



Letters & Opinions

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Opinions

American Socialists Cannot Shatter The Rock

In his book, "United States of Socialism," Dinesh D'Souza clearly lays out what socialism is, the history and failure of socialism, and why socialism can never work in America. Those who don't know these things might consider reading his book.

History teaches us that dividing people is the easiest and most common means of conquering. D'Souza notes many historical examples of the rise of socialism in nations around the world. In most cases socialists began revolutions by creating crises that divided populations by class, economic status, race, gender, or religion. The "solution" to division, of course, was unification via socialism that promised to make everyone equal.

Heterogeneous populations are easy to divide. On the other hand, heterogeneity is the achilles heel of socialism. This is the primary reason American socialists, i.e. the LEFT, will do nothing but continue to divide us. Furthermore, America is more diverse than any nation on earth. Comparing our government with other governments is like comparing apples and slugs. What works in more homogeneous nations will not work in more heterogeneous nations because the populations are so different.

For example, Scandinavian nations have very homogeneous populations and a kind of socialism with a healthy mix of free market capitalism that works. Their government leaders know this, and have severely restricted immigration which would unbalance social and cultural stability. Their brand of socialism not only will not work in America, but it will continually divide us into identity groups. That's what American socialists are doing today.

Critical Race Theory (CRT) is a highly favored tool of American socialists to indoctrinate students from K-college into believing the color of one's skin predetermines his or her role and station in life. CRT divides us into two groups: oppressors and victims, simply on the

basis of skin color. This is exactly what Martin Luther King, Jr. was fighting against! And yet, his legacy of fighting for the content of our character has been marred by racists who project their own racism onto those who disagree with them.

CRT is heavily based on Marxist ideology and has been designed to erase our history, undermine principles in our founding documents, and overthrow our constitutional representative republic. CRT is also the principle theory applied in diversity and inclusion training, and includes a wide range of gender theories and sex education for children as young as 8 years old.

Fortunately, the whole world has not bought into this degeneracy. Last week we celebrated the life of a man who soared far above the trappings and philosophies of this world. Harvey Lee Gordon, Sr. was a man who never met a stranger, and who never failed to help anyone he ever met. Harvey worked in the Co-operative Extension Service in Mississippi and Arkansas, but his influence spread around the world through the lives of people he touched.

Harvey is a Christian who has merely transitioned from this world into Jesus' presence. For nearly three hours more than 300 colleagues, friends, and family glorified Jesus for giving Harvey to us for a little while.

American socialists work to divide us into identity groups. Marxists disdain God and faith in God. Those of us who share faith in Jesus as our Savior will never be divided by race, gender, social standing, or politics. Jesus is the Rock Who unites all of His followers.

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From the Desk of the Mayor

Dear Citizens of Belleview,

If you or someone that you know is currently in search of a job, the city is hiring several different positions. The open positions include a Development Services Technician, a Maintenance Technician (Street Department), a Utilities Services Technician, and a Police Officer. We are also hiring someone to fill a newly created position – that of Park Services Worker. The city has made a number of improvements and additions to our parks in recent years, resulting in a marked increase in visitors. This has necessitated an additional employee to monitor and maintain these facilities, including the Splash Park, the restrooms, the basketball court, and the community center. We will also soon be placing BBQ grills at Lake Lillian, which we expect will attract more family gatherings. If you would like to apply for any of these positions, please visit www.belleviewfl.org and click on "How do I...", then click on employment opportunities. The city is a great place to work, offering competitive pay, medical insurance, pension plans, sick and personal days, and paid vacation, among other benefits.

In other news, I am proud to announce that the Belleview Sports Complex hosted the Cal Ripken Little League District Qualifier Tournament last week. In the past several years, the City of Belleview, Marion County, and the local sport leagues have partnered in order to make a number of improvements to the Sports Complex, including three new playgrounds, batting cages for both softball and baseball, new dugouts, improvements to the fencing, and improvements to the fields, among other things. These improvements have made it possible for Belleview to host these types of tournaments. Please stay tuned for more news regarding the Sports Complex, as the county has some exciting ideas for more improvements in their upcoming plans!

I am also excited to announce that I have been chosen to serve on the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Mayors, and also as a committee member on the Florida League of Cities Land Use and Economic Development Legislative Policy Committee. As taken from their website, "The Florida League of Mayors provides the mayors of Florida with the ability to explore, in great depth, areas of mutual concern and opportunity. Municipal mayors serve a large percentage of Florida's population. In 2004, more than half of Floridians lived in the state's 408 municipalities. The Florida League of Mayors forges a powerful voice that serves our municipalities well. The most immediate services we offer to members are networking opportunities with other mayors and quality educational programs." I look forward to serving in this position, utilizing it to the benefit of the citizens of the city of Belleview and our surrounding communities!

Please join us for our next regular City of Belleview commission meeting, to be held on Tuesday, June 15th at 6:00 pm in Belleview City Hall.

I continue to hold open office hours every Tuesday from 10:00 to 12:00. My office is located in the Police Department. Stop by and say hi!

Sincerely,
Mayor Christine K. Dobkowski
352-400-1729

Temporary Lane Closures In Southeast Marion County

Motorists traveling in southeastern Marion County will experience the following temporary lane closures due to landscaping of the median;

June 16, 2021: Buena Vista Blvd. at the intersection of S.E. 86th Street, Belle Meade Circle, The Villages, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

June 16, 2021: Buena Vista Blvd. at the intersection of Nancy Lopez golf facility entrance, The Villages, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

June 16, 2021: Buena Vista Blvd. at the intersection of S.E. 82nd Calumet Avenue, The Villages, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Letters, or comments, are welcome on any subject. All letters are subject to be edited for length and contents.

In most cases, in criticisms of private citizens, names will be omitted. If the criticism is directed at political or government figures, the names will be printed, if the criticism is directed at their decisions affecting government.

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