

The Choice: Flawed Emancipators or Ruthless Thugs?

It is an absolute fact that every disciple Jesus called, and indeed every *human* author of Holy Scripture, was a miserable sinner, just like me...and you too. I don't state this to anger anyone. But if anyone imagines themselves to be righteous before God, they are not allowing God's law to expose the inner truth about themselves (1 John 1:7). Indeed any dismissal of evidence of any kind that favors the existence of God renders such a person guilty of the first sin St. Paul mentions (Romans 1:18f). Furthermore, whoever imposes their expectations onto others while failing to adhere to the same standards (again, of their own design), is both a hypocrite and a violator of the golden rule. Despite doubts by critical textual critics,¹ I am convinced Jesus said the words recorded in John 8 for the reason that his challenge to the woman's judges is morally superior, in the manner that is expected only of the true Son of God. Similarly, people participating in toppling statues of our Founders have neither the moral authority nor the right to do so. They are to the contrary imposing on historical figures criteria that are far more stringent than God applied to the biblical writers. We all should plead for His mercy instead.

Neither do these self-appointed "revolutionaries" demonstrate any potential qualification to lead anyone, let alone an entire society, into uncharted waters. Their credibility indeed is undermined right up front by their track record (televised) of refusing to submit their agenda to intellectual scrutiny. To the contrary they merely out-shout and bludgeon their dissenters. For similar reasons, they offer no grounds at all for why anyone should trust that their brand of defiance of people in authority has any capacity to usher in a harmonious new world, or even a society remotely as just as our own admittedly *imperfect* one. Recently I saw on TV one rioter berating police with his presumptive taunts that police don't have intellectual skills to do "college-level" thinking. I judge to the contrary that his *obnoxious* presence merely raised doubts about the credibility of universities as a whole (see below), even as he exposed as questionable the intellectual weight behind the college degree(s) that he claimed to earn.

More to the point, anarchists'² agenda depends on the *distorted parody* of US history that they impose. Firstly, their methods of highlighting what they judge as the "unsavory" aspects of our record reject classical *academic* methods of truth-seeking³ by censoring all arguments that thwart their goals. And their "motivational" tools rely on pressuring for a compliance that is enforced by threats of harm.

By contrast, ***authentic truth-seeking***, as opposed to brain-washing, seeks out all substantiated evidence that is relevant to a given question. It also frames the historical details *correctly* in light of its larger context. And it debates in complete freedom the relative merits of each relevant hypothesis.

In a court of law defendants and witnesses "*solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth*" because deceiving others does not necessarily require outright lying. Deceit can be advanced by employing selected trivial "facts" while deliberately omitting other details that put a substantially different perspective on the circumstances under investigation. For example, Dr. John Ellis, recent President of the *California Association of Scholars (CAS)*, argues that politicizing the teaching

¹ Lee Strobel.

² Anarchy dismisses the very concept of rational authority. Apart from God, no such authority exists, but only raw power enforced by thugs.

³ John M. Ellis. [The Breakdown of Higher Education: How it Happened, the Damage it Does, and What Can Be Done](#). (Encounter Books, 2020), p. 39. He writes, "*Perhaps the most important difference between political activism and academic thinking is that they are polar opposites in the way they deal with alternative explanations.*"

within the University of California system (and by implication many other academic institutions) has seriously damaged the integrity of their “product” with respect to framing our history as a nation. This neglect consists not only of the cessation of teaching US history as a requirement in order for students to be granted university degrees. Their neglect of profoundly vital facts distorts what it *does* impart.

