenment principles that formed the bedrock of the American experiment—untrammelled free speech, due process, individual (rather than group) rights—are now routinely understood as mere masks for ‘white male’ power, code words for the oppression of women and nonwhites. Any differences in outcome for various groups must always be a function of ‘hate,’ rather than a function of nature or choice or freedom or individual agency. And anyone who questions these assertions is obviously a white supremacist himself.” – *Andrew Sullivan* (Lutzer, pg. 117)



Following Islam's Lead

“Ever since 2008, The Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) has wanted to pass legislation through the UN that would make all criticism of Islam a crime. So-called ‘blasphemy laws’ in many Muslim countries criminalize all criticisms of Islam, often treating such criticisms as a capital crime.”

– Lutzer, pg. 118

Following Islam's Lead

“The defense of free speech begins at the point where people say something you can't stand. If you can't defend their right to say it, then you don't believe in free speech. You only believe in free speech as long as it doesn't get up your nose.” – *Salman Rushdie*
(Lutzer, pg. 119)



The Real Meaning of Free Speech

“If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.” – *George Orwell* (Lutzer, pg. 119)



If you dare speak against the orthodoxy of the “woke” narrative, you’re branded a “Thought Criminal”

So, Who's Doing the "Canceling?"

Video excerpt from *Tucker Carlson Tonight* 2/2/22



So, Who's Doing the "Canceling?"

Even a broken clock is right twice a day...



Real Time with Bill Maher video: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1490170079107219457>

So, Who's Doing the "Canceling?"

The Establishment Strikes Back!

When all else fails, resort to playing the race card.

India Arie posts protest video of Rogan's past use of the "N-word"



<https://tinyurl.com/h7za3ryj>

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The Conservative Alternative to the Drudge Report



Joe Rogan's "N-Word" Apology Was, Unfortunately, Necessary

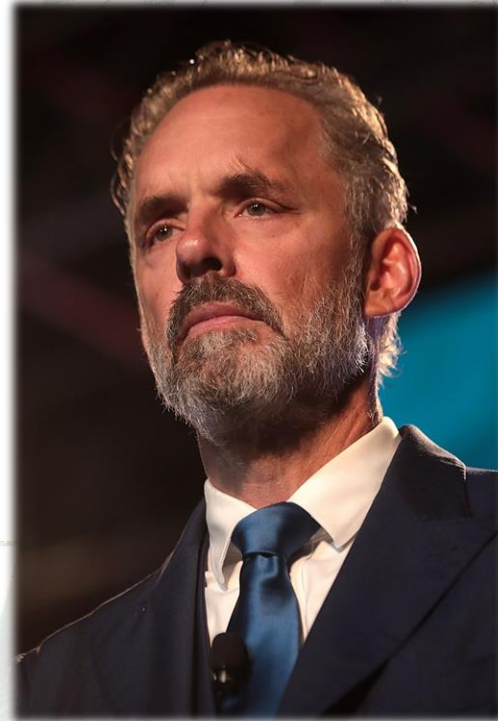
By **J.D. Rucker** · Feb. 5, 2022

"I know that to most people, there's no context where a white person is *ever* allowed to say that word, never mind publicly on a podcast, and I agree with that now ... I haven't said it in years. But for a long time, when I would bring that word up, like if it would come up in conversation, instead of saying 'the N-word,' I would just say the word."
– Joe Rogan's mea culpa, 2/4/220

<https://thelibertydaily.com/joe-roigans-n-word-apology-was-unfortunately-necessary/>

Not Just Canceling, But *Compelling*

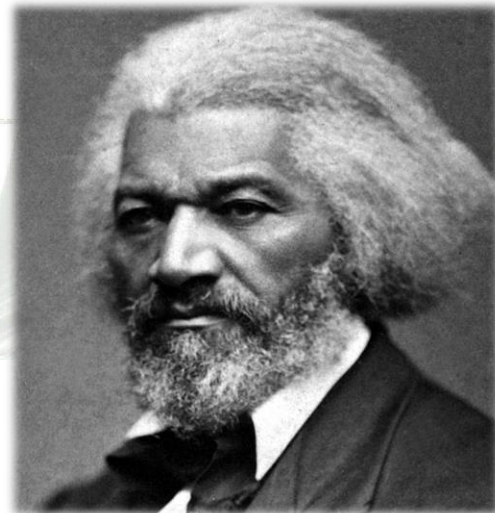
Video excerpt from *Jordan Peterson – The Right to Offend*



YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44pERGAaKHw>

Speaking From Experience...

“Liberty is meaningless where the right to utter one’s thoughts and opinions has ceased to exist. That, of all rights, is the dread of tyrants. It is the one right which they first of all strike down.” – *Frederick Douglass*



The Response of the Church

- This is not the time for timid souls
- Many Christians will not be talked out of their faith, but they will be *mocked* out of it. Shame will cause many to retreat into silence
- Hate speech legislation will effectively make our witness illegal
- Canadian pastors can't preach against same-sex marriage on TV
- Historically, for most of [the past] 2000 years, the church has had to survive without freedom of speech
- Preaching in the name of Jesus was considered "hate" speech shortly after the church was birthed

Acts 4:16-20

¹⁶“What are we going to do with these men?” they [the Sadducees] asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”

¹⁸Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!

²⁰***As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.***”

The Response of the Church

Hugh Latimer's story

- “Latimer! Latimer! Do you remember that you are speaking before the high and mighty King Henry VIII; who has the power to command you be sent to prison, and how he can have your head cut off, if it please him? Will you not take care to say nothing that will offend royal ears?”
- “Latimer! Latimer! Do you not remember that you are speaking before the King of kings and Lord of lords; before Him, at whose throne Henry VIII will stand; before Him, to whom one day you also will have to give account yourself? Latimer! Latimer! Be faithful to your Master, and declare all of God's Word.”



The Response of the Church

- Our speech must be with grace, seasoned with salt
- Free speech doesn't mean we speak judgmentally ... as if we are free from our own weaknesses and sins
- We give reason for the hope within us with respect, meekness, and fear (1 Peter 3:15)

The Response of the Church

“The secret of boldness? Fear God more than the flames. Fear Him more than your reputation. Let us be done with fainthearted, tepid leadership. Ours is the day to ‘play the man’ with bold, uncompromising truth and love, risking it all for God.” – Lutzer pg. 124

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