

## Essay on Liberal Hypocrisy

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(In order to fully benefit from this essay, I recommend reading through my “works for beginners” first. They can be found on my website.)

Before diving into the core of this essay, I want to take a brief moment to define how I am using the term *liberal* here and throughout my other works. I am not using it to describe any person, organization, or movement that has gone against the conservative powers that be in any given society in the past. To define the term that way, and then seek to show how negative liberalism is, would be to entirely contradict all that I stand for as a Protestant. I am also not using it to describe anyone who votes Democrat or who holds to one or only a few principles that would be considered liberal in our nation today. Many such people are often very conservative on many points, and/or are highly moderate on many as well. I am only using the term to describe those that are part of the far-left in our country today. I believe that this segment of the population only makes up about 5-7% of the American population, and about 10% at best. With that out of the way, let's get into this essay.

I have lived and worked and ministered in some of the most conservative places in the country, and in some of the most liberal. I lived in Santa Cruz County for 17 years of my life. I went to High School in the actual city of Santa Cruz. I have now lived in Southern Utah for almost 10 years of my life. The former is hands down one of the most liberal places in the nation. The latter is easily one of the most conservative. Both have/had many things to commend them, and both have/had many things that were/are definitely not my favorite. Santa Cruz is a beautiful place. Southern Utah is a beautiful place. Santa Cruz had the beach, the Boardwalk, the Redwoods, and downtown Santa Cruz was always happening. I had a lot of fun in High School. People are very laid back in Santa Cruz. Southern Utah has Zion, Bryce Canyon, Snow Canyon, Pine Valley, and

the gorgeous mountains behind Cedar City. People are unbelievably nice and polite in Southern Utah. Southern Utah is clean, safe, relatively crime-free, and the schools are excellent here.

With that made clear, Santa Cruz was far from perfect. While people there tended to be very chill, I would not describe most people there as overtly polite. Much of Santa Cruz was rundown and dirty, especially downtown. A lot that went on in the wide open downtown was extremely inappropriate for young children. Crime, while not being nearly as horrible as many cities in our country, was a far bigger problem there. Southern Utah can be very isolating if you are not LDS. And there is a lot of implicit racism here. Hence, while I am a very old-school conservative politically speaking, I am not naive about the many problems within the current conservative movement. My dad taught me from a very young age to always try to look at things objectively and from both sides. Trumpism and Populism has grossly infected the conservative movement. I often don't really feel like I even belong any longer.

So, with all of that made clear, I am not the type of person that sees conservatives as the angels and the liberals as the demons. I have often written and taught about how the political landscape in our country is not nearly as simple as so many on both sides try to make out. I have written specifically about how the country can actually be broken down politically in "Appendix C" of my essay on faith and reason. That essay can be found on my website. With that appendix in mind, let's discuss the really hard left in our culture. Again, I am not saying that similar realities don't exist within the far-right. They absolutely do. I am often horrified by the far-right, both intellectually and morally. Alex Jones is genuinely one of the most wicked people on the planet in my strong estimation. But, the presentation of those on the far-left is that they are the kind, gentle, and empathetic ones in our land, while the rest of us basically exist on a scale of bigotry. Some of us, according to them, are far less so than others, those that are closest to the far-left, but pretty much anyone outside of their circles needs to get with the program.

Let me be clear that I grew up with many on the far-left. I interacted with and often overheard their parents. I have often interacted with the far-left online, trying to witness to them as best I can. Many within this world are anything but kind, gentle, and empathetic. Huge swaths of the far-left are arrogant, self-righteous, extraordinarily judgmental, mocking, and just plain mean and nasty in their rhetoric. Allow me to give just one recent example of this. Recently my church partnered with another Conservative Evangelical church in Southern Utah to put on an event. The event was interdenominational. We had people from many local churches attend. The event was on the relationship between science and the Bible. We have done a number of speaking events like this in the last few years. We have done events with James White, Alisa Childers, and Shane Rosenthal will be coming to speak at our next event in the Fall. However, this was our first event partnering with this other church.

We did our normal stuff to get the word out. We used social media, fliers, etc. The church we partnered with pushed the event hard on Facebook. This was great and really boosted the attendance to the event. But, it also brought out the trolls. The invective that was received was outrageous. This is not abnormal though. Anyone who has been witnessing to the hard left for any period of time can tell you that this is just par for the course. And you can say that there are always bad apples and that the broader movement of the far-left cannot be held accountable for this all you want, but again, those of us who have been at this a long time can all vouch for the fact that this is not just a few bad apples. It is indicative of the movement writ large. The hate that often spews from this part of our culture is so thick and palpable that it could not be exploded with all the dynamite in the world.

