

Death to America?

On 9/11, terrified victims jumped out of the burning Towers smacking into building outcroppings on their way to obliteration on the pavement. At the speed of almost 150 miles an hour, imagine the horror when a flailing body crushed a fireman below. No jumpers were shouting “Death to America” on the way down.

Stunned people stumbling around Lower Manhattan as ash and debris drifted about did not cry “Death to America.”

Fifteen minutes after the buildings collapsed, search dogs and their handlers started crisscrossing the mangled remains, several for 150 days, locating one survivor and the remains of just some. No handler comforted his dog with whispers of “Death to America.”

The cry of the passengers on Flight 93 was “Lets’ roll” as they rushed the cabin, bringing down the hijacked plane, tunneling into the Shanksville, Pennsylvania earth, devouring everyone.

When the Pentagon was hit, you bet the rallying call of the surviving civilian and Armed Services personnel seeing the smoke and flames and bodies was not “Death to America.”

Yet, lacking short term memory, the BLM protestors who march carry banners and chant “Death to America” choose to remain ignorant of what radical Islam has done to this country and continues to do in sub-Saharan Africa, Egypt and Pakistan. With no global reference, their narrow world view enables them to think it clever when mimicking the same “Death to America” rant from the likes of Iranian mullahs.

We watch as some protesting morphs into hateful shouting into rioting into looting.

If there were marches for the 37 police officers murdered so far in 2020, ya’ think there’d be hateful signs and sing-song chants, culminating in riotous looting?

Rioters have been allowed to destroy, attack police, and spew hatred for those who do not join them. Will they accomplish what the attackers on 9/11 failed to do? We came together as Americans then. We were unhyphenated Americans (hat tip to Lloyd Marcus). We echoed ‘never forget.’ But some of us have.

While Fb messaging with my 28-year-old relative in the athletic department of a southern university, she wrote that she didn’t think America was the greatest country because of our low rank in education, healthcare and economics—and racism.

What has she missed?

Out of 201 nations, the U. S. ranks #8 in the world’s best education systems. Home schoolers and charter schools do quite well. Inner city schools have a terrible record and children have no way out. Exceptions for Dr. Ben Carson, who credits his mother with persevering despite his Baltimore and Detroit schools, and economist Charles Payne, whose tormenting came from blacks within his Harlem community as he carried a briefcase to school—which they soon stole.

When we lower the bar for what is acceptable for student achievement and behavior, we reduce our standings. When we have a home environment which does not support school and learning, we have a problem educating children. When we erode respect for educators, we have a classroom where minimal learning occurs.

Demanding universal healthcare does not mean everyone receives good care. In the 1980s my aunt Maggie in England complained about the lack of service from their free (funded by payroll taxes) healthcare program. My elderly cousin Rosaleen in Ireland still has not received her mammogram ordered in February. She also pays for private care medical appointments which allow her to see a doctor sooner.

FROM OUR READERS



Molly Baldwin

I researched countries that are “greater than America.” Cheapest cost of living: Vietnam, Costa Rica, Bulgaria. Best healthcare: Denmark, Sweden, Canada.

The Danes pay a progressive 12 to 27% income tax, 25% sales tax and low property tax.

The Swedes pay 31% to 57% income tax, 25% sales tax and low property tax.

The Canadians pay 15% to 33% income tax, up to 15% sales tax and low property tax. Brush up on your French if you plan to live in the Quebec Province.

Because my relative has witnessed racism, her narrow view sees racism as endemic in the United States. Thomas Sowell, the black economist and prolific writer, said, “The word ‘racism’ is like ketchup. It can be put on practically anything—and demanding evidence makes you a racist.”

Racism comes in all forms against all cultures. It continues today in China, North Korea, India, Bolivia, Italy, Greece, Bangladesh, Japan, Slovakia, Jordan, Congo, Niger, Somalia, Ivory Coast, etc.

We can’t protest racism away, yell it away, guilt it away, or bully it away. As many sports players, corporation CEOs, rappers, media personalities and glamorati-types rail against Americans who are not on their train, they discount fellow black Americans like retired NFL safety Burgess Owens, Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker, author Shelby Steele, civil rights attorney Leo Terrell and author Carol M Swain, PhD who believe like those lectured-to Americans.

Arrested for shoplifting in high school, Star Parker said, “My white guidance counselor told me not to worry about it, because I was a victim of racism, lashing out at society.” Star went on to write five books and found CURE (Center for Urban Renewal and Education), which fights poverty and restores dignity through faith, freedom and personal responsibility.

Reprehensible treatment of people continues to exist—a sad part of the human condition and not a modern phenomenon. Between 1450 and 1783, the Crimean khans held the longest slave emporium for white Slavs, Lithuanians, Russians and Ukrainians. Some three million whites were enslaved and sold—women in particular.

Racism is white on black and black on white. Now we watch hyped-up young white women yelling obscenities at black police officers because they wear blue.

Blacks will call conservative blacks “uncle Toms” and use variations of the ‘n’ word. The words and sentiment are on display in contemptuous twitter and Facebook responses and in vulgar song lyrics. Is this black on black racism?

