

America: In Search of a New Identity

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For those tired of a PC dominated culture in which freedom of speech is overawed by a mindless desire to insist on conformity, a "Listen" (groan) to the talking heads leads to the realization that America needs a new identity. History is replete with civilizations which arose with one set of values, clung obdurately to them and then waned in the presence of newer cultures which addressed the issues the reigning power created but could neither recognize nor address. Lest America succumb in that manner, let us take stock of ourselves and concede it is time to define a new national identity.

First to go is "Liberty". It was a great idea and ideal in the 18th century, when the government was too weak and transportation too slow for a national government to assert itself effectively. It was a time for Americans to go out and do their own thing, and they had the freedom to do so. That time is now past. We live on top of each other in tiered cities in which no one can turn around without stepping on someone else's toes if not his/her own. The sad fact of the matter is, we need control and laws to protect each other from each other, and it is time to acknowledge this fact and adjust our value accordingly. We have to live with each other and are obliged to recognize this simple fact of urban life. We especially need to revamp our economy so that we no longer have a handful of people amassing tens of billions of dollars while hundreds of millions scrape by on next to nothing. If that is the way a free economy works, and it is, it is time to rethink the matter.

Next is "Equality". Everyone knows Thomas Jefferson omitted the words "in rights" when he eulogized the clause "All men are created equal" in our Declaration of Independence. Everyone tacitly allows that "Men" is extended to "Everyone", so we need not concern ourselves with that point here. What we do have to deal with is the fact that people are not equal in ability: some are smarter, some are stronger, some are more talented, some are more determined. Worse yet, there is embarrassing evidence that groups

of people are not equal in abilities. Americans do their best to avoid admitting this, but the fact excessive amounts of cultural baggage is piled upon the scale of ethnic evaluation and comes up short to anyone who is letting the evidence shape the determination.

Starting at the bottom of the social heap, we allow that Indians have been marginalized by genocide and consequently are largely ignored by everyone else. Next up come the Blacks who were enslaved for 250 years in a large part of the country. They have been free for the last 150 years in the entire country but the legacy of racial discrimination continues and acts as a convenient excuse to explain the continues failure of this particular minority group to excel in general economically. Cultural apologists bend over backwards to avoid the simple explanation that Blacks are no good at taking tests.

Sad to say, the next worst treated group, the Asians, wreck all the PC charts by outperforming even the oppressive whites. Asians were all but enslaved and vilely discriminated against but nonetheless top to IQ charts and college admission standards at every turn. There is no way that the difference of treatment by the prevailing white culture can account for the difference in achievement between Blacks and Asians. The simplest explanation is the family-tight with Asians; loose with Blacks. Whatever else anyone might conclude, it is obvious to all that there exists a lot of inequality in our society, and it is time to deal with it.

Finally, it is also time to re-evaluate our policy on "Immigration". In the 19th century we needed immigrants and we got them. That was and is fine but no longer. We now are a different country, and it is time to admit it. There are already too many of us, so it is time to close the Golden Door and reassess who we are.

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