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Herbert Marcuse and the suppression of conservative speech

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The Progressive agenda to suppress conservative speech is Ramping up to alarming levels. During the 2020 Presidential Campaign we saw a new level of conservative censorship with suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop scandal. The publication of the New York Post story about the laptop information was actively suppressed before the election by big tech and mainstream media. The head of CNN, Mark Zucker, was caught on conference call telling reporters not to run the story. Virtually all mainstream media sources called it "Russian disinformation" and conspiracy. We later learned the FBI had Hunter under investigation for information on the laptop, but this was after the election. The Biden Administration has now come out publicly with an even more egregious suppression: requesting social media sources not to allow what they consider "disinformation" to be publicized. Even calls to censor private text messaging. The ethos and "justification" for suppressing conservative speech in America can be traced to the writings of Herbert Marcuse starting in the early 1960s. Marcuse's writings have brought this assault on our Freedom, including freedom of religion and speech, and must be exposed and repudiated.

Herbert Marcuse was as a German Communist and part of the notorious "Frankfurt School" of German Marxists in the 1920s and 30s. The aim of the Frankfurt School was to dismantle capitalism in Germany, and bring Germany into the Soviet fold of international Communism. At first, their ideology focused on the traditional economic classes between Proletariat and Bourgeoisie. Later, after influence by the writings of Italian Communist and cultural Marxist Antonio Gramsci, the Frankfurt school moved

toward cultural Marxism as a way to implode Western society to bring a Communist Revolution. With the rise of the Nazis in Germany, Marcuse and the Frankfurt School Communists left Germany to reestablish themselves primarily at Columbia University. Marcuse taught at multiple universities in America, though his most famous writings were while he taught at Harvard University.

Marcuse believe Western capitalist democracies of his period were irredeemably repressive and must be dismantled. Like Karl Marx, Marcuse was an atheistic materialist, who believed humans were evolving and formed almost solely by society. In the case of Western democratic capitalist society, Marcuse was brutal in his condemnation of that forming, including this description: "systematic mornization of children and adults alike by publicity and propaganda, the release of destructiveness in aggressive driving, the recruitment for and training of special forces, the impotent and benevolent tolerance toward outright deception in merchandizing, waste, and planned obsolescence". In the mid-1960s, Marcuse believed America was driven by war, exploitation and oppression. He was completely opposed to Christianity, and specifically Christian morality, as part of the cultural hegemony.

During this period, Marcuse wrote his Magnum Opus book "Repressive Tolerance", in which he made this argument about the "right" kind of tolerance to combat the "corruption" of the West: "Liberating tolerance, then, would mean intolerance against movement from the Right and toleration of movement from the Left." Fred Bauer wrote in National Review of Marcuse: "Marcuse argued that, because of the radical repressiveness of Western society, a tolerance for all viewpoints actually contributed to social oppression..... The



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fact that society is so radically unequal means that we should be intolerant and repressive in the name of tolerance and liberty. He rejected what he termed 'indiscriminate tolerance' — a tolerance that accepts all viewpoints — in favor of 'liberating tolerance' or "discriminating tolerance."

Marcuse was a prolific cultural Marxist Revolutionary writer, covering a number of areas of society. His "Eros and Civilization" made the argument in 1955 for ending all sexual morality to flip the Western cultural hegemony. However, the pervasiveness of his arguments for discriminatory tolerance cannot be overstated in modern effects. Throughout many fields, particularly academia, the argument for suppression of conservative speech as a societal good took root. In the media, the Marcusian idea of "public journalism" has taken root. Basically, Public Journalism argues that traditional journalism assists in oppression, and that neutrality, objectivity and detachment should be replaced by Journalists picking sides and actively seeking to bring betterment. With the overwhelming Liberal bias of the media, this is a clear call for discriminatory tolerance in favor of the Left.

We can see the harvest of Marcuse's ideas in so many of the proposals from the Left that are the antithesis of the First Amendment. Calls to criminally prosecute those who question 2020 election irregularities have grown to threats against state legislators in Pennsylvania, for example. The drowning out and violence against conservatives attempting to speak on College campuses. The 2020 College Free Speech Rankings found over 60% of Liberal students believed it was acceptable to shut down a speaker. The mainstream media networks have attempted to have Fox News taken off the air, and mainstream media celebrities have demanded social media drop conservative voices. All of this could not happen without the philosophical grounding of Herbert Marcuse's warped propaganda.

It's time to expose and repudiate the poison of Herbert Marcuse's writings, and I end with a quote by Thomas Jefferson about the subject: "There is no safe deposit for (our Liberty) but with the people themselves; nor can they be safe with them without information. Where the press is free, and every man able to read, all is safe".

Have You Been Cancelled?

"Cancel culture is not actually about justice. It is about control. People use cancellation to force conformity to ideals." – Teal Swan

"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." – Bible (1Corinthians 13:6,7)

Kirk and Kim had just had another argument, one of many over the last several months. But this day was different; suddenly Kirk turned his back on Kim and ignored her. No matter what she said he didn't respond. Over the next several days Kirk didn't say anything to Kim. It was as if she wasn't there. She tried to get Kirk to respond but he refused. She didn't know what was going on but she felt like all of a sudden, she had been cancelled.

The Cambridge Dictionary says cancelling is "a way of behaving in a society or group, especially on social media, in which it is common to completely reject and stop supporting someone because they have said or done something that offends you."

According to an article in Psychology Today, there is another aspect to cancelling that is even more disturbing: "Canceling is similar in some respects to ghosting and boycotting, two other types of rejections. Like ghosting, the canceler desires to break their ties with the canceled entity. But unlike ghosting, the canceler also actively seeks to punish and harm them. Ghosting is private, passive rejection, whereas canceling is vigorous, public, retaliatory rejection."