Examples which Ellis, in particular, charges distort our history include:

- Our nation’s Founding Fathers are being disparaged in part because their critics fail to grasp the larger cultural context in that our leaders’ values were far more humane than the dominant views of that era. Dr. Ellis notes that virtually all cultures substantially employed slavery at that time. Granting this reality, he adds that it was only “*the Europeans of the Enlightenment era*” (including our founders) who were “*moving in the direction of overcoming racism...*”⁴ I would add that, despite Jefferson’s ownership of slaves (to give one example) he nonetheless began *The Declaration of Independence* by stating, “*We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal,*” thereby opening the door for ultimate freedom for slaves, which actually occurred *four score and seven years*”⁵ later, precisely *because* of his words.
- To the charge that the U.S. is an imperialist country, Ellis counters that even though it emerged from World War II as the world’s most powerful military, our nation “restored” or “instilled” democracy both to the people we liberated and the “axis” people we vanquished, while “*the Soviet Union [by contrast] enslaved the countries it ‘liberated.’*” To this same charge Ellis also counters that while the militaries that preceded ours “*never failed to pursue conquest to the limit of their ability,*” no military as supreme as ours “*has ever been so restrained*” (p.75).
- Prior to the United Nations, it was a matter of national survival that every nation “*beware of invasion by its neighbors whenever their neighbors were stronger.*” As a case in point, I add that while President Jefferson’s Lewis and Clark expedition had as its goal to search for trade routes and find natural resources, it was reported to him that Napoleon had his eye on claiming the region of the Louisiana Purchase, including the Mississippi River basin’s only major seaport, New Orleans!⁶ Had not Jefferson taken the offense, Napoleon’s ploy would have cut us off from both needed agricultural land and vital access to the southern Gulf. Interestingly, the same media which fails to challenge the leftist’ vision of “open borders,” fails to mention that **no other nation** on earth that is attractive to others, practices that same “open-borders” policy.
- To the charge that Europeans introduced brutality to “peaceful” Native Americans, Ellis notes instead the reality of “*often brutal wars between different native American tribes*” (p. 86).

Further examples of distorted reporting by “alphabet” news agencies include:

- Critics today dismiss our traditional historical sources (**THS**) as the products of “*angry old white men.*” Yet it is only by these works that we can know **both** the fallenness **and** greatness of our Fathers. It is instead the *cancel-culture* advocates (angry ignorant whites) who censor primary documents and thereby keep truth-seekers from weighing them with a critical, yet open, mind.

⁴ Op.cit. (3), p. 84. All other page numbers that follow in the “bullets” section refer to this same reference. ⁵ Obviously, Abraham Lincoln’s opening words to his “Gettysburg Address.” ⁶ Dan Murphy. Lewis and Clark: Voyage of Discovery. (KC Publications, 1977), p. 2. ⁷ Op.cit. (3), pp. 30-31, 48.

- On the other hand, it is ironically “mainstream” news agencies, so-called, which have chronically censored the undeniable accounts of **Marxist atrocities**.⁷
- They also fail to own up to the **extensive record of economic failures of Marxist regimes**.
- The refusal by our national **Democrat** leadership to even consider factors that potentially imperil mail-in voting in the up-coming Presidential election, betrays their aversion to the classical method of searching out truth and following it where it leads (see above p. 1, par. 3&4). • *Liberal* political commentator Mary Harf, on *The Five* (Fox News 08/14/ 20), charged that Donald Trump was slow to react to the onslaught of the Corona Virus. So it is vital to point out Trump’s immediate decision to shut down air travel to and from China, and also to form a *Corona Virus*

Task Force (Project Warp Speed) which included the most respected scientists in their fields. They immediately stepped into action using the best knowledge that they then had available.