No true Christian would ever act this way on a regular basis. You can argue that it is very convenient that I get to just dismiss any professing Christian as not being a “true Christian.” The fact remains that Jesus, not me, or you, or anyone else, determines what a true Christian is and is not. And according to His teachings, anyone that acted like this would be deceiving himself if he thought he was sincerely saved. And it is not like the entire Conservative Evangelical movement is basically like this and I am just

throwing everyone under the bus. I am a firm believer in remnant theology, but I do not believe that almost all of the visible church is not saved except for a select few. As I've said before in other venues, I have been in Conservative Evangelical churches, from multiple different denominations, all over the country. And most are some of the nicest and most caring people on earth. Even most true churches in our country, that unfortunately do not practice church discipline in a fully biblical manner, would feel compelled to discipline any regular attendee, at least on some level (even if this only meant a very stern verbal rebuke and warning), if it was discovered that this person acted how I described the behavior of many on that Facebook page above.

Many die-hard liberals will retort that perhaps the movement needs to work a little more on being nicer and more polite, but that is not the whole story. They may say that they are in a war of ideas and war is often not pretty. Harsh rhetoric, while certainly not desirable, is hardly as bad as advocating for things that really hurt people. The problem is that for all of the talk about social justice and what not, the most liberal among us are the most strident proponents for the most egregious example of social injustice in our day. Abortion. Oh I know how they will howl to the heavens that we Conservative Evangelicals can never shut up about abortion. It's always all about abortion. No, it is not. I agree that the conservatives in general, and many of my brothers and sisters in Christ in this country, get a lot wrong. I try hard to correct these things. Fighting against abortion is not the gospel. With that made clear, none of that changes that a genocide of the highest proportions in history is going on every single day in this country and the biggest cheerleaders of that genocide are those on the far-left. Hypocrisy is not a strong enough word for this phenomenon. No word in the English language exists that is potent enough.

I understand that there are hard cases in regard to abortion. I do believe in some exceptions. I have written about this in my *Doctrine: Going Deeper* (part 1). I have also written about this further in my essay on the hard cases in ethics. Both of those works can be found on my website. None of this changes one iota the fact that babies in the womb are people. The science is unequivocally clear here. This is not rocket science

the way so many people try to make it out to be. No one has the right to put to death an innocent life apart from the most unique and difficult circumstances imaginable. And no, the fact that bringing a pregnancy to term will be extremely difficult for a particular woman, does not qualify as such circumstances. Human life is too valuable. All of those who have pushed for genocide, both today and in the past, come up with all sorts of rationalizations for their position. You think you are so unique with all of your endless reasons and passion, but you're not. You are merely standing with a whole host of genocide defenders throughout history.

Countless people on the far-left believe that they are our moral betters for no other reason than that they vote the correct way. Even if you are far more in the right than I believe you to be over many issues, the mere fact that so many believe that they themselves do not have to act beyond the voting booth is despicable. I have written more about this in my essay "Jesus Was Not a Liberal." You can find that on my website. The church is far from perfect. The broader conservative political movement in this nation is far, far from perfect. But, the idea that the far-left is in a position to lecture us about love and empathy is more than enough to make any person gag who is actually paying attention.

Finally, I wish to point out how much the far-left in our country glorifies such ceremonies at the Met Gala, the Oscars, the Emmys, etc. Not only are these ceremonies unbelievably disgusting for their blatant displays of immorality, but more importantly for the purposes of this essay, they show the utter hypocrisy of liberals about as transparently as anything in our society. These ceremonies are for elitist rich folks plain and simple. The glitch and glamor, the pride, and the unrestrained gluttony of the movement are on full display at these events. Exorbitant amounts of money are spent on these large-scale parties. And then these liberals have the gall to get up on stage and lecture us conservatives about how much we are hurting the poor and vulnerable among us. AOC wears a dress that says tax the rich while these filthy rich people spend gobbles of money that could have been used to help countless actual poor people. The

idea that Jesus would be so warmly comfortable at such debauched extravaganzas is laughable in the extreme.