

Radical Change Under the Guise of Compassion

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MANHATTAN, N.Y.—The 2020 election cycle has already begun and the superstars of the Democratic Party are now more left-wing than ever before and they’re already trying to outdo another on the compassion scale.

“Well, the first thing I would do is restore what’s been lost—the integrity and the compassion of this country,” Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., said.

“New York loves you if you are L or G or B or T or Q. If you are black or white or brown,” New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo told an audience.

“If you are Christian, a Muslim or you are Jewish. If you are new immigrant or an old immigrant, New York loves you. And what makes us great is we have no tolerance for hate in our state.”

Catchy.

He left off Asians and atheists. When Cuomo says no tolerance for hate, he really means no tolerance for conservatives in the positions that they hold.

Concerned about reversal of Roe

Because in Cuomo’s compassionate New York, there’s also no tolerance for the inalienable rights of the unborn. You know, the life in the womb that his own church says is sacred.

“I believe we should pass a constitutional amendment, not just a Roe v. Wade law,” Cuomo has said. “A constitutional amendment. Let’s write the rights of Roe v. Wade into the state constitution so it can never be changed.”

I think what’s going on here is that Cuomo, like so many on the left, is really worried. He’s worried that the Supreme Court might reverse Roe, might send it all back to the states.

And he has to know that public opinion is shifting a bit toward the more pro-life position.

And, by the way, if America's declining fertility rate continues, Andy, I have a question: Who's going pay all those taxes to support your pet projects?

Effects of rising minimum wage

Of course, with zero regard for facts, Cuomo brags that he has this economic prosperity thing down.

"With the most progressive government in the United States of America, we balanced budgets," he says. "We have the most socially progressive accomplishments of any state in the nation and it's not even close. First big state to pass marriage equality, first state to pass \$15, the highest minimum wage."

Yay! The Democrat zombies are all standing. They're applauding, standing ovation. But they're unconcerned with the real world effects of some of those policies, namely this rise in the minimum wage.

Jon Bloostein, who owns six restaurants in New York City, told CBS, "We lost control of our largest controllable expense. So in order to live with that and stay in the business here, we're cutting hours."

Well, this is the third wage hike in New York since 2016. So who does that really help? Well, certainly not the restaurants, not the workers getting the hours cut. And not the patrons.

A New York City Hospitality Alliance survey of 574 restaurants found that 75 percent of full service restaurants planned to cut employee hours this year due to that minimum wage hike. But that's not all: 47 percent say they will cut jobs in 2019. And 87 percent say they're going to raise menu prices.

Well, this is the opposite, my friends, of compassion.

Fresh face of socialism

And this brings us to the freshest of congressional freshmen. Fresh people—what can we say now? Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who happily refers to herself as both a socialist and a radical.

Now, by the way, I think it's a mistake for conservatives not to take her seriously, to brush her off as kind of a flash in the pan or an upstart.

- She's as close to a thought leader that the Democratic Party has today, and she has a massive social media following.

- She's both charismatic, and she's committed to transforming both our economic system and our culture.

- First, she aims to create a socialist economic system with sky high marginal tax rates. And it doesn't stop there.

- On the cultural side, she and others like her intend to use the government and their positions of influence now to mandate campus-style political correctness.

What do I mean by that?

Demonization, not debate

Well, anyone who dares question this progressive agenda is not just wrong, but they're downright evil. So there's no room for debate, only demonization.

In a recent tweet she asserts, "Many have recognized that Fox news has crossed the line beyond conservatism and into outright bigotry, with their financing of Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham."

Well, you see, my friends, this isn't your daddy's liberalism, where it was all about love and peace and live and let live. This is kind of the old school, New England puritanism with a radical twist.

They're going to whip up their followers to try to intimidate and silence anyone who gets in their way.

Personalize and polarize

Now, she's only been on the job for, like, six days, but Ocasio-Cortez is already practicing Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals." Rule 13: Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it and polarize it. Cut off the support network and isolate the target from sympathy. Go after people, and not institutions. People hurt faster than institutions.

So, rather than debating the merits of policies, these new left-wing progressive Puritans aim to shame. A wall is racist, so people who want a wall are racist. End of story.

Now, all of you are doing better in the Trump economy, you should know this: They plan to take your money away and redistribute it to you know, wherever their pet causes are.

And to all of our libertarian friends who believe that Trump is the big threat to the free market because of tariffs and so forth, open your eyes. These people, including Nancy Pelosi, who herself has moved left, are going to take it all away. Freedom of speech, freedom of contract, freedom of religion or conscience.

Some are petrified

If you think I'm exaggerating, I'm not. Because when you say the wrong thing in Ocasio-Cortez world, they put you in detention hall and you never get out. Remember, they believe that they are right and you're evil.

And moderates even seem petrified of taking on these new progressives. And Republicans ought to take the progressive takeover of the Democratic Party very seriously and offer a strong counter narrative.

If you want to know what it looks like to be a conservative and perpetually in the fetal position, worried about being branded racist or evil, well, look no further than Theresa May, okay? Didn't work out so well for her, to be on her heels.

Others are fighters

Now, Trump is the opposite. He fights. He fights for law and order. He fights for sovereignty. He fights for judges who apply the law and don't rewrite it. And he fights for a stronger economy.

After two years of President Trump, we have higher wages, we have 500,000 new manufacturing jobs, we have the strongest GDP growth among all the G7 nations.

But the progressives, they don't care. Because if enacting their Green contract with America requires your standard of living to go down, then tough cookies.

Fleeing progressive states

Americans are fleeing the most progressive states in America due to high costs and high taxes. No wonder they're welcoming illegal immigrants in New York and California. They need the citizens coming in; all the other citizens are leaving.

Are Americans really ready to be ruled by the values and policies of progressives in New York and California? Let's hope not.