- The long-held *suspicion* of conservatives that news media in general leans significantly left-of-center is now virtually proven by an academic text that reaches “*its conclusions about media bias... based on measuring instruments that are chosen by the ‘Americans for Democratic Action,’*” which is “*a liberal interest group*.”⁵ By means of *liberal* criteria he concluded that “*Journalists, instead of presenting the world as it really is, distort it, shining more light on the facts that liberals want us to see and less on the facts that conservatives want us to see.*”⁶
- The rationale for toppling of statues of Christopher Columbus is often sourced to observations by Bartolome de Las Casas⁷ concerning 30 years of torturous slaughter by ‘Christians,’ of perhaps millions of natives of all ages.⁸ It is tragically the case that similar massacres occurred in the name of Christ in other parts of the world too.⁹ Yet Jesus’ condemnatory words to such blasphemers was (and is) “**Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the Kingdom of God.**” To these hypocrites He will say, “**I never knew you.**” (Mat. 7:21f). Yet their horrendous behavior **does not represent the views of Columbus himself** who treated natives honorably.¹⁰
- It is my judgment that the *indiscriminate* toppling of statues in general proves that anarchists not only deplore intellectual inquiry. Their *incoherent* manner of picking their targets (both Blacks and Whites) indeed exposes their contempt for simply everything American. By their toppling of *Christian* images they further betray an abhorrence of both Christ and His insights into human nature (sin), which gives the rationale for our three-branch form of government.¹¹
- Yet it is a curious thing that the statue of Lenin in Seattle is, “so far,” securely undisturbed.
- Despite anti-Republican prejudice, when the Civil War ended in 1865 “*the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) became a vehicle for white southern resistance [against] the Republican Party’s Reconstruction era policies [that were] aimed at establishing political and economic equality for Blacks.*”¹²

⁵ Tim Groseclose. *Left Turn: How Liberal Media Bias Distorts the American Mind*. (St. Martin’s Press, 2011), p. IX.

⁶ *Ibid*, p. 235.

⁷ Lawrence Bergren. *Columbus: The Four Voyages*. (Penguin, 2011), p. 365.

⁸ I place *Christian* within semi-quotes because Jesus’ teaching decries such murderous acts and calls their perpetrators imposters (Matt. 7:21f).

⁹ <https://australianstogether.org.au/discover/australian-history/early-missionaries/>

¹⁰ “*Men of goodwill had nothing to fear from the Admiral of the Ocean Sea*” ... One “[p]hilosophical Indian was puzzled: How was it that the Admiral [Columbus], who appeared to have supreme power, bowed to the authority of another [them]... Keeping his composure, the chieftain asked many times if the country that gave birth to such men [Columbus] was not indeed heaven.” *Op.cit.* (9), p. 186.

¹¹ *Op.cit.* (3), pp. 91-92.

¹² www.History.com. Ku Klux Klan: Origin, Members & Facts. Boldface mine.

- At the same time it must be acknowledged as a serious blight on our judicial system that, only by pressures by the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's, did our nation finally officially overthrow segregation laws¹³ which, in any case, **never were supported** in our Constitution.
- Although **Leftists** predictably laud Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela as champions of black rights, **they actually ignore King's "dream"** that "*all people...be judged not by the color of their skin, but the contents of their character.*" As for Mandela, the first Black President of South Africa, he **successfully united blacks and whites as equals** by bringing them together into his administration. See the accurate portrayal of that venture in Clint Eastwood's movie, *Invictus*.¹⁴
- By stark contrast, at the US House Judiciary Committee Oversight Hearing on 07/28/20 concerning the official conduct of Attorney General William Barr with respect to President Trump, the Democrats resisted any common ground at every turn by couching Barr's answers in suspicion, while Republicans grounded their words on documented facts undergirded with video.¹⁵

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- Nevertheless, on one video clip on Fox News, U.S. Congressman Jerry Nadler labelled as "*myth,*" "conservative" reports of wanton destruction by Antifa across numerous American cities, and instead retorted that the so-called rioters were merely "*mothers, veterans, and mayors.*"¹⁶ Since, in actuality, these videos document violence **daily** on TV news broadcasts, one can rightly conclude that either Nadler was outright lying, or is deliberately refusing to watch TV networks which do document the very acts of lawless and wanton destruction of life and property.
 - Indeed the "alphabet" media continues to claim that so-called "rioters" are but a figment of the conservative imagination, in contradiction to the inescapable authenticity of the above videos.
 - One telling video was **only recently** made public which covered the circumstances leading up to George Floyd's arrest and murder. MN Attorney General Steve Ellison defended withholding it by stating, "*I wanted to protect my prosecution [charge].*" Yet one might reasonably ask why his goal wasn't instead to seek impartial justice in a court of law? (Tucker Carlson. Fox. 8/4/20).
 - News agencies owned by Google and Facebook recently removed from TV a videoed news conference that was led by high-ranking medical doctors. The fact that their message about Covid19 effectively favored the Republican agenda, may well be the reason for its removal.¹⁷
 - Merriam-Webster Dictionary will redefine "racism" so that its 1st meaning refers to "systemic" aspects of race-relations. Yet this ploy ignites friction instead of pursuing harmony together.¹⁸ •
 Witnesses saw six-year-old **white child**, Cannon Hinnant being shot point-blank in the head by Darius Sessoms who is **black**. Yet that account was vastly suppressed by every major

