

Children Are Not the Left's Kryptonite, but Its Cure

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If you are wide awake you understand that today's leftists hate many, many things, the constitution, Donald Trump, Fox News, comedy, and of course you. But if you ever really noticed there is one thing that woke socialists progressives seem to hate more than anything else, and that is babies. Of course the industrialized murder of 60,000,000 unborn infants since Roe vs. Wade is reason enough to question if when Democrats promise to take care of your children, they mean it like Mary Poppins, or Tony Soprano. But even on issues less fundamental than abortion the left does not just take their problems out on America's kids. Their problem seems to be that there are American kids at all. Radical environmentalists regard kids as enemies of the climate. Corporate elites see babies as expensive competitors for the time attention and creativity of professional women, which they apparently feel should belong exclusive to them. Critical race theory, conmen suggest that babies become racist as early as three months old. New York Times columnist Paul Krugman enjoys holding his fur baby, apparently believes the child tax credit is racist too because it is really about more white Christians.

Radical feminists have built their entire brand around a de-prioritizing family life and shaming happy moms as sellouts to the patriarchy. I used to wonder where this weird hatred of boys and girls came from until I became a parent myself last year and I finally realize Progressives hate babies because they are crying, drooling, pooping refutations of everything woke leftist believe. Boys and girls are the answer to lefts every argument and the antidote there every poisonous lie. First, of course babies are alive, from the moment of conception everyone who has ever seen an ultrasound knows that. Second, children are male or female and parents learn the hard way that sex is not a social construct. Social constructs don't pee on you while you're giving them a bath. Children are individuals. People who lots of kids, know that identity politics is nonsense. Everyone is born different; the only diversity that matters is the universal diversity of each child of God. Children are creative. There is no greater proof of the wisdom of markets than the restless inventiveness of a single six-year old. Spend five minutes outdoors with a pack of kids and you will see they are not going to destroy the

environment; they are going to save it. Children are brave, terrifyingly brave, girls are fierce and independent, boys are heroically reckless. They are not the helpless timid victims leftist say people are. And just as important, neither are we.

That's the left's real problem with children. They create families. They turn boys into men, couples into parents, and women into the arch angels we call moms. This understanding of family rejects the old forms of authoritarianism just as it rejects the newer evils of eugenics. America's founders did not seek to build a utopia out of the bloodstream of elites, but a republic where every child is born in America no matter the mean of its origins, has limitless potential, and a spark of the Divine. Remember, this is a nation that was begun by the rejects of the old world, the rebels, the criminals, the religious fanatics, not exactly royal blood. But it turns out, that even the retched refuse of the world can produce a nation that is the envy of it. **Families are the ultimate source of meaning and happiness in society.** To the modern left, this makes them a rival to their totalitarian politics. Babies, the moment they arrive on the scene create a force-field of love and self-sacrifice and responsibility that leftism cannot penetrate. Attentive parents do not give over their minds, bodies, and souls to the latest Washington outrage. The left thinks that is because kids are a distraction. No, it is because soccer practice and homework, and story time are one-thousand times more important than whatever AOC tweeted today.

As G. K. Chesterton wrote, "How can it be a large career to tell other people about the rule of three, and a small career to tell one's own children about the universe?" You must be wide awake to the reality of the threats our nation faces, but part of that is understanding the importance of family life, as an objectively better way to spend your time, better for the kids, better for the parents, and better for the country. The natural authority parents exercise over their kids gives them dangerous ideas about exercising their constitutional authority as citizens over the state. The more attention we pay to our families the more time we spend with other families at playdates, Little League games, Church picnics, school plays, because children don't just turn individuals into families they also pull families into communities, turning moms and dads into coaches, Sunday School teachers, neighborhood watch patrols and Meals on Wheels drivers. It sounds exhausting, sure, and it is. But the real secret is the more kids couples have, the more they realize how strong and capable they truly are. This, the "woke left", cannot abide. Leftism is an ideology of fear, grievances, and affected

helplessness. Families live lives of relentless genuine adventure, indifferent and immune to the numb high tech loneliness leftism offers its screen-addicted surfs.

Too little was made of Black Lives Matter endorsing explicitly the destruction of the nuclear family, a step that would rob children of their potential to realize their freedom. That is the left telling you in no uncertain terms, what they want. Children are not the Left's kryptonite, but its cure. The world must be peopled. The more effort we invest in guiding the youngest among us toward the truth, the better citizen's they will grow to become. That is why progressives care about dominating our education system. It is the staging point for their counter offensive against moms and dads. It is the reason they are smuggling into our kid's classrooms, critical race theory, anti-Americanism, and anti- Judeo Christian values, trans-propaganda, and the rest of the outrage industrial complex, to subdue their natural courage and resiliency. That is why they fill popular culture, with vulgar idiotic distractions, and why they use every lever of power at their disposal, to shame, and silence, cancel, anyone who dissents from their orthodoxy. And it is why, they lie that marriage and parenthood is expensive, demanding, and hard, not because they hate kids, but because they fear them, and they should.

Every year on mother's day the media is filled with one article after another by childless writers defending their childlessness, as somehow virtuous and more fulfilling. And on father's day, dads have long been similarly held up as objects of correction and ridicule. These sad people protest too much! And they are not convincing anyone. Most Americans are wide awake to the reality. The kids are force multipliers for freedom, courage, happiness, virtue and grit. They create the little platoons that transform individuals into families, families into communities, and communities into a society, and society into a patriotic nation. Kids love America and they inspire us to make her ever more worthy of their love. Parents teach their children how to be good. The children teach their parents how to be great. Together they make America both. And all for the low, low price of few hundred diapers, some lost sleep, and stepping on a Lego or two, barefoot in the middle of the night and telling yourself this is not something you have to do, this is something you get to do.