BLM the organization is a self-proclaimed Marxist association which does not support the traditional family. BLM the statement means only black lives matter. Except if they’re black police officers, black Chicago children (39 this year) or black aborted life (five times that of whites).

America will never be perfect. The attempt to tear her down didn’t work on 9/11. The Islamists didn’t succeed in their hatred for the U.S. The current frenzy to jump on a bandwagon that proclaims ‘me good-you bad’ will not bring America down, either.

Shouting “Death to America” is the epitome of obnoxious, narcissistic, historically challenged Americans. May they soon grow up. God Bless America.

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Her words: Supreme Court nominee Barrett

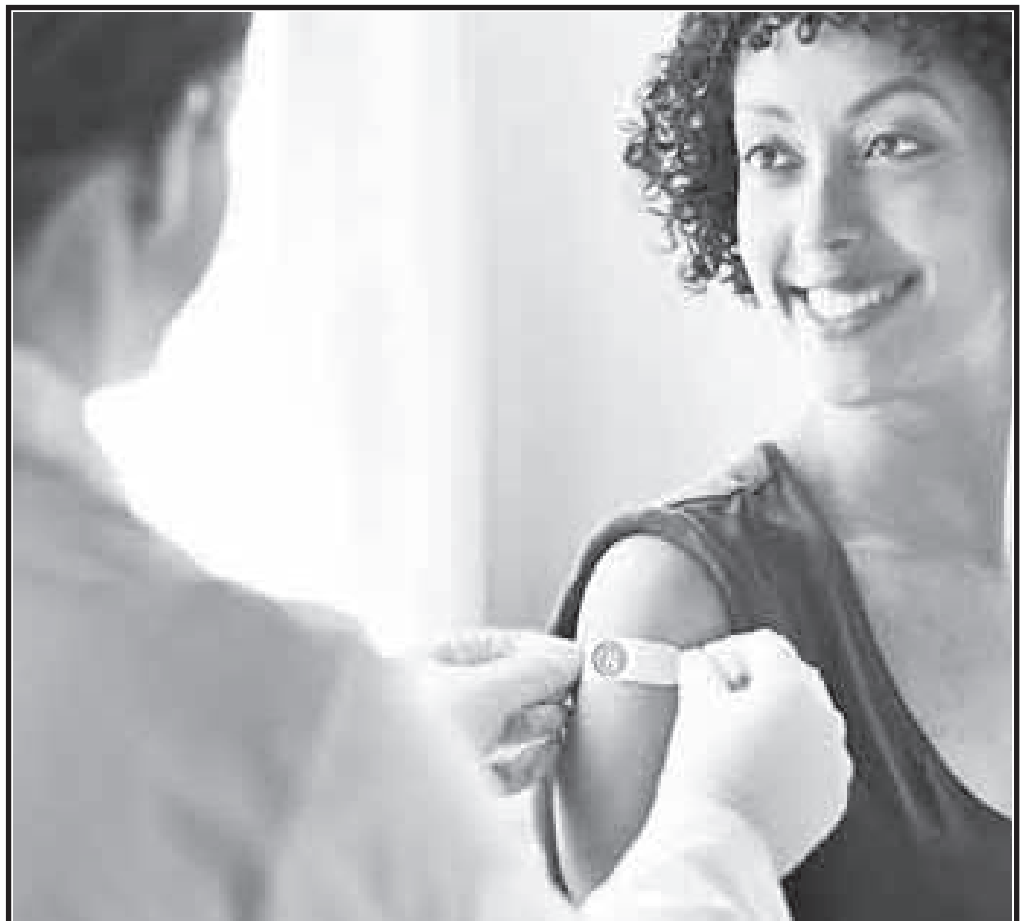
Some notable quotes from Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett, a former Notre Dame law professor and current judge on the Chicago-based 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. President Donald Trump on Saturday announced he was nominating Barrett to fill the seat vacated by the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

On Nominees -- “However cagey a justice may be at the nomination stage, her approach to the Constitution becomes evident in the opinions she writes. ... It would be difficult for a modern justice to avoid revealing her position on whether the original public meaning of the Constitution controls its interpretation.” — 2013 article in the Texas Law Review.

On abortion -- “If anything, the public response to controversial cases like Roe (v. Wade) reflects public rejection of the

proposition that (precedent) can declare a permanent victor in a divisive constitutional struggle rather than desire that precedent remain forever unchanging. Court watchers embrace the possibility of overruling, even if they may want it to be the exception rather than the rule.” — 2013 article in the Texas Law Review, citing Roe v. Wade, the 1973 landmark ruling that recognized a woman’s right to abortion.

On Faith -- “(Catholic judges) are obliged by oath, professional commitment, and the demands of citizenship to enforce the death penalty. They are also obliged to adhere to their church’s teaching on moral matters.” — 1998 article co-written by Barrett in the Marquette Law Review on how some Catholic judges would feel on certain legal questions because of the teachings of their faith.



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