¹³ <https://www.history.com/topics/civil-rights-movement/civil-rights-movement-timeline>

¹⁴ See also the 2019 movie, *Best of Enemies*, about the real-life occasion when, in 1971, a female Black Activists and a Ku Klux Grand Wizard successfully wrestled together toward achieving a racially-integrated local school system.

¹⁵ <https://www.c-span.org/video/?473384-1/attorney-general-barr-testifies-justice-department-mission-programs>

¹⁶ <https://nypost.com/2020/07/27/jerry-nadler-calls-violence-from-antifa-in-portland-a-myth/>. He said exactly the same thing in Ibid. (41:25).

¹⁷ <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/big-tech-censors-covid-19-video-tucker-carlson>

¹⁸ See my paper, "Merriam-Webster's Attempt to De-Racist-ify Blacks by Definition," by emailing me at gjensen549@gmail.com

news network except Fox News,¹⁹ presumably because it conflicts with the standard Leftist narrative.

- On *The Five* TV program (Fox News—08/13/20), Greg Gutfeld stated, “We [just] now learn that Chicago looters attacked the Ronald McDonald House with sick children trapped inside. Is that reparations too?” Dreadfully, with respect to these dark events, Vice-Presidential candidate **Kamala Harris** declared, “**We’re experiencing a moral reckoning with racism and systemic injustice that has brought a new coalition of conscience to the streets of our country... America is crying out for leadership.**”²⁰ In other words, Harris was blaming the endless riots and rampant destruction not on thuggery or incompetent leadership by liberal mayors, but on what she alleged to be long-deserved reparations for the wrongs committed *against* Blacks by slavery.
- Indeed *Black Lives Matter (BLM)* movement organizer, Ariel Atkins, **explicitly endorsed the** wanton destruction and looting as a means **of reparation for past slavery.**²¹
- In the context of St. Louis couple, Mark and Patricia McCloskey’s defense of their home when their property was entered and damaged by protesters, *New York Times* Journalist, Nikole Hannah Jones actually said that “**property destruction does not qualify as ‘violence’ within the context of rioting, but the act of self-defense does constitute violence.**” She further said that “**self-protection is predicated on ‘white supremacy.’**”²² These three bullet points warn of an impending breakdown of all justice that is based on racial retribution which has no closing limit.
- The *New York Times* is initiating the *1610 Project*, a racism-re-education curriculum²⁶ that will be mandated in every public school in America. Every student will thereby be pressured to confess their “personal guilt” for having benefitted from their “white-privilege.” Significantly, the same

woman (just above) who stated that appealing to “*self-defense*” by whites is an act of “*white supremacy*” happens to be a co-producer of that very mandated material.²³

- On the other hand, despite the habitual prejudices of academics and journalists, in a recent poll **81% of black people** expressed the **desire for more police presence**; not less.²⁴
- Critics during the confirmation hearings for Brent Kavanaugh **violated the Bill of Rights** by imposing the burden of proof onto him as opposed to where it rightly belonged, onto his accusers.

