

Lessons From History

We find it interesting that the Democratic guest columnist began with a reference to the 1930's concentration camps and prisoners in those camps, citing book burning as a demonstration of Nazi intolerance and censorship. The author further compared the atrocities of WWII with what is happening in America today, alleging that the GOP aligns with Hitler's platform and takeover of power in Germany.

Let's review the Nazi Democratic Socialists rise to power. After Germany lost WWI, there was dissatisfaction with the republic which began in 1919, followed by a global economic crisis and Germany's inability to pay off its war debts. After a failed coup attempt in 1923, the Nazi party attempted to gain power through elections, which initially was unsuccessful. Eventually Hitler was installed as chancellor, not elected as noted by Joseph Goebbels, the future Minister of Propaganda. Alleging that a communist started the Reichstag fire, the Nazis used the crisis to install a dictatorship. The German people lost their civil rights and any freedom of expression. Police had authority to search residences, and arrest citizens and any political opponents of the Nazi Party. The Enabling Act was passed, giving Hitler the right to execute new laws without obstruction. Having all the power, Hitler began adapting Nazism into the cultural and scientific communities. Unions were forced to align with the Nazi platform, with dissension forbidden. Germany became a single-party state, with all other political parties banned. Book burning and banning began at this point, and anything "un-German" vanished.

Mussolini and his movement, 'fascism' or 'national socialism', was also on the left. Although Mussolini admired Karl Marx and Hitler admired Mussolini, Hitler did not laud Marxism because Marx was Jewish. The biggest threat to socialism were those that "clung to their guns and religion," hence the need for gun control and religious subjugation. Socialists banned religious expression, outlawing anti-government sentiment in public places. American progressive ideals arising from this movement included birth control, abortion, forced sterilization, and using public schools to indoctrinate the youth. The KKK in Oregon banned religious and private schools until the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional. All of this history has been whitewashed by the American progressives, because they do not want to be linked to all of the evils that the Nazis unleashed upon the world. So the Progressives did what they do best, and re-defined everything. After embracing forced sterilization, the KKK, experiments on prisoners, and Japanese internment camps, the left-wing progressive's admiration of fascism had to be concealed from history.

As we get ready to head back to school, we can thank American Progressives that advocated for Marxism, the Critical Race Theory (CRT), the hyper-sexualization of children, anti-white propaganda, and social justice. Children will learn to hate their Country, themselves, and others. Just look at all the wonderful progressive legislation that will be implemented in the coming school year!

Back to book banning. In 2020, California banned *To Kill A Mockingbird*, citing racism. Four other novels were also declared off-limits: Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*, Theodore Taylor's *The Cay*, and Mildred D. Taylor's *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. In Tennessee, some books are banned within the schools but are still available at the public libraries; Holocaust survivor story *Maus: A Survivor's Tale* being one such book. The rationale for banning *Maus* is that children in the 8th grade may not be ready emotionally or socially to handle the adult content (nudity and profanity) in the book. We could argue the same for books like *Gender Queer*. We ask that you read a copy and see if it's appropriate for middle school aged children. However, in Oregon, where we are teaching students about sex in Kindergarten, it would only seem suitable to teach a child the proper technique of giving oral sex to a member of one's same sex.

Despite Oregon having the thirteenth-highest-paid teachers in our Country, our state has a massive teaching shortage. Could that be because Oregon schools are dictated by progressive teacher unions that mandate teaching through relentless regulations? Oregon ranks in the bottom ten nationwide (41st) despite all of the money *we the people* provide for education. Oregon's terrible graduation rate (43rd) only rose slightly when Kate Brown removed most of the graduation requirements (ie: essential skills) during Covid.

Progressives have taken the long march through our institutions. Good luck trying to Google information that does not have a progressive narrative spin! Isn't it time we can come together and actually discuss the issues plaguing

our state caused by progressive Democrat absolute rule over Oregon since 1982 (interestingly, just one year after mail-in voting began)?

After all, if we don't learn from history, it will tend to repeat itself.