We hear about the "cancel

culture" frequently these days. Although the term is fairly new it has been in practice for a long time. It's one of the main reasons for failed marriages. I have met with couples where one has clearly cancelled the other. There is no real communication and often the cancelled person feels like a stranger in the house. As noted in the article from Psychology Today above, the more common word used to address this experience is rejection. I think we can all identify with that word. We all have felt rejected at one point in our life, whether in marriage or just in life in general. The rejection may or may not have involved actual verbal (or physical) harassment but it hurt nevertheless.

Megan Bailey, on beliefnet.com, suggests four types of rejection married couples may have to deal with.

- **Unspoken rejection.** When you totally commit yourself to your spouse, and they shut off all communication, you feel lost and alone. Your ability to understand and deal with any underlying issues has been removed and you feel hopeless.

- **Uncaring rejection.** Your spouse may communicate with you but it's all negative. You don't feel ignored, but you may wish for it. The negative atmosphere can be devastating. Megan suggests this is the worst kind of rejection. You are being bombarded with negativity and it's easy to be convinced it's all your fault.

- **Compromising rejection.** In this case, you may be given reasons for your spouse's feelings in a fashion that indicates healing is possible. Many times the compromise consists of



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listening to your spouse's complaints and deciding what you are willing to work on, hopefully together. It helps when both agree that change is needed, on both parts.

- **Polite rejection.** Your spouse may tell you in a "polite" fashion, that they no longer love you. The "politeness" doesn't take away the hurt, but does indicate that the discussion may still be open.

Rejection (or being cancelled) in any fashion is painful. Ultimately it is the main cause of divorce. We reject the marriage covenant and decide that this marriage relationship is no longer worth maintaining.

There may be valid reasons for separation and even divorce, but most of the break-ups occur because one or both are putting their own interests first. Marriages succeed when we follow God's plan. Both husband and wife seek God and put the best interests of their spouse first. We look for that which is good in our marriage and celebrate it.

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CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to cats.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 5 = C)

A. 23 10 9 18 24 10
Clue: Relating to cats

B. 5 9 6 20 25
Clue: Curved, pointy nails

C. 21 2 8 8
Clue: Low, vibrating sound

D. 25 5 8 6 26 5 13
Clue: Mark the surface

Answers: A: feline B: claws C: purr D: scratch

SUDOKU

		4	7	3				
				4			1	
1		9					5	
4				6				1
		6					3	
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	6	4	7	8	3	1	5	2
8	8	5	6	2	1	7	9	4
7	2	1	4	9	8	3	6	5
6	4	9	3	1	5	2	7	8
5	4	2	8	7	4	9	6	1
1	7	8	9	6	2	5	4	3
4	3	5	4	2	9	6	8	1
7	1	8	9	6	4	5	4	3
8	9	6	1	3	4	7	5	2

ANSWER:

IT'S LIKE CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

CLUES ACROSS

- Fashion accessory
- Subatomic particle
- Ethnic group of the Philippines
- Popular cookie
- Fabric
- Alcoholic liquor
- Peter __, Dutch portrait painter
- Longtime Chicago mayor
- A famous "Lady"
- Islamic calendar month
- Rocky peak
- Polio vaccine developer
- Songs sung in open air
- Military movements
- Male parent
- Beloved hot beverage
- Female sibling
- Tackled the QB
- Set a dog on someone
- Long live! (Spanish)
- Porticos
- Pouch
- Smooth fabric
- Enough (archaic)
- Institute legal proceedings against
- Scared
- Draw from
- Brother or sister
- Body part
- Commercials
- London soccer team
- Satisfied
- Surgical technique (abbr.)
- Fencing sword
- French industrial city
- Intellectual property organization (abbr.)
- Helps to carry food
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- End-blown flute
- Heroic tales
- Member of a Semitic people
- Members of a priestly caste
- Southern Ghana people
- Counsels
- Body of water
- Awesome!
- Calendar month
- Native of region in Caucasus
- Indian city
- Exclusive
- Alaskan town
- Covered with ivy
- Loose granular substances
- Native American tribe
- Written American English
- Holiday (informal)
- Add up
- Small brown and gray rats
- Get off your feet
- Express disgust
- Surface of the ground
- Put into a silo
- Belief
- British nobleman
- Tennis game
- Dry, protective crust
- Swiss river
- Large integers
- La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- Every one of two or more
- "Deadpool" actor Reynolds
- Earlier
- Peter's last name

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

- SASH
- BOSON
- SAMA
- OREO
- CRAPE
- ARAK
- LELY
- DALEY
- GAGA
- TRAY
- ARNE
- GALLA
- CECA
- BEST
- OLSEN
- HAHN
- SOLVED
- SOLS
- AREA
- SELF
- HOYAS
- BCD
- ORATED
- SALON
- OPERATIC
- NEY
- SAGAS
- ARAB
- MAGI
- AKAN
- REDES
- SEA
- RAD
- DEC
- OSSET
- PATNA
- SCOOP
- SITKA
- IVIED
- SANDS
- KAW
- SAE
- VAC
- SUBTOTAL
- SORAS
- SIT
- PAH
- SOD
- ENSILE
- TENET
- EARLS
- MATCH
- SCAB
- AARE
- TENS
- BREA
- EACH
- RYAN
- AGO
- PAN

UNVACCINATED

SOLUTIONS

DOWN

- SOLS
- AREA
- SELF
- HOYAS
- BCD
- ORATED
- SALON
- OPERATIC
- NEY
- SAGAS
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