For the reason that universities have both compromised the teaching of our own history and neglected the impartation of critical-thinking skills which are consistent with classical methods of truth seeking,²⁵ they bear much of the responsibility for the public’s ignorance of the above data. On the

¹⁹ 5:30 pm, 08/09/20, on Fox News. <https://rmx.news/article/article/mainstream-media-ignores-murder-of-5-year-old-white-boy-cannonhinnant-shot-in-the-head-by-his-black-neighbor-in-north-carolina>

²⁰ Foxnews.com/opinion/gutfeld-on-americas-unending-chaos ** and barrons.com/news/harris-says-america-is-crying-out-for-leadership-01597268104

²¹ [2020/08/11/black-lives-matter-organizer-calls-chicago-looting-reparation/](https://www.foxnews.com/media/ben-domenech-missouri-couple-armed-cops-not-coming)

²² <https://www.foxnews.com/media/ben-domenech-missouri-couple-armed-cops-not-coming>.²⁶

“racism,” that is, as re-defined by BLM. See footnotes 18, 20, and 21.

²³ <https://www.nytimes.com/by/nikole-hannah-jones>

²⁴ www.cnn.com, 2020/08/13, which was one week after the event.

²⁵ Op.cit. (3), p. 160. As president of the *California Association of Scholars*, Ellis together with his associates, issued the board’s conclusion which followed lengthy analysis, “*A Crisis of Competence: the Corrupting Effect of Political Activism in the University of California.*”

other hand, even though people cannot be accountable for knowing what they were never taught in the first place, we as innately rational beings are all responsible for thinking reasonably about matters that we either *do* know or *can* know. The right to protest is of course both morally right and legally protected under the First Amendment to the US Constitution. Yet many of the “participants” in the protests over the death of George Floyd are obscuring that vision by looting, wrecking properties, and beating both police and civilians, in some cases, even to death. Consequently, murder-counts are skyrocketing. One has a right to wonder why there is no outcry from the (otherwise) peaceful marchers, over Antifa’s exploitation of their rallies for no reason other than to break people and things. And why is there not equal outcry over the murders of every other innocent adult and child besides George Floyd? As I am writing this during the Democrat National Convention, I am noting that no reference at all is made by any of its speakers to extensive property damage of both homes and livelihoods and people, some of whom are also beaten to death. What is also striking about their messages is their virtual absence of facts of a kind that are critical to establishing any legitimacy to their vitriolic charges against Trump.

In addition, police are being lumped together on the assumption that virtually all of them are bad. Yet that charge can easily be refuted with publicly-accessible statistics.²⁶ Since many critics refuse to investigate that data, they are left with only their prejudice to work with and for this reason are guilty of character assassination. Refusal to embark on that necessary research yields the predictable outcome of incompetent governmental officials who display a lack of even elementary analytical and strategic skills. Consequently, their “solution” is limited to eliminating the police force altogether instead of working through the rational alternative of ridding the ranks of the few unacceptable ones while retaining and further training the remaining officers, the majority of whom are highly qualified. The absurd choice to “fire” them is exposed by the daily dose of videos of looting, demolition of property, and terrorizing of defenseless citizens, none of which would be possible except that the officers’ “superiors” restrain them from doing their jobs. This removal of protection amounts to an utter betrayal of the safety of the average citizen by those who swore an oath to do the opposite. Furthermore, they expose as incoherent their scheme to deprive us of our 2nd Amendment self-protection rights with an implied assurance that police will fulfill that purpose—which is exactly what they withhold. If it were the case that civic leaders had rational reasons for their decisions, they would quell our concerns with their “wisdom.” Yet because of their silence, the blood that is sure to flow, is now **on their hands**.

