

Part II: Fragile Freedom

How to survive the folks who have messed up the world so badly.

- Our leaders of ALL stripes and parties think that young people are stupid and can be used and manipulated to help them maintain their positions and power.
- Check a few Mark Dice or Jay Leno videos to see:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRkFDcX_72c
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmI6YpGew1w>

The Old Guy suggests that if you

1. Learn from history,
2. Recognize reality,
3. Understand human nature, and
4. Develop truly independent minds,
even from your professors,
our world might just have a chance.

- **DON'T BECOME A RUBBER STAMP FOR ANYONE.**
Be informed to be free!



1. Knowing the Known

"If you don't know
what you don't know,
you won't know
what you'll need to know
to know what the others know
when they want
to use you
for their purposes.
Be the leader, not the follower!
-Old Guy..."





2. Fragile Freedom

As the Leaders of Tomorrow,
you can't protect
our wonderful freedoms
unless you realize
how unusual they are
in the world.

... "ain't been much like us,
and won't be much like us
much longer if we don't
get some good leaders."



3. The New Zoo Review – Leaders and Followers of all Stripes

- Your slightly non-standard English teacher is not an aficionado (English teacher word) of Democrat, Republican, Liberal, Conservative, Libertarian, Socialist, Whig, Green, Constitution, Labour (like the Brits say it!), Socialist, Social Democrat, Communist, Feminist, Roundhead, Troglodyte, Nationalist, Anti-Nationalist, Dr. Who's "Saxon Party," or Monty Python's "Sensible Party," and especially their "Silly Party," like many today.
- Your gentle English teacher is of the opinion that almost all politicians bear watching, as most promise things that can't be done, and most want more than anything else to stay in power, and many are not nearly as bright as you are, as the present crew can't even read bills, much less write 25-page term papers. You can be better!
- Andrews is a Prag, which I don't think is a real party, but which could be defined as one who tries to find out What Works? And What Doesn't Work? And thinks accordingly.

4. To be un-Stupid - Independent Thinkers ...knowing History and Reality:

- Almost all of leaders of almost all groups running the world today think that young people are stupid, that you can be manipulated by fancy words and fetching personalities and wonderful promises instead of looking at history and reality to judge whether the things they promise are likely to happen.
- If you keep a few of the following things in mind, and don't allow yourself to be a clone of whatever group you have bonded with since a child, you might just have a chance to make the world a better place than what we older folks have given you.
We've messed up!
- For example...the following by Judge Jeanine is a bit political, but it likely applies to many leaders of ALL groups at the present time. ...just listen to the first minute, and you'll get the point. Don't Be Stupid!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IksLbajhNU>

5. Leadership Lessons – No Easy Button:

“Somewhere over the Rainbow...”:

- Be suspicious of leaders or prospective leaders who promise schemes that will end war, poverty, disease, or economic problems if you just give them your vote and trust them.
- You’ve been snookered! (or “Grudened”)
- ...as the somewhat pessimistic King Solomon said, “There is no new thing under the sun...”

<http://www.bible.ca/ef/expository-ecclesiastes-1-4-11.htm>

- ***The Idealist: Jeffrey Sachs and the Quest to End Poverty* by Nina Monk**

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Idealist-Jeffrey-Sachs-Poverty/dp/076792942X>



6. The un-bright leading the new: Leadership Lessons for the Young.

As the present world political and financial leaders don't seem to be the brightest we have ever had,

(though they are possibly the greediest):

- A. Follow your brains instead of your leaders!
- B. Gather the evidence.
- C. Examine both sides of the evidence.
The other side knows your weaknesses better than you do.
- D. Don't listen to those who only look at one side, especially those whose only reason is to smirk and laugh.
- E. Think about the evidence. Smirking isn't thinking.
- F. Confidently give your opinion about how things should be done. You're just as smart as many of the "experts."
- If they're so smart, why is the world is so messed up?
- You have a chance to make it better when you take over!

7. Wanting (Really Bad!):

The Four Lusts...

Lust = wanting something so much that you'll do anything to get it.

- A. Power
- B. Money
- C. Food
- D. Bodies

- Willie Shakespeare's view:





Shakespeare on Lust – Sonnet 129:

“The expense of spirit in a waste of shame
Is lust in action; and till action, lust
Is perjured, murderous, bloody, full of blame,
Savage, extreme, rude, cruel, not to trust,
Enjoy'd no sooner but despised straight,
Past reason hunted, and no sooner had
Past reason hated, as a swallow'd bait
On purpose laid to make the taker mad;
Mad in pursuit and in possession so;
Had, having, and in quest to have, extreme;
A bliss in proof, and proved, a very woe;
Before, a joy proposed; behind, a dream.
All this the world well knows; yet none knows well
To shun the heaven that leads men to this hell.”

**If we think our lives will be made perfect
when we get the things that we want too much,
our disappointments will likely match our hungers.**



8. The Most Dangerous Lust: Power - Lord Acton:

**“Power tends to corrupt
and absolute power
corrupts absolutely.”
-Lