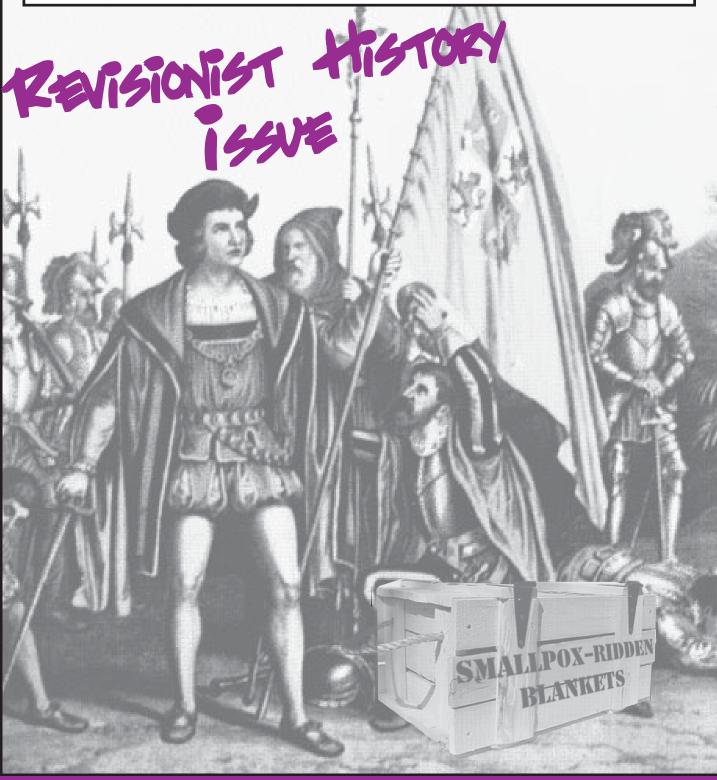
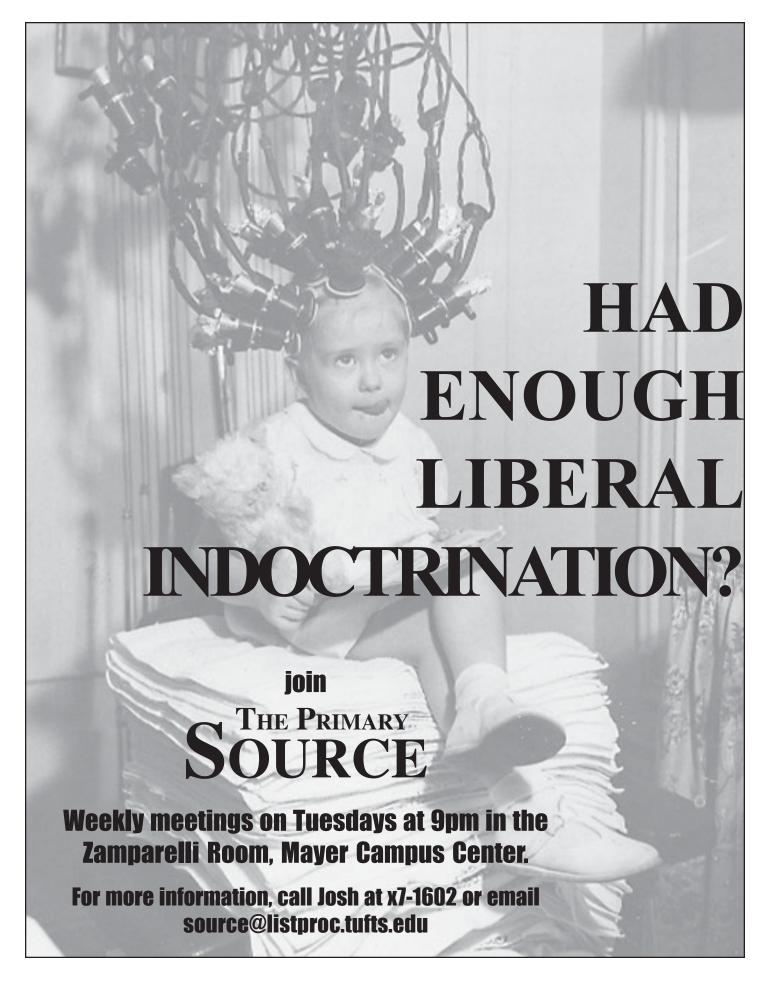
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## **History Defamed**

hat national holiday would commemorate a murderer? According to some PC revisionists, such a day falls every October on Columbus Day.

This liberal interpretation of Columbus is more than worthy of credence. Christopher Columbus voyaged to what he believed was India for profit, for the glory of his royal benefactors, and to make Christians of the heathens he encountered. By stumbling upon the islands of the Caribbean and South America, Columbus introduced to the West not only a New World, but institutions of destruction that to this day disgrace European history. Slavery, the ravaging of native peoples, both voluntarily and by disease, and gold-driven landsnatching did not exist in the Americas prior to 1492.

Is it possible to defend this guy?

Indeed. For all of his personal faults and the tragic consequences of his voyages, Columbus was simply a man of his time. No more ruthless and cutthroat than any other European, the explorer is only as backward as his era. On Columbus' continent, squabbling monarchs killed thousands of innocent people, superstition outweighed science, and the majority of Europeans were unclean, uneducated peasants. In our modern age of human rights, democracy, and universal human equality, fifteenth century society seems primitive, savage, and morally vacuous. Yet, just as we cannot condemn the native Americans for their uncivilized sensibilities (such as the cannibalism and human sacrifice of some native cultures) we cannot demand that Columbus be tried as a villain under twenty-first century law. To do so is not only politically-driven anachronism, but cultural irrelevance.

Moreover, Columbus himself was an admirable man. Despite his obstinacy and ignorance (he believed he had found Asia until his death), Columbus was brave, determined, and devout. Not to mention, he was an exemplary seaman and explorer.

However, his reputation has been damaged by the myths surrounding his discoveries. Modern historians have proven that men before Columbus knew the world was round. Nor was he the first white man to set foot in the New World. These facts are reason enough for many revisionists to erase Columbus' hero status. Yet, they overlook the magnitude of his voyage, the courage of the admiral and his crew, and the enterprising spirit he has come to symbolize. It was Columbus' fearless, adventurous character in which the New World was foundeda passion for discovery that has led humanity to all corners of the globe, even to the moon.

Columbus is perhaps history's best example of the importance of good public relations. He was truly the first European to make the existence of the New World widely known in Europe. Inspired by his discoveries, Christian kings financed other expeditions to the so-called Indies. One of these expeditions, led by another Italian, Amerigo Vespucci, was so widely publicized in Europe that the nameless land mass across the Atlantic was named after its leader. Columbus was screwed. At the very least he is worthy of a federal holiday, as by all rights we should be citizens of the United States of Columbia.

Still, to PC redactors, Columbus is simply another "dead white male." The far Left's quest to turn the great sailor from Genoa into history's most notorious public enemy is but one of many such character assassinations that go beyond the simple search for truth. The lives of Thomas Jefferson and William Shakespeare, for instance, have been subject to politically motivated academic inquiries that would make Kenneth Starr cringe. We who appreciate history ask, what's the point? To prove that Jefferson fathered children with slaves is discovery; to say that he should be stripped of his good name as a Founding Father is to rewrite the past for feel-good, PC textbooks in which only nice guys discover America. Such revisionist history is the work of Holocaust deniers, creationists, and flat-earth societies. Serious scholars know that history is best written by those searching for truth, not for blame.

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## Letters

## A Humble Apology

To the Editor:

You were correct in admonishing me for a flippant comment I made to a parent at a recent reception. We are a university that supports the free exchange of opinions, even when we might find them contradictory to our own. While I am offended by personal attacks on those who are fundamentally defenseless, i.e., students who do not hold elective or appointed office, criticism of behavior of individuals in positions of authority, such as myself, are clearly fair game.

I apologize for this indiscretion. I trust you will understand that we all err at times, even those of us who should know better.

Sincerely,

John DiBiaggio President

## **WE SWEAR WE ARE NOT** MAKING THIS UP...

(actual poster found in Curtis Hall)

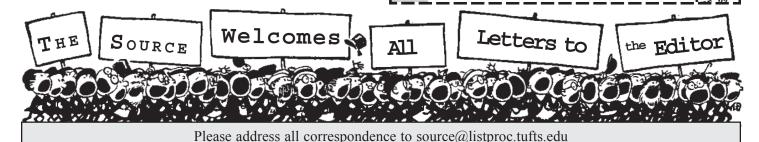
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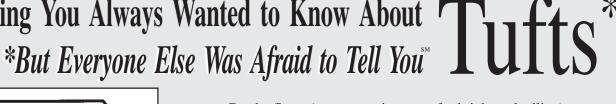
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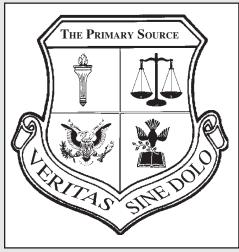
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## **Commentary**

## **Drunken Stupor**

lthough well-intentioned, last week's social life forum illus-Atrated that while there is no lack of reactionary zeal on this campus, our intellects often fall behind our raised fists. The forum, which was supposed to facilitate discussion between students and administrators, degenerated into a rally, wherein students would clap and cheer every time someone griped about administration policy. While this may have made students feel better about themselves, the complaints represent a short-sighted and distorted view of the current social situation.

Students complained incessantly about the way in which the laws are being enforced this year. Not until the last half hour of the meeting, however, (when the majority of attending students were no longer present) were any solutions suggested. For the majority of the evening students simply complained, declaring recent police enforcement unwarranted. As Dean Reitman pointed out at the beginning of the session, however, Tufts is not in a position to ignore the law or the problems of excessive drinking. Regardless of opposition to the 21-year-old drinking age, the state of Massachusetts has made a decision, one by which Tufts must abide. The fury of Tufts students would have been more effective if channeled towards the University Police bypassing of due process, as well as the unfair drinking laws themselves. The administration must, regardless of the own personal feelings towards the law, enforce the drinking age or risk a potentially devastating law suit. Frustrated students might also redirect their anger towards liability laws, and the liberal Massachusetts government which welcomes trial lawyer campaign donations and supports laws that stress victimization over personal responsibility.



Tufts students must learn that the current social situation is a result of this culture of victimization and a government which seeks out a good guy and a bad guy in every situation, even when the aggressor and victim are one and the same. Personal responsibility and the right to make one's own decisions has fell victim to an overbearing government which seeks to protect citizens from themselves, whether or not they would like to be protected. The situation is far worse for the universities and fraternities, which can be held financially and criminally responsible for the actions of irresponsible adults who's overindulgence is no one's fault but their own. Frivolous lawsuits based on misguided laws and legislating judiciaries make fear of prosecution a major factor in all decisions. The university's new alcohol policy, which punishes people who call TEMS, proves that this fear is even more instrumental in policy-making process than the safety of the students itself.

Wednesday's forum offered students an opportunity to vent their anger over the current situation, but more importantly, to propose solutions. Students must be willing to understand the catch-22 in which the administration (long tolerant of underage drinking on this campus) now finds itself. The school has every right to be afraid of lawsuits in the wake of the situation at MIT. However, whenever the liberal majority supports policy which limits one's rights on the basis of his own security, or promotes frivolous litigation which forces institutions to run under fear of liability, students might as well pour their Natty Light onto the frathouse floor.

## **Color Guard**

In its continual quest to achieve a "representative" student body, the University of Wisconsin- Madison sent out applications with a doctored photo on the cover. It featured a group of students cheering at a Badgers football game, including one black student, Diallo Shabazz, whose face had been inserted into the image.

Admissions Director Robert Seltzer proposed using a picture of UW students cheering at a game. The "problem" with the photo? According to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Paul Barrows, they needed another black student in it. He felt the allwhite group cheering was not representative of their student body and would discourage potential minority applicants. Encouraging minority applicants is certainly a good thing. The problem which the photo illustrates is that the UW administration and admissions officers are phonies that stress perception over truth. A diverse campus is a good thing, but diversity should not be defined as every class, every study group and every group of friends cheering at a football game having a representative number of minority students.

The UW administration made a mockery of the presence of all racial groups on campus by altering the photo. They seem to have a quota system for selection of photos in admissions material. The African American student whose photo was used was justifiably upset. The implication is that the only way he could sit with a group of white students is through digital magic. What UW did was an insult to all minority students.

After revealing the truth behind this fake photo, the University decided to redesign the applications. Instead of replacing the 35,000 that had not been sent out yet, they opted to reprint all 100,624 viewbooks at a cost of \$64,000. Admissions officers instructed potential applicants and high school counselors to destroy the "diverse" ones.

A second lie from the administration is that taxpayer money was not used to reprint the applications. UW is a state school. The only major sources of funding are public money and tuition. If by some chance they were using donated funds from alumni and University friends, that too is a tragedy. The almost \$100,000 the reprint and re-mailing cost could have been put to much better use funding scholarships, tutoring, or any other positive programs to really encourage minority applicants and help all students succeed. Rewritten history doesn't always have to be in the distant past. The PC patrol is already hard at work revising the events of the past few years, even a campus football cheering section.

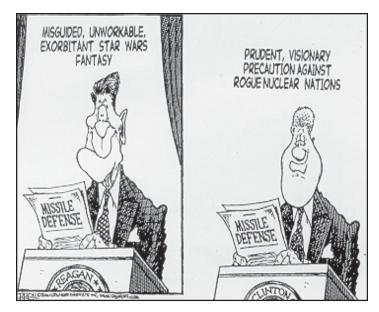
## **Sharing the Wealth**

nyone watching the presidential debates could hear Al Gore Aspouting more and more "fuzzy math" about how Bush's plans create more wealth for the rich and less wealth for the poor. Of course, Democrats tout Gore's plans as reducing financial disparities across economic groups. On September 26th, the Census Bureau released data on poverty and income for 1999. In light of this report, it seems that Gore should study some history in addition to math.

Democrats have long criticized Ronald Reagan for "making the rich richer" during the a so-called decade of greed. This year, they have likened George W. Bush to Reagan. However, according to the Census report, during the Clinton presidency, those with highest incomes actually accumulated more money than during any comparable period in the Reagan years. It has been under President Clinton, and not a "greedy" Republican, that income disparity has increased by its widest margin in twenty years. In plain English, the Democratic policy still allows the über- rich to drive Benzes and smoke Cubans, while the average American's wealth grows at a far slower rate.

Bill Clinton, known for weaseling out of blame, got a little help from the Census Bureau. Only a few weeks before the release of these unflattering figures, the Census Bureau released a study titled "The Changing Shape of the Nation's Income Distribution." The report states that the rich are not getting richer at the expense of everyone else, as changes in the collection of income data and structural changes in the economy are the reasons for the apparent rising inequality. It appears that when the rich get richer under a Democrat, the Census Bureau suddenly realizes a fundamental tenant of modern economics: wealth is not a zero sum game. The rich are not grabbing a bigger portion of the pie while leaving the poor to starve; they are making the pie bigger.

After all their finger-pointing, Democrats are guilty of the very practice they criticize. Al Gore's condemnation of Bush's plan because it benefits "the wealthiest one percent of Americans" exposes the vice president's ignorance of economics and his hypocrisy, as it was during his term that income disparity widened. The goal of Democrats and Republican tax plans are the same: to



aid the poor. Yet, it is only Bush's tax cut that will encourage the wealthiest citizens to spend their riches, thus invigorating the economy for all Americans.

## **Cleaning Dirty Words**

New students at Connecticut's Wesleyan University soon discovered their campus was no place for modesty. The university offers students the chance to join the Cunt Club. Founded by freshman Cara Herbitter, the club is designed to celebrate women. Why call it the Cunt Club, and not the Woman's or Female Society, you ask? Herbitter says that society's fear of the "C" word is really just a metaphor for sexual misconceptions. "Women are more indoctrinated to believe masturbation is dirty, [and] rely on partners to teach them about sex and society," said Herbitter.

Not all students appreciate the coarseness of the club's name. Said one student, "Being at Wesleyan desensitizes you to everything, and that is not necessarily good."

In reality, there is no reason to use such a harsh misogynist slur as the club's title. This practice of turning a bigoted insult into an acceptable title for a group is becoming increasingly common. It seems that homosexuals can safely use the words "faggot" and "dyke" to describe themselves, and blacks can call each other "nigger" even as a term of endearment. While some may feel empowered by disarming a pejorative in this way, it really only creates separate but equal "take-back" terms for different groups. Only blacks can use the "n-word"—a white person who does so is deemed a racist. Thus, a double-standard is created. While whites or straight people can't use these sensitive titles, it will never be frowned upon to call a successful white male a "yuppie" or to use the word "honkey." Nor will references to Italians as gangsters be subject to the same sensitivity. These groups are part of the "majority" and therefore are free game to all other groups. If a member of the minority makes fun of a member from the majority, it's ok; vice-versa, and it's racism.

Playing semantics with the Left is a losing game every time. The best answer for practitioners of common sense is to abandon these phrases at all costs.

## Fortnight in Review

## Comedy is allied to Justice. -Aristophanes

PS Everyone's favorite Corvair-bashing eco-nut Ralph Nader was handed a ticket to the Bush/Gore debate, yet still denied entry under threat of arrest. Nader complained that the Commonwealth's "anti-douchebag" statute hadn't been enforced for years.

## Cue the Top Ten:

- P5 Top Ten Candidates More Likely to Win than Ralph Nader: 10. John Rocker
- 9. A fat monkey
- 8. Alfred E. Newman
- 7. Mumia
- 6. Larry Harris
- 5. Hitler
- 4. Pat Buchanan
- 3. Pat Buchanan running as Hitler's VP
- 2. Any member of TCF
- 1. A woman
- PS Arizona is beginning a new advertising campaign this week to promote teen abstinence. The billboards employ the controversial slogan, "Hey girls, if ya get knocked up, you're really screwed!"
- PS A bright light in the sky that prompted numerous calls to media outlets in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona turned out to be a giant weather balloon, according to NASA. Local officials are still struggling to explain the recent outbreak of rectal inflammation among the county's redneck population.
- PS Oh, wait, there is a human explanation...
- PS Despite arguments that numerous tourist flights over Juneau, Alaska caused too much noise, an effort to limit them failed. Many residents complained that they hadn't heard this much awful noise since that week Jewel was popular.
- PS Residents of Ville Platte, Louisiana are asking officials at Bayou Chicot High School to change the school's mascot, a demon, because it promotes paganism. The team will henceforth be known as the Bayou Chicot Gay Scout Leaders.
- PS In other Louisiana news, a shrimp boat deckhand who admitted stabbing his captain in July in a fight over their sinking boat's only lifejacket pleaded innocent to seconddegree murder. Apparently the deckhand, a Vietnam vet with no legs, was angry that the captain saved his life during the war.

- P5 The City Council of Lafayette Colorado expanded its list of beasts that can be taken away or killed if they are violent to include all animals. The code once applied only to dogs and hookers.
- PS Sho Yano, a nine-year-old from Chicago, received a 1500 on the SAT and will enroll pre-med at Loyola University. Authorities were shocked to learn the child was Asian.
- PS In anticipation of Yano's arrival, Loyola fraternities are preparing a "Juicy Juice Beirut" rush event.
- PS A severe itch and rash, caused by a marking-nut tree planted two decades ago, affected numerous students last month at the University of Hawaii. Female students are advised to watch for 20-year-old marked nuts.
- PS A Houston based company responsible for Wilmington, Delaware's sewage system faces up to a \$20,000 fine for a 19 million-gallon spill. Coincidentally, the company is also looking for a paddle.
- PS After complaints by teachers and parents, the test used to rate Florida's public schools will be making changes to reduce student stress. Educators' first change will be not allowing stupid kids to take the test.
- PS Supervisors from Gulfport, Mississippi will allow the sheriff's department to sell 1,100 weapons, some of which have been sitting in an evidence vault since 1974. In related news, Ted Nugent was seen heading towards Mississippi doing 90 in his pickup.
- PS An elderly Vermont woman was found 38 minutes after she wandered away from a retirement home, thanks to an electronic tracking device she was wearing. The police found her just in time, as one local sergeant said she was seconds away from being shot by a well-armed Ted Nugent.
- An aide at a Massachusetts high school will be disciplined for forcing members of the all-girl color guard to lift their shirts as she searched for \$30 stolen before a football game. The aide later admitted her mistake: forgetting the panty search.
- PS A veteran Harrah's Reno bartender has been fired for refusing to comply with a new policy requiring female employees to wear makeup. A spokesman from Harrah's defended the casino's rule, maintaining that the bartender was "just plain ugly."
- PS The death of a Yellowstone National Park worker, who fell into a thermal pool, will not lead to more posted warnings or stricter regulations. Instead, the park will stop hiring morons.

PS Breaking news at the PRIMARY SOURCE—we hear there are a lot of Jewish people at Tufts. In honor of the High Holidays, the Source proudly presents:

Top Ten Things For Which Tufts Should Atone:

- 10. An unsafe Christian Fellowship
- 9. An unsafe library men's room
- 8. The entire population of Ghana
- 7. Two words: bandwidth cap
- 6. Allowing former Source members to write for the Daily
- 5. Not enough alcohol-free campus events
- 4. Not enough alcohol
- 3. Scott Kreuger... oops, they've already done that
- 2. Twenty-nine again
- 1. Not enough unsafe men's rooms
- PS In Dallas, the highlight of the Texas State Fair was the inauguration of a national museum dedicated to women's achievements. The museum's most popular exhibits are the Wide World of Cooking and Hall of Breast-Feeding.
- P5 A campaign worker for the mayor of Johnston, Rhode Island was caught driving under the influence of marijuana while the mayor was in the car. Another car, driven by Marion Barry under the influence of crack, managed to elude police.
- PS Brian Peterson, who recently spent a measly 18 months in jail for leaving his newborn baby to die in a dumpster, was recently arrested when he interfered with the arrest of his friend who threw a bottle at John Rocker. Rocker had no comment, as his mouth was full of Peterson's baby.
- P5 Buxom has-been Anna Nicole Smith was rewarded the bulk of her late ninety-year old husband's mega-million dollar estate after years of legal wrangling with Smith's step-son, who happens to be older than she is. The judge in the case was unable to comment, as his entire head was nestled in Smith's cleavage.
- P5 The Atlanta Braves were sent home in a pitiful three-nothing Division Series defeat at the hands of the St. Louis Cardinals, marking the tenth year in a row Atlanta has made the playoffs with only one World Series to show for it. Worse yet, Atlanta is in the South.
- P5 Geriatric Rock pansexual Mick Jagger is disappointed that his sixteen-year-old daughter is pursuing a modeling career. Jagger offered the girl ten lines of coke, a shot of heroin, and a night with David Bowie and a goat if she'd reconsider her irresponsible decision.
- PS Bill Clinton reflected on the "victories and regrets" of his eight glorious years in office. Interestingly, "excessive fellatio" fell into both categories.
- PS Al Gore then looked up "fellatio" in the dictionary before shuddering and soberly holding Tipper's hand.

The Coalition for Social Justice and Non-Violence protested Dewick televisions, citing them as racist for portraying "African Americans playing basketball or rapping, and white males in business suits." In response, next week CTN feature Dick Cheney and Joe Lieberman in the first annual "VP Slam Dunk Contest," while Shaq and Kobe will enlighten us on the finer points of the budget surplus.... The ELEPHANT asks, who wants to watch white

guys play basketball?... Colin Powell is coming to speak at Tufts next month. The Coalition objects to the speaker, as he portrays minorities as intelligent, successful, independentminded conservatives... A Northeastern student offered his seat at the Bush/Gore debate to third-party hack Ralph Nader, who was then turned down at the door. Apparently the lecture hall was not well-ventilated enough to handle Nader supporters.

A gay porn site suggested that a Tisch bathroom is a gay-sex hot-spot. **AEPi brothers** are outraged, saying the men's room threatens their basement as Tufts' preferred site for homoerotic activity... In other gay porn news, Keith, webmaster at the library-loving **cruisingforsex.com**, proudly declares that he's a "registered Republican." Meanwhile, the Source continues its search for a web-designer while assuming that a Republican gay-pornographer named Keith is purely coincidental... This week, TTLGBC sponsors Coming Out Day. The Source and Tufts Republicans co-sponsor Conservative Coming Out Day, complete with downhill chalking reading "Conservatives Love Bush." Many conservatives are shocked and disappointed to learn that "Bush" may also refer to some lame politician... Understaffed student employment department forces the school to raise the student minimum wage. Sadly, the pay raise means that some **student workers** will make more than campus employees... that wasn't a joke... We're mad as heck: 350 Jumbos fill Hotung to save their social lives. The administration offered to replace fraternity parties with free warm milk, cookies, and a campus-wide game of Parcheesi.

Former Source editor Craig Waldman penned a number of widely-lambasted viewpoints in Tufts' three-or-four-days-aweek Daily. Craigger's commentaries included ignorant Fletcherbashing and a love-letter to sexy res-life vixen, Anne Gardiner. We only wish the Source had the same widespread readership when Waldman wrote for us... And stop sending us his mail! Craigy-poo can be reached for comment in the **bottom floor** bathroom of Tisch... The Observer pulls its second stick-figure comic, the ribaldly-titled "Punani Blues," after allegations of racism. This followed allegations of Observer readership. Tufts' "Weekend Newspaper" provides sober losers reading material to distract them from not binge drinking or killing themselves on a Saturday night.

THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

## Anti-IMF demonstrators harm those they seek to help.

## **Reality Czech**

## by Simon Holroyd

nti-capitalist protesters descended on the city of Prague two weeks ago to voice pressing concerns to the leaders of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, in town for economic talks and a few stiff drinks. "Turn Prague into Seattle," proclaimed the web site www.destroyimf.org as it posted enthusiastic, up-to-the-minute news briefs. The protesters called for the destruction of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, and World Trade Organization (WTO), which they blame for world poverty and the poor state of the environment. This mass movement has gathered considerable steam, especially in the United States, after the fierce protests last year in Seattle, and has the backing of presidential candidate Ralph Nader, who currently has four percent of national support.

Despite their large following, the protesters lacked unity. Protests are largely organized online and boast no specific leader. The result is a wide mix of contrasting ideologies; the Prague marchers included French leftists, Norwegian communists, German Socialists, British vivisectionists, Neo-Nazis, naked Swiss men, dogs, and supporters of the American Green Party. Approximately 10,000 people trekked to Prague's Wenceslas Square, a battleground during the Soviet invasion in 1969. Given the site's historical significance, the foreign protesters showed particularly poor taste by waving red flags emblazoned with the hammer and sickle.

The only thing that united these protesters was their intent to wreak havoc in the Czech Republic. One anti-globalization site (www.s26.org) seemed to condone the use of violent protest and theft, encouraging "...blockades and shutdowns - appropriating and disposing of luxury consumer goods

Mr. Holroyd is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.

—sabotaging, wrecking, or interfering with capitalist infrastructure - appropriating capitalist wealth and returning it to the working people - declaring oneself independent from capitalism and authoritarian governments." Nearly 100 people were injured, 63 of them Czech police, according to a local government spokesman. The club-wielding protesters smashed storefronts in a wave of violence. Czech government officials complained that the protesters had lied to them when they promised peaceful forms of protest during negotiations.

The IMF leaders abandoned their meetings a day earlier than expected—a seeming victory for the protesters. In fact, the IMF's agenda was mainly completed before the meeting began. Their early dismissal of the meeting was less a sign of protesters' victory, for the meetings made no progress on global economic issues, than a demonstration of weakness by IMF leaders. James Wolfensohn, head of the World Bank, claimed sympathy for the protesters during the meeting. This apologetic attitude is common among such international economic leaders even though they have little culpability in the issues protested. In the

presidential debates last week, free trade was barely mentioned. Free trade advocate Al Gore, has kept quiet about lowering trade barriers, indicative of his pandering to trade unions.

The extreme-leftist assault on capitalism is given more credit than it deserves. According to World Bank studies, stable economic growth dramatically reduces poverty, infant mortality, illiteracy, and water pollution, while increasing life expectancy. The erratic or slow growth that may result from protest-influenced economics does not benefit society in these ways.

Many contend that though capitalism can help struggling countries, firms hinder economic progress when they pay workers very low wages and fail to provide adequate working conditions. Restrictions leave workers even worse off. Minimum wage laws result in layoffs, and laws regulating working conditions may drive the business to relocate. In other words, global capitalism helps the very people the anti-globalization movement claims it hurts. Multinational corporations in Third World countries are more likely to obey trade laws because of their responsibility to shareholders, whereas small local corporations can break laws and payoff government officials without any accountability. Pressure from protesters has nevertheless caused the World Bank to renege on some of its most central principles. Citing its World Development Report, World Bank leaders call for "quality" of growth to be considered over rate or quantity. In fact, the report shows that no measurement of "quality" factor in to the of any prosperity nations.

One part violent protests; one part weak economic leaders; the makings of a cocktail of doom. Economic growth is greatly aided by organizations like the World Bank and the IMF. Unfortunately, the mere presence of demonstrators produces fearful bankers who lack the will to boost the well-being, not only of developed nations, but also of Third World countries where growth is most needed. The protesters are right about one thing; these world organizations and powerful governments have the ability to restrict free trade. They also have the power to lift trade restrictions—a fact Americans should keep in mind this November.



Anti-World Bank protestors miss the point.

Revisionist History Department History 54—Dead White Male Study Professor Haytemen

Part I: Match the following historical figures with their correct description.

- 1. William Shakespeare
- a) Greatest English poet
- b) Author of Hamlet
- c) Illustrious playwright
- d) Gayer than Gay Gayerson
- 2. Thomas Jefferson
- a) Founding Father
- b) Author of Declaration of Independence d) Recently found father
- c) Third President
- 3. Herman Melville
- a) American novelist
- b) Rugged individualist
- c) Call him Ishmael
- d) Whale hater

- 4. Jesus Christ
- a) Philosopher
- c) Miracle worker

- b) Son of God
- d) Black guy

- 5. Josef Stalin
- a) Arrested 20 million
- b) Executed close friends

c) Killed 7 million

- d) Proof that communism works
- 6. Christopher Columbus
- a) Italian explorer
- b) Sailed the ocean blue
- c) Captain of the Santa Maria
- d) Villainous symbol of Eurocentric imperialism

## Part II: Essay Section

Choose any dead, white male. In 500 words or less, write an apology to the gender, race, or sexual minority that he has oppressed.

Dear Non-white people,

I am sorry for stealing your music and taking credit for it. It was really insensitive of me to be a white gay and be King of Rock n' Roll when it was obviously invented by more talented black artists. As compensation for my thievery, I will donate all of the profits from my 1978 Hawaiian toar to the NAACP. I would also like to apologize to the people of several South American nations for financing your nations' drug-peddling juntus during the latter part of my career.

Sincerely, Elvis Presley

## THE GREAT GATSBY

In my younger and more vulnerable years, my father told me something that I' ve been turning over in my head ever since.

"When you gonna dis some muthaf #ka," he said, "just remember that everybody else in the 'hood don't have all yo' ice, fly hoopties, and stupid phat threads."

Juliet: @ Romeo, Romeo! wherefore art thou Romeo? Deny thy father and refuse thy name! @r, if thou wilt not, be but sworn my love, And I'll no longer be a Capulet.

Romeo: Shall 9 hear more, or shall 9 speak at this?

Juliet: Ch! and while we're on the subject D'll need a signed prenup which guarantees fifty percent of Montague land and livestock.

D will also need to have your aura examined by my holistic medical caretaker, Claire.

And on second thought, D'll keep my maiden name.

What's in a name? That which we call a rose

By my other name would smell as sweet.

But, hey—D'm not a plant, you phallocentric oppressor!



Romeo and Juliet

## The Scarlet Letter

"Hester Prynne," said the Reverend Dimmesdale, leaning over the balcony and looking down steadfastly into her eyes, "if thou feelest it to be for thy soul's peace, and that earthly punishment will thereby be made more effectual to salvation, I charge thee to speak out the name of they fellow-sinner and fellow-sufferer!"

"Certainly!" replied Hester Prynne, looking into the deep and troubled eyes of the young clergyman. "The child is thine, Arthur, you pathetic bastard. Ye may take a paternity test to determine if I speak true, but fear not. I shall be soon collecting child support. As for my Scarlet Letter, ye cannot take it off. Mine own bodily Autonomy is too deeply felt, and I shall allow no woman of this miserable colony to be oppressed again into birthing an unwanted child by the likes of thee and thine elders." With that, Hester turned to the crowd and haughtily showed off the fine red cloth surrounded by fantastic flourishes of gold thread forming a letter "A."

## The Canterbury Tales

To Caunterbury wende fyve and oon Pilgrims lyvelye and prowd everichon. A compaignye more gaye had never been Ech man clothed like engelond's queene. A coppe there was, a man smert and quick, Well koude he handle his blak nyght stick. A soldier, a wys and strong champioun Rode with a worker of consstructioun. A byker there was, he in lether clad, To play with lance and swerd made him glad. A cowboy rode atop his myghty mount, Of his bataille partners he had lost counte. An indian cheefe there was, tall and prowde Of his macho trybe he sang well loude. Togidre they rode, and with swete tonge, Many a susty song was sung. Syngyne they were of the lyfe gaye, Well did they sing why em see ay. Of lusty men and of time in the nayevee, Rang the hearty chant to Caunterbury.

## How do you get 300 Greeks together without a keg?

## **Crashing the Party**

## by Tara Heumann

Ask any Tufts student if he or

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Picture yourself in a dark basement. The temperature is a toasty ninety degrees, the air heavy with the mingled aromas of cologne, sweat, and cheap beer. You hear

the sound of some nondescript hip-hop music, the yells and drunken slurs of other partygoers. You bring your drink to your lips, and the watery flavor of Natty Light assaults your palate. Add 400 other students, crammed downstairs with you. Someone

next to you spills their beer-sorry, were those new shoes?

Ask any Tufts student if he or she can have fun without alcohol; the answer is always yes. Only the biggest of losers would admit needing a drink in order to be social or pass the evening. And yet, every weekend thousands of Jumbos find themselves in the same crowded basements, cdrinking the same cheap beer. At a forum last week, hundreds of Jumbos were in attendance to protest the recent crackdown on parties just like the one described above. Are the police warranted in their recently overzealous law enforcement? And, more critically, is the current campus social scene one worth pre-

On Wednesday evening approximately 300 Tufts students gathered in Hotung Café to discuss the on-campus party scene. In attendance from the administration were Dean of Students Bruce Reitman, Director of Public Safety John King, and TUPD Cap-

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tain Mark Keith. Representing the students were numerous members of the Greek community, a majority of TCU senators, and others concerned with the fate of campus

social life. The forum moderated by senate Vice President Eric Greenberg. Reitman and King each addressed the students and then opened floor to questions. The ensuing discussion exposed a number of student

and administrative issues that require attention and highlighted fraternities as a focus of dissention.

Every weekend, the fraternity houses throw parties with virtually no limit on alcohol provided to individuals or on the number of students admitted. There is little effort made to contain party size. Underage students drink themselves sick in unsafe, overcrowded basements. What's more, fraternities shamelessly throw these out-of-control parties in full view of the police, almost daring the TUPD to enter the house and

break things up. By openly and unquestioningly serving alcohol to minors, the fraternities repeatedly engage in flagrant transgressions of state and national laws.

Such parties violate the rules handed down by their own national chapters and blatantly disregard guidelines outlined by the Fraternal Information and Programming Group, FIPG (the organization responsible for purchasing fraternity insurance). FIPG alcohol and drug guidelines specifically forbid open parties, meaning "unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity" and also specify that "no alcoholic beverages may be purchased through chapter funds" (i.e., the monies collected from fraternity dues). The same policy also states clearly, in compliance with state law, that the fraternity may not serve or supply alcohol to any minor.

A frequent objection to police intervention (uttered by members of the Greek system, unsurprisingly) is that, without fraternities and sororities, campus social life would dissolve. Several of those in attendance at the forum argued that a continued crackdown would lead students to drink in their rooms or off campus. They also named fraternity houses as the "safest" environments for alcohol consumption.

To the contrary—fraternity houses are hot, overcrowded (beyond legal occupancy codes), and dimly lit. The large number of attendees and frequent turnover of guests diffuses responsibility in a fraternity house.



Students hear, but are they listening?

According to the FIPG, the fraternity president is responsible for monitoring the party, but this is often an insurmountable task. The large number of people makes an emergency exit of the house impossible. And in

the chaos and confusion of a large party, it is impossible to identify those drinkers who need help.

M o s t troublesome about student attitude at Hotung was the pervasive sense of entitlement. Angry that our tuition doesn't buy un-

equal treatment under the law, students are outraged that the police would dare to bust them for repeatedly and publicly engaging in illegal activities. Fraternity brothers and attending partygoers expect to violate the law while the school and police agree to look the other way and (to quote one recent alumnus) "not haul us off to prison like criminals." Not only do students break the law, they break the law loudly, openly, and arrogantly. Police are not employed to be our friends and condone our illegal behavior. If we want them police protection, then we have to have respect for their authority.

Students were quick to blame the administration for their dissatisfaction with the social scene. Outrage was a sentiment shared by all. Few of the students at Hotung, however, seemed concerned with working toward a solution. Most expected the administration to bear the brunt of the responsibility. In fact, only one speaker made reference to a possible increase in nonalcoholic or alcohol-regulated social events. College students with the resources to provide and consume alcohol are surely capable of working toward a solution.

Though students are partially responsible for the conflicts over the party scene, their concerns about the recent "proactivity" of the police are legitimate. There have been several questions in recent weeks of police overstepping their bounds and intruding on student privacy without due cause. One senior described a situation in which she and six friends were sitting quietly on the porch of her off-campus house, when a TUPD officer forced them to move indoors. According to another student, a twenty-five person non-alcoholic party was broken up in Latin Way for no apparent reason. Commissioner King seemed unaware of these

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incidents at the forum, but promised students would look into them.

One problem that students face is the lack of university facilities for social gatherings. The newly constructed

Gantcher Center was heralded as a bigger venue for concerts and campus events. Lack of adequate restroom facilities and soundproofing, however, have allowed Gantcher to be used for nothing other than track meets and tennis practice. Dean Reitman duly acknowledged that Hotung (filled past capacity with just the forum attendees) is currently the "best social venue on cam-

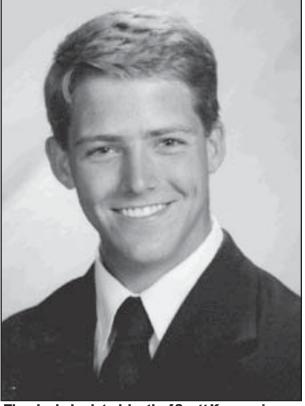
pus." A major non-alcoholic social draw for college students is music-current concerts must be held in Dewick, Cohen or the Chapel. These venues are hardly adequate for any large-scale event.

Dean Reitman acknowledged student frustration and agreed that "fraternities and sororities provide one of the most important social aspects of campus." Too often forgotten in this debate, however, is the necessity of university administrators to follow the law. They cannot look the other way because Tufts may be held liable for anything that happens to its students. Tufts **Emergency Medical Service** (TEMS) is on campus to provide a valuable service to students, but also to protect the administration by acting in cases where students need help. The administration tried to encourage students to call

TEMS if needed by revising the alcohol policy. The university has made calling TEMS less negatively consequential; parents are no longer called and fines are no longer charged. Academic probation is a trivial concern when compared with the possibility of death or serious injury.

By the close of the two and a half hour session, it seemed as though little had been accomplished. The forum highlighted the need for students and administrators to work together to improve the weekend party scene. In order to resolve the conflict, however, both parties will need to reform their thinking. Students must learn to respect the police and the legal obligations of the university. Administrators need to look into subsidies for student group social events and financial support for new student initiatives. More large venues must be made available for social use.

The Tufts social scene may never again enjoy the formerly laissez-faire attitude toward enforcement, but students and administrators must acknowledge this and move forward. The implications of future social decisions are serious and timely. No one wants to see the seemingly overzealous concern of the administration made legitimate.



The alcohol-related death of Scott Kreuger is one reason for the crackdown on drinking at Tufts.

## Science cannot keep up with fleet-footed political correctness.

## White Men Can't...

## by Sam Dangremond

In this age of postmodernism, liberals would have us believe that all races are intrinsically the same. The equality of all humankind is proclaimed from the ivory towers, each individual deemed a tabula rasa. But the 2000 Sydney Olympics, like many Olympics before, painted a far dif-

ferent picture. On the level playing field of sport, it is clear that races do not come out equally. In the sport of track and field, nearly all of the world's best sprinters are West African in heritage, and virtually every one of the world's best distance runners is either North or South-east African in heritage. That

this should be anything but clear proof of intrinsic genetic differences between races defies common sense.

To argue that races are inherently different is to use the same logic that is purported to justify the atrocities of racism. Yet, to shy away from scientific study of races and their differences for fear of the repercussions is both ignorance and censorship. Black athletes dominate most sports; it is sensible to ask the question why. In asking this question, one seeks not only to better understand race and athleticism, but also to understand why this question is so loaded with controversy that the mere asking stirs accusations of racism.

Sports have served as a glaring example of black oppression and have also provided the most inspiring figures of triumph over adversity. The history of blacks and sports has been one of continual victory over prejudices, and expan-

Mr. Dangremond is a sophomore majoring in Chemical Engineering. sion of the abilities and social role of the black race. Prior to the twentieth century, the pervading view of African-Americans was that they were physically inferior and lazy, given more to the singing and dancing typified in minstrel shows than hard work and discipline. This view was held

The topic of race and sport is so highly controversial that legitimate scientists have been unable or unwilling to study it. Political correctness has created selfimposed censorship, whether out of sensitivity to race relations or simple fear of being branded a racist.

> until the early 1900's, when a small number of blacks began to be admitted to universities. Once given the opportunity to compete in sports such as football, boxing, and most of all track and field, the notion that blacks were physically infe-

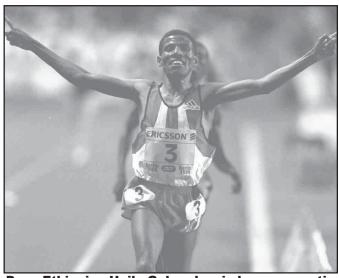
rior quickly faded. Notable victories by black athletes that dispelled this myth include Jesse Owens over the Nazis in the 1936 Olympics, and the boxer Jack Johnson's defeat of the "Great White Hope" Jim Jeffries. This trend continued through the Civil Rights era with such memorable figures as Jackie Robinson and Muhammad Ali.

Unfortunately, as black athletes came to dominate sports, a new stereotype was created to keep them in their

place, a stereotype that persists to this day. As any DU brother can attest, physical prowess is not associated with intelligence. The "dumb jock" stereotype had its origins in the racist attitudes used to preserve the pride of whites in the face of black dominance of sports. Blacks athletes were called "animals," whose physical abilities were due to their "jungle nature" and not the diligence of their training. This stereotype implied an inverse relationship between the physical and the intellectual. This stereotype has been so widely held that many leaders of the African-American community have been critical of the emphasis placed on sports in the black culture, saying that it comes at the expense of encouraging education.

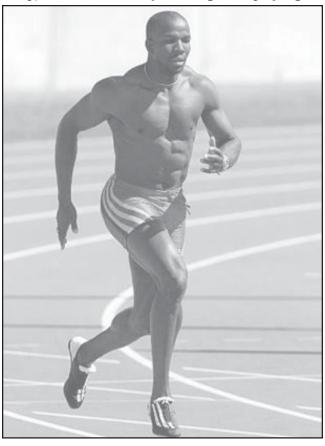
Some black intellectuals have even argued that black achievement in sports has been a strongly negative influence. Leading black activist and UC Berkeley Professor Harry Edwards said, "The only difference between the black man shining shoes in the ghetto and the champion black sprinter is that the shoe shine man is a nigger, while the sprinter is a fast nigger." This relationship between intelligence and athleticism is at the root of the problems of analyzing sports in terms of race.

Putting aside the fear of stereotypes and bigotry, one must still wonder if there are there inherent differences between races that translate into performance on the playing field. The sport of track and field is particularly well-suited to analysis of such differences, as there are virtu-



Does Ethiopian Haile Gebrselassie have a genetic advantage over white distance runners?

### **Sprinters of West African descent, like Donovan** Baily, win an inordinate percentage of Olympic gold.



ally no economic barriers to entry. It should be noted that the sports which require highest economic investment (in terms of capital investment in equipment and an arena) such as swimming, hockey and tennis are the ones that are least integrated. In nearly all other sports, it is clear that a disproportionate number of the top athletes are black.

In track and field, the racial breakdown occurs into two major and distinct groups: for events involving jumping and sprinting, blacks with a West African heritage dominate. This includes all former slave populations who were brought over primarily from the west coast of Africa. For middle and long distance running events, blacks of northern and south-eastern heritage dominate, hailing almost entirely from the countries of Morocco, Algeria, Kenya and Ethiopia. How strongly do these racial groups dominate their events? Examine the numbers.

In this summer's Olympic games, blacks of West African ancestry won 87% of all medals in the sprint races: those events less than 400 meters including hurdles. In addition, they made up 81% of all the top eight finalists in each of these

events. This is a very strong correlation between race and performance, but the correlation in distance events is even stronger. In the distance races (events from 800 meters to the marathon) blacks from northern and south-eastern Africa won a whopping 94% of all medals. This was accomplished by athletes from a total population comprising only 2.4% of the world's population.

Yet, this analysis looks only at a single Olympic Games. A more historical analysis shows an even stronger correlation between race and performance. Looking at the all time best athletes in each event, as rated by the official Track and Field *News*, we find that blacks with West African ancestry make up 92% of the all- time best athletes in

the sprints, while Northern and Southeast Africans make up 84% of the best all time distance runners. The most clear-cut example of black dominance in track and field can be seen in the world records, where the record for every single event in the sprints and distance events is held by a black runner.

These numbers are of course secondary evidence and do not explain why these populations are so different from the rest of the world.

It is here that science must step in to provide physiological and genetic understandings. A physiological explanation can be found from studies of different types of muscle tissue. So-called "fasttwitch" muscle fibers allow faster sprinting while "slow-twitch" fibers allow better endurance. The distribution of the amounts of these types of fibers found in different populations can explain why different races perform as they do. This does not explain why these distributions exist, however. One very controversial genetic explanation for these physiological differences is that the hardships of slavery induced selective pressures on the slave population, resulting in modern blacks with West African heritage who have a greater proportion of fast-twitch fibers.

The problem with this (and any other scientific explanation put forward thus far) is that it has not been based on the rigorous analysis of data necessary for a sound scientific study. Why not? It is precisely because the topic of race and sport is so highly controversial that legitimate scientists have been unable or unwilling to study it. Political correctness has created self-imposed censorship, whether out of sensitivity to race relations or simple fear of being branded a racist. The scientific community has been wary of studying this question because of the other questions it raises.

If inherent genetic differences could be found on the track, then could they not also be found in the classroom? It is entirely possible (as The Bell Curve mistakenly tried to prove) and this is a possibility that no one wants to admit. The study of athleticism is in no way related to the study of intelligence, and yet the "dumb jock"

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stereotype has SO paralyzed scientific inquiry that we are left without an answer to one of the foremost questions of athletic

and race science. Willful ignorance cannot be the answer to this controversy, as ignorance only leads to more prejudice and hatred. Only with open discussion and study of the topic of race and sport can our understandings of both athleticism and, more importantly, race, be enlightened.

## Jim Crow takes an Hawaiian vacation.

## Aloha Racism!

## by Andrew Gibbs

There must exist no

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social mobility.

What vital aspects of life in the United States serve as the basis for its States serve as the basis for its success as a nation? Some very enlightened men once declared all human beings equal, with a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. No true American would contest this, but ponder for a moment its true meaning. Strip away the poeticism from this idea and two basic tenets are revealed: there must exist no concept of a birthright, and everyone must enjoy equal potential for social mobility. The concept of a sec-

ond-class citizen has wrought much misery upon the masses of nations in the course of history. The U.S. has elevated itself above this level, setting a precedent for the rest of the world to follow. Tragically, it

now stands to make a foul mockery of everything it represents by passing the pernicious Akaka Bill.

The Akaka Bill, named after its primary author, Hawaiian Senator Dan Akaka, stands to reintroduce second-class citizenry to the state of Hawaii. The bill, formally known as H.R. 4904, would single out "native" Hawaiians as deserving of special treatment in matters such as government, and create for them a priviledged political status comparable to that of an Indian tribe. The House Resources Committee voted for the bill on the twentieth of September. The following week the full House passed it by a voice vote with only ten minutes of discussion. The bill now stands to be passed by the full Senate. The dangers of such a precedent are enormous.

In the nineteenth century there existed a multiracial kingdom of Hawaii. Any per-

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son born in Hawaii or wanting to immigrate to Hawaii could obtain citizenship regardless of ethnicity. Over time, the population metamorphosed into a mélange of various races. In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

Within the last century much debate has centered upon the rights of the various ethnic groups of Hawaii. One particular component of Hawaiian government that has come under scrutiny in the last century is the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

> At one point, state 1aw prohibited people not of Hawaiian ethnicity from voting in OHA elections or running for OHA office. Ethnic Hawaiians make up only about twenty percent of the total

population and this twenty percent was poised to make decisions that would affect the entire state.

How could such a blatantly racist situation exist in the United States? The case of Rice v. Cayetano answered this question—the Supreme Court ruled that the racial guidelines governing OHA violated the fifteenth amendment. The Akaka Bill hopes to ignore this ruling and secure special treatment for those of Native Hawaiian ancestry. This treatment would include exclusive rights to form a state government that would represent only native Hawaiians. This new government would negotiate with Federal, State and local governments solely on the behalf of native Hawaiians, failing to provide any real representation for the remainder of the Hawaiian population, which constitutes a significant majority.

Granting certain races special privileges would violate the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. How can a nation

defined by diversity display such overt racism? Consider also the bizarre legal proceedings that would result: court rooms booked with cases of people trying to prove that they possess the proper bloodlines required for voting privileges. What would be the cutoff point for sufficient ancestry? How would one define such a guideline? On the plus side, the Hawaiian economy would experience a major boom as a result of a thriving document forgery industry. How much would you pay to be allowed to vote? Would this create an incentive for strategic marriages? These are absurd questions that should not arise in a nation supposedly as enlightened as the United States. Only the small percentage of those who passed the guidelines to be certified as bona-fide "lineal descendants of the aboriginal, indigenous, native people who resided in the islands that now comprise the state of Hawaii" would be permitted to participate in the creation of a new Hawaiian government. Furthermore, many view this as a first step by Hawaiian separatists to facilitate the secession of Hawaii from the Union. Such an event would strike a blow to the unity of the nation.

What about making Native Hawaiians into an Indian tribe? This represents nothing more than a cheap trick by the authors of the Akaka Bill to dodge the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause, as being an Indian tribe involves immunity from this concept. With this move they hope to set up Hawaii as a sort of nation within a nation and thus allow such discrimination upon racial basis. They desire all of the benefits of being a state in the U.S. without any of the obligation. More importantly, there exists no tribe in Hawaii at the present. The population consists of a very diverse mix of people. The Akaka Bill would essentially create a tribe and subsequently populate it along racial guidelines. Congress must not permit such a travesty of the Constitution.

The people of the United States now stand upon the threshold of a critical decision. Congress is about to pass a bill that will allow race to directly influence the fate of government and politics. As a nation, the United States will be taking a leap backwards into times of bigotry and discrimination. Hatred for the privileged few will flare. Native Hawaiians present some valid complaints about their past treatment, but racism as an answer to racism will never serve as an effective solution.

## How does a convicted thief of nuclear secrets become America's Victim #1?

## The Man Who Knew **Too Much**

by Michael Santorelli

en Ho Lee may be America's most dangerous criminal. Still, many citizens would have the public believe he is a victim of racism and false accusation. How did this happen?

Lee, a computer scientist at the Los

Alamos Nuclear Research Facility, was accused of stealing top-secret nuclear information. After a case reminiscent of the OJ Simpson debacle, the Attorney General's office failed to produce enough sub-

Mr. Lee was convicted of making 20 tapes containing some of America's most confidential nuclear secrets while the United States had to drop the other 58 charges. The egg on the government's face is still drying.

stantial evidence to charge Lee with all 59 counts they had leveled against him. During the trial, key witnesses recanted their testimony. As a result, the best the government could do was settle for a plea bargain in which Lee admitted to a felony count of mishandling sensitive information. He was convicted of making 20 tapes containing some of America's most confidential nuclear secrets while the United States had to drop the other 58 charges. The egg on the government's face is still drying.

In the aftermath, questions remain unanswered. Most prominently, where are the 17 tapes Lee admitted to having after he destroyed three? As part of the agreement, Lee can avoid this question for the next year as he shops around America's nuclear secrets, looking for the highest bidder. Why is this case still as fishy as the "lobster sauce" at Golden Light? There are several reasons.

The first question that may be raised is how did the government mishandle the case? In a sense, it never really had a

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handle at all. In 1997, congressional Republicans started to put pressure on Attorney General Janet Reno to accelerate the investigation of a security leak at the Los Alamos nuclear research facility. In 1999, the New York Times publicized the case

> for the first time, pointing a finger at Lee. From then on, the United States had to scramble to gather evidence, interview nesses and put together its case. Finally, in December of last year, the United States

charged Lee with 59 counts of mishandling sensitive information—virtually everything but espionage.

Leading the current media frenzy are liberals salivating at the chance to admonish impetuous Republicans who first blew the whistle three years ago. If the US had prepared a solid case, Lee would find himself legally labeled as the spy that he is. But, with the vital interests of national security dangling in front of those who actually care about it, time was of the essence.

The next question is whether Wen Ho Lee is the victim of American injustice. Liberal advocacy groups are quick to accuse the government of racism, saying that Lee is a victim of racial profiling. Several Asian American groups are putting pressure on the President to start an inquiry into the matter. However, the facts are too overwhelming to believe that anyone other than Wen Ho Lee could have done this.

The final question remains: what canthe United States do now? First and foremost is the issue of the missing tapes. They contain over 400,000 pages of mathematical formulas and design plans for top-secret nuclear weapons. This is quite a lot of reading for someone who should be answering questions like: Why did he steal them in the first place? Why was he caught trying to access secure areas at 3:30 a.m. on Christmas Eve after he had lost his clearance? And just how much money is his highest bidder willing to offer?

The Clinton administration has not taken national security seriously. No longer is the safety of American citizens the highest priority, as it was during the terms of Reagan and Bush. The current president is the incarnation of the amoral, self-aggrandizing society that scoffs at the idea of national security. Pop-culture and Leftist propaganda have people believing that defense budgets need to be cut while the United States transforms into one gigantic humanitarian state. Those naïve people ought to realize that America is not safe. While confusion continues to swirl around this case, Lee can sit back and smile and count the days until he is sipping martinis paid for by those secrets he didn't steal.

The most important questions, however, are left to the nation as a whole. Americans cannot apathetically endure another 50 years of espionage on their own soil. What is it going to take for people to realize this is a dangerous war that America is losing? The United States had a chance to win an important battle against anti-American traitors if the government had successfully prosecuted Wen Ho Lee. Instead, this case indicates the ineptitude of the justice system and the need for reform. The issue of national apathy, however, remains unsolved.



Is this a traitor's smile? The government has no proof.

## A traditional feminist cuts off her nose to spite her face.

## **Dazed and Confused**

## by Megan Liotta

Hardisty and her cohorts are

attacking conservatives just

for being conservatives,

failing to recognize that

these women share a

common and noble goal with

the original women's

movement: equality and

respect in the eyes of society.

Equality feminists choose their leaders based on admiration and trust. Those leaders are tireless, charismatic, and dedicated. They are considered well-educated and media-savvy. They encourage people whose opinions and ideas match those of the movement to join in the fight. They desire equality

among men and women. They want to determine their own fate and empower themselves from self-confidence, not from victimization. According to feminist author Jean Hardisty, who spoke at Boston's Ford Hall Forum on September 26th,

equality feminists are a menace to the women's

During her speech, Hardisty made it clear that "traditional feminists" such as herself call these people traitors in the fight for female freedom. Anyone paying attention who was not confused by Hardisty's comments probably also sent a card to Gloria Steinem, congratulating her on her recent marriage.

Touting herself as a "card-carrying feminist," Hardisty gave a lecture on the recent resurgence of right wing politics to a sparsely filled Old South Meeting Hall in Downtown Crossing. The speech was comprised almost entirely of conservative-bashing but in an atypical fashion. Most of what she had to say was positive to practitioners of common sense, but to her, the reasoning of equality feminists is a terrible concept. This caused some confusion among those in attendance when the time came for the open forum portion of the event.

Fortunately for Hardisty, most people

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pay less attention to what speakers say than to how they say it. If all leaders of the feminist movement speak as well Hardisty does, then it is no wonder that the cause garnered so much support and enthusiasm from women when it was initiated. Hardisty spoke clearly, but gently. She was firm and persuasive while main-

> taining a feminine softness in her voice, allowing it to settle hazily in the room. It was remarkably easy to sit back and listen to the music and not pay any attention to the lyrics. Though it sounded lovely to the ear, Hardisty's address made little sense logically.

Hardisty began her discourse by drawing everyone's attention to several anti-feminist right-wing groups headed by women. These included the Eagle Forum, led almost single-handedly by Phyllis Schlafly, and Concerned Women for America, led by Christian women across the country. The talk, however, quickly became a dissertation on the evils of "equality feminists," a new breed of conservative women who she claims attempt to force women back into the kitchen and the maternity ward by demanding that men and women be viewed as equals. "I really can't be in the room with them," Hardisty said of equality feminists. "They are unbelievably vicious."

As the forum opened to questions, several people asked her to clarify everything from how she deals with equality feminists to how she learns from conservative women's groups. To the former, Hardisty replied that she encourages her contemporaries to either "avoid conflict altogether or get in their face." Avoidance of opposition or allowing oneself to engage in a cat-fight never accomplishes anything. No wonder feminists still feel the need to fight for respect from society—they aren't projecting a respectable

As for what Hardisty has learned from women on the Right, she said that traditional feminists must remember to listen to people's fears and take them very seriously, something they failed to do in the Seventies. "We didn't listen about change...how quickly we were changing things. Women didn't have a chance to get used to a new role in society," she said. This is an important perception, but one that Hardisty and traditional feminists obviously have not put into practice.

The one brave individual who dared to challenge Hardisty's assertions was interrupted in the middle of a rather lengthy invitation for dispute by the moderator, an eminent feminist, Dr. Susan Bailey. Bailey said that there was no time for individual speeches, only questions. The man paused and then simply picked up right where he left off, inserting questions that Hardisty had noticeable difficulty answering. He asked Hardisty why she is afraid of equality feminists and why she will not engage them in debate. Hardisty completely avoided the question. Instead, she discussed feminist scholarship and women's studies in America's universities, saying that equality feminists feel they are being unjustly criticized for failing to conform to the teaching methods of their colleagues.

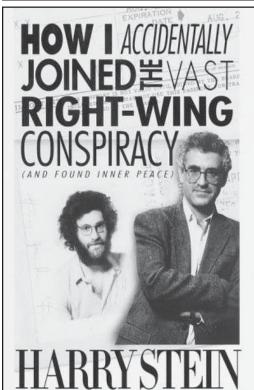
The evening ended with Hardisty rehashing the destructive hierarchical system by which right-wing women choose their leaders. "Phyllis Schlafly really gets things done," Hardisty lamented to an increasingly glazed-over crowd. Hardisty also didn't miss the chance to put in a plug for her latest book, MOBILIZING RESENTMENT: Conservative Resurgence from the John Birch Society to the Promise Keepers.

Obviously, Jean Hardisty does not have a firm grasp of the problems surrounding women's organizations. Her comments and tone did not complement each other. Her words suggested real growth among women's perceptions of themselves, while her tone indicated this growth to be a threat to the movement. Hardisty and her cohorts are attacking conservatives just for being conservatives, failing to recognize that these women share a common and noble goal with the original women's movement: equality and respect in the eyes of society.

## **A Fascist Comes Clean**

THE PRIMARY Source interviews conservative author Harry Stein





Harry Stein is a best-selling author and journalist whose credits include *The New York* Times, GQ, Playboy, The Wall Street Journal, Esquire, Men's Health, and TV Guide. His recent book, How I Accidentally Joined The Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy (And Found Inner Peace), details his transformation from Sixties liberal to Nineties conservative. The Primary Source's Joshua Martino and Chris Kohler sat down with Mr. Stein this summer to discuss his political transformation, his experiences in an industry that shuns his beliefs, and his thoughts on family, feminism, and pop culture.

THE PRIMARY Source: Throughout your book, you never really discuss your choice of title. Why is it that you chose to invoke Hillary Clinton's "vast right-wing conspiracy?"

**Harry Stein:** Traditionally, I'm a terrible titler. It's a real deficit in my career as a writer. The original title was How I Accidentally Became a Fascist. And it seemed, to me, a pretty good title, but everyone I tried it on was appalled by it. My agent in particular, who was very liberal, felt that it would be misunderstood. But I wanted to go with that idea, and it came to me one night in bed, actually. And since that term is so ludicrous, since it was hauled out as a bit of fraud being perpetrated on the public in order to shield Hillary's husband, I thought it was by definition kind of funny and would not be as literally interpreted as "Fascist."

**Source:** So what do you think that phrase means to conservatives right now?

**Stein:** I think people treat it as a joke. People understand that there is no such thing; in fact, one of the interesting sidelines of having done this book is that I've managed to meet many principal members of the "conspiracy." And they're all kind of desperate and isolated. They're frozen out of the mainstream media culture. These are people who have pretty much put themselves at considerable risk in order to take the positions they have and so they exercise none of the power that is ascribed to them by Hillary.

**Source:** And you had trouble getting the book published.

Stein: Not exactly. I had done a couple of prior books for the same company, which were medical thrillers, and I owed them another book. I was having lunch with my editor, and we got to talking about politics. She said to me the same thing I'd heard a lot in recent years which is "My God, how in the world did you become..." And so I said, "Well, maybe there's a book there." And she was open to that idea from the first. She had edited Al Franken's Rush Limbaugh Is A Big Fat Idiot, which had done very well for them. So the idea that there might be a conservative version of that had some appeal for her in a commercial sense. Politically, I think, she was sickened by the idea.

It was a bit of a haul making the case with the publishers. It is true that she was fired before the book was handed in. And there was some real trepidation as to whether the company was going to publish the book. They did no promotion for it. They did very few copies. They did all the things a company does when they want to bury a book. And before I ended up going with them I did try a few other houses, who were not interested. So it is true that it's very hard to get a conservative book published. Publishing, like journalism, is very much a liberal domain. These people have never been exposed to anything but people like themselves. It's very much a feminist enclave. And there's a lot of gay men. It's somewhat rare to find a straight man, or one who's not at least embarrassed to be a straight white male.

A book like this is not going to be understood. They're going to be affronted by it, angered by it to a certain extent. On the other hand, the book ended up taking off on its own. It did find support with the occasional conservative journalist. John Leo did a column very early on in US News which really helped. But to this day, not a single network appearance. I've been on Fox six times. But this is the only book I've ever done where I've gotten no network exposure at all and very lightly reviewed in the mainstream press. There's a lot to overcome.

**Source:** That brings us to your column in *TV Guide*, which isn't a conservative outlet at all or even a political one. How did that get started and what was the general reaction?

Stein: Well, it got started because a friend of mine had just

signed on as executive editor there. And he thought that a column on "values in TV" was a good idea. The expectation of the editor-in-chief was that it'd be a very liberal column, so she was very taken aback. The mail was split, but fell on the positive side. I actually met and made some friends among my readers.

There were a couple of memorable experiences from my TV Guide column, one of which I talked about in the book. I wrote about AIDS and how it was reported on television as if it was "anybody's disease," as if it happened by accident. I got a ton of mail on that column, some of it extremely angry but a lot of it very grateful that someone was saying these things, which they had felt privately for a long time, in a national magazine. The column was very often political. I had one column on Rush Limbaugh. When he wrote his first book I wrote about how little network exposure he was getting for a book which was a huge best-seller, which was very odd. I wrote another when he did a guest spot on a situation comedy,

"Hearts of Fire," where he was not portrayed as a monster and how unsettling this was for liberals. In that sense it was a very good forum, because it was reaching a lot of people who I think otherwise were pretty isolated.

With a circulation of about 20 million, even if you got 10% of them, that's a lot of people reading it every week. I got the impression that it was not among the best-read features of the magazine. People didn't buy TV Guide to read that kind of stuff. But when I left, I got a lot of mail from people saying they only subscribed to the magazine because they enjoyed the column. So, it was gratifying.

Source: Your transition to the right, as you described it in the book, was due to having children, and you mentioned that you felt you had to shield them from increasingly coarse popular culture on television. What do you think about that stuff that passes for primetime "family" television?

Stein: Aside from the crassness, it is so cheap and easy, and requires so little effort. "Seinfeld" was a clever show by and large, but I thought the masturbation episode was not at all clever... and it was the most celebrated show and everybody was talking about it. I do some work in Hollywood, and I just pitched a series about a conservative guy on a college campus, a conservative teacher of history. And there are kids who run a conservative student paper on campus, and they've done something completely outrageous and are going to be defunded, unless they find a faculty sponsor. So if you guys have any war stories, let me know.

**Source:** The dedication of your book is "to celebrities who

have selflessly kept their political views to themselves." Why do you think that Hollywood is such a liberal haven?

Stein: It's a place fueled by emotion. First of all, they don't read the papers. It's very hard when you go into any kind of entertainment-related business to find a newspaper. You find Daily Variety and Hollywood Reporter. That's all they read, so they don't know

> anything. Lacking fundamental grounding in current events, history, basic civics, what they know is that there are bad people and there are good people. In that absolute absence of moral rigor, they always go for the soft story, always go for the easy solution to every problem which is that someone is a victim and somebody else is a victimizer. And they believe it is their job as artists to identify one from the other. It's a community of real lame-brains, by and large, who have tremendous power.

> Source: How do you explain the fact that so many newspaper journalists, who are supposed to get an education and have a background in current affairs, abandon objectivity and seem to be very much to the left?

> Stein: I think it's a number of things. First of all, today's media came out of the glory days of Woodward and Bernstein. A lot of people were compelled to go into the business to set the world right. They came out of the anti-Vietnam period, followed by the Watergate period. Nixon was the pivotal, iconic figure of evil. So people gravitated

towards the business in order to make a difference. They felt that their job was not to be neutral, but to be advocates for a certain world view. Beyond that, journalism became more of a glamour business, and it tended to draw a certain type of narcissistic personality people who, if they couldn't be movie stars, wanted to be celebrity journalists. They were part of a moral culture that did not reflect mainstream America.

This is more true of top journalists, but certainly when you're talking about places like the networks, their people essentially share what we now think of as Clintonian values. These are people who are essentially "me first," identifying with public figures and policies which endorse their way of life and their way of thinking. Thus, probably most of them have had abortions themselves, and are horrified by the idea of "pro-life." In this world view, homosexuality is simply another admirable lifestyle equal with any other whether there are children involved or not, getting married, or not getting married. All the fights played out in the culture wars have been filtered through this scrim of journalists who themselves have a very strong position on these issues in terms of their personal lives. These are not people who tend to identify with conservative views.

**Source:** The process of going out and looking at universities with your daughter forced you to confront academic policies for the first time since you were in school. How much have things changed?

**Stein:** It's changed very dramatically. Of course, when I was in college—I graduated thirty years ago—the administrations in general were fairly conservative. But at mine [Pomona College], people were privately against the war, but it was understood that



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there was a certain decorum on campus. People were not allowed to be disruptive, and all points of view were ostensibly welcome. That began to change somewhat. During the Vietnam period, certain speakers were not well-received, but there was not that kind of systematic effort to shout people down that there is now. There was certainly none of the stuff you have during your orientation. First of all, there was none of the sexual harassment stuff, accusations of quasi-rape, free speech curbs, or any of the diversity stuff that simply didn't exist. On campus now, as I wrote in the book,

thinking thoughts that are different from the mainstream culture would be very difficult. Trying to get laid as a conservative must really limit your options.

Source: Do you think parents should keep in mind a school's politics as they choose one for their child?

Stein: It's a good policy to bear in mind the extent to which politics affects curriculum and campus life. It's safe to presume that on campus, politics are going to veer left-wing to the extent that it undermines the humanities courses. Particularly the teaching of English and history. Certainly that's something that has to be considered, and it's unrecognized by most parents. It was certainly something that we as parents were extremely conscious of, probably more conscious than most parents would have been.

**Source:** Why do you think that conservatism doesn't seem to appeal to the middle class and to young professionals—the people who eventually send their kids to schools like Tufts?

Stein: I'm not so sure it doesn't, frankly. A lot of people have come up to me, often kind of quietly, and said how much they agree with it. And the fact is, most people don't pay terribly close attention to politics or the culture wars. In that kind of inattentive state, it all seems like a lot of noise. Conservatives have been stigmatized as cultural reactionaries who impose their values on everyone else, but very few people think of the left as having done that. Once that is understood, people are often rightly quite appalled.

I also think that there is a generational split between my generation, and people fifteen years younger. They tend to be much more Yuppified. When we first moved to Hastings [New York] sixteen years ago, you went to the park with your kids and you saw mothers and children. Now it's nannies and children. There are many more two-parent working families who have embraced day care and made the children a lesser priority. I think that's a product of the feminist movement which has been very disruptive of families and children.

**Source:** You rail on modern feminism in your book.

**Stein:** I initially went overboard. I cut a couple of those chapters

on my own. But I think it's a horrible phenomenon. It's a complicated issue, because you always have to preface anything you say about feminism by saying "it's necessary we have equal pay for a level playing field, blah blah blah." That "first stage feminism," as Christina Hoff Summers calls it, was a very good and important thing. But feminism rapidly became something else. It became an excuse for railing against the world as it exists. When things aren't going right, there's somebody to blame. That thing became patriarchy and men.



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And now it's boys. The very fact of maleness is abhorrent in their view. And the extent to which this kind of thing is institutionalized in the schools and the university curricula, like the Women's Studies programs, is worse than just sickening—it's dangerous. It's been very hurtful to a lot of people. The whole regime of sexual harassment law has been a disaster. It's codified unfairness and guilt by accusation, and the effects it's had on very basic day-to-day male to female relations has been very harmful. You could go up and down the line about the harm the modern feminist movement has done to men and children, but also to women.

**Source:** Actually, we have at Tufts a group that implored all men to sign a pledge not to rape, and all the signers got a button that said "I am a man that will not rape."

**Stein:** The natural response to that would be a button that says, "Well, I can't make any promises."

**Source:** There's an old saying: "A man who is a conservative at age 20 has no heart. A man who is a liberal at age 50 has no brain." Do you think that your experience might be accidental, as your book's title suggests, or a shift that's inevitable with age?

**Stein:** It's certainly not inevitable. God knows, we've seen most people not making this shift. I have been asked this a fair amount, and I think that these last 20 or 30 years have been quite unique in that the meaning of liberalism has changed so significantly. The movement used to value freedom of expression. It no longer does. Now there are these very rigid litmus tests which have basically been imposed by various interest groups, feminists, multi-culturalists, gay activists. It's partly a function of the period in which we have lived where a lot of people have paid attention to these things and refused to change their own basic values have now found themselves, quite unexpectedly, being identified as conservatives. But there is a certain truth to the dictum that as you live and are exposed to new things, your world view changes. And the kinds of naïve idealism that college kids or high school kids tend to have, that the world would be a better place if only people were nicer, does change as you live and you see things and people are more complicated.

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## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

The English have no sense; they give us twenty knives...for one beaver skin.

—an Algonquin Indian, 1634

Pure, hard-core liberals believe in a superior race. They think they're it. They believe they're more intelligent than the general run of mankind, better suited than the little people are to manage the little people's lives. They think they have the one true vision, the ability to solve all the moral dilemmas of the century. They prefer big government because that is the first step to totalitarianism, toward unquestioned rule by the elite. And of course they see themselves as the elite.

—Dean Koontz

We shall rewrite history, history filled and debased with your heterosexual lies and distortions. We shall portray the homosexuality of the great leaders and thinkers who have shaped the world.

—Michael Swift, Gav Community News

Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself, but talent instantly recognises genius.

— Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

All of history must be re-written in terms of oppression of women. We must go back to ancient female religions like witchcraft.

—The Declaration of Feminism

America wasn't founded so that we could all be better. America was founded so we could all be anything we damn well please.

—P.J. O'Rourke

Ivoted for the Democrats because I didn't like the way the Republicans were running the country. Which is turning out to be like shooting yourself in the head to stop your headache.

—Jack Mayberry

No matter how disastrously some policy has turned out, anyone who criticizes it can expect to hear: 'But what would you replace it with?' When you put out a fire, what do you replace it with?

—Thomas Sowell

History would read differently ... if it had been recorded equally by women. Everyone would learn that the cotton gin, the computer, and the novel were invented by women. That a woman was a well-loved pharaoh; another, a highly-regarded Pope. That for most of human existence — worldwide — God was a woman.

—Marlene Loisdotter

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—Harry Stein

The Constitution is not what the Supreme Court says it is. The Court is what the Constitution says it is.

—Dr. Medford Evans

A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.

—Sir Winston Churchill

When the world is at peace, a gentleman keeps his sword by his side.

—Ho Yen-hsi

They have gun control in Cuba. They have universal health care in Cuba. So why do they want to come here?

—Paul Harvey

When a bully demands \$10, meets resistance, and presents a compromise of \$8, only in government is the paying of the \$8 considered a savings of \$2. This is how inalienable rights have always been eroded.

—Curt Howland

The modern definition of 'racist' is someone who is winning an argument with a liberal.

—Peter Brimelow

Liberals measure compassion by how many people are given welfare; conservatives measure compassion by how many people no longer need it.

—Rush Limbaugh

Here in America we are descended in blood and in spirit from revolutionists and rebels—men and women who dare to dissent from accepted doctrine. As their heirs, may we never confuse honest dissent with disloyal subversion.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

Every woman has these same question: 'Is it a baby?' 'No' the counselor assures her. 'It is a product of conception, or a blood clot, or a piece of tissue.' Even though these counselors see six week babies daily who have arms, legs and eyes closed like newborn puppies, they lie to the women. How many women would have an abortion if they told them the truth?

—Carol Everett

By pursuing his own interest (the individual) frequently promotes that of the society more effectually than when he really intends to promote it. I have never known much good done by those who affected to trade for the public good.

—Adam Smith

A socialist is merely a thief who's got the government to go along with him.

—Darwin Branch

The Democrats seem to basically be nice people, but they have demonstrated time and again that they have the management skills of celery. They're the kind of people who'd stop to help you change a flat, but would somehow manage to set your car on fire. I'd be reluctant to trust them with a Cuisinart, let alone the economy.

—Dave Barry

Is it really so surprising that a nation that has spent the last 30 years telling itself that right and wrong are relative concepts should be producing children who can't tell the difference?

—Mona Charen

If men use their liberty in such a way as to surrender their liberty, are they thereafter any the less slaves? If people by a plebiscite elect a man despot over them, do they remain free because the despotism was of their own making?

—Herbert Spencer