In light of my title, critics may well accuse this paper of using *bait-and-switch* tactics for the reason that the antics I decry are NOT *expressed* in the platform of either the Republican or Democrat Party. I concede that to be true in terms of *official* overtures. Yet, as a philosophical and political conservative, I

reply that the burden of proof with respect to potential connections rests NOT on Republicans, but on Democrats. Readers ought to reflect on the track record of each party in light of the question: which one either permits or overlooks thuggish behavior in the form of public vandalism, beatings and even murder? The most glaring regions of such rampant lawlessness are Democrat-led. While citizens are NOT obligated to *prove* motive on the part of these culprits who turn their blind eye to the travesties, voters are intellectually entitled to predict that officials who demonstrate indifference to both law and order, and justice for all, and who snub the US Constitution and Bill of Rights, will by their trajectory,

²⁶ <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2016/crime-in-the-u.s.-2016/tables/expanded-homicide-data-table-3.xls>

certainly continue that same neglect if allowed to remain in their current positions. The bottom line is that, although no Democrat administrator *overtly* cheers such agendas, they are perpetuating these climates of terror by disarming police of their capacity to put the gangsters out of commission.

If you as a voter seek the same future for the generations following you, which you have enjoyed for yourself up to the present, including both security from threats *outside* our borders AND a secure and civil society that ensures freedom of expression for peoples of every credal and cultural group within our land, you are obligated discern carefully which of the two contrasting visions will most realistically fulfill this fundamental goal. Mere hatred of the opposition must never win our vote. My purpose here has been to discredit the *deconstructionist*²⁷ view for the following summary reasons:

1. Democrat municipal leaders have not only refused to stop the carnage,²⁸ the Democrat National Convention failed to even denounce it, even once, which implies their tacit encouragement of it.
2. The acknowledgement by three officials of Black Lives Matter (BLM) that the carnage of life and property represents justified reparations, **undermines** confidence that BLM advocates for equal justice and unity for all. It instead proves itself to be a Marxist and anti-American terrorist mob.
3. The fixation on “Trump’s sins” is utterly fallacious in two ways: Firstly that same focus is never directed onto Joe Biden.²⁹ Secondly this anti-Trump wave actually rejects morality as a binding standard anyway. Yet their alternative flesh-centered *relativistic* view, holds neither power, nor offers a plan which has any capacity to restrain either societal chaos or executive tyranny.

Indeed, to the question of Joe Biden’s character, he once boasted not only to have a higher IQ than one questioner in his audience, but that he graduated in the top half of his law school class, and that he received three degrees. Yet each claim was proved false,³⁴ which led him to drop out the presidential race in 1988. The same site also lists other examples of Biden’s falsehoods. Most recently he charged that Donald Trump praised white supremacists when, in fact, Biden omitted Trump’s explicit denunciation of them.³⁵ So just think of it, pathological liar Biden, just today charged that Trump “*has a pathological tendency not to tell the truth!*”³⁶ ???

In the upcoming Presidential election we must choose between two visions, one of which can be anticipated, by its pattern of the ongoing destruction we have witnessed, to continue the same sordidness into the future. The second vision appeals instead to God as our higher authority, whose mission is human redemption, renewal, and community. This vision alone offers the sole realistic foundation upon which a free society can function over the long haul, even as it celebrates cultural diversity while at the same time empowering harmony across our society. If and only if this vision wins, will all people win!

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²⁷ This term means to break things apart, and is related to the word *nihilism*, which denies the concepts of ultimate truth and meaning.

²⁸ [reuters.com/article/us-minneapolis-police-biden-bail/biden-staff-donate-to-group-that-pays-bail-in-riot-torn-minneapolis-idUSKBN2360SZ](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-minneapolis-police-biden-bail/biden-staff-donate-to-group-that-pays-bail-in-riot-torn-minneapolis-idUSKBN2360SZ)

²⁹ Regarding Joe Biden see <https://www.politifact.com/article/2020/may/07/ad-watch-fact-checking-video-about-bidens-academic/> ³⁴ https://www.unsuited.org/lies?utm_source=google&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=unsuited_pennsylvania&utm_content=education&gclid=Cj0KCCQjws536BRDTARIsANeUz58CYv0iGpUMk6GVbMqQnUPye3vhfE_uDIHWDP8yK2Onf9IFUURcFqcaAhQUEALw_wcB

³⁵ <https://www.factcheck.org/2020/02/trump-has-condemned-white-supremacists/> ³⁶ Video tape of Joe Biden, Fox News. *The Five*. 08/27/20, 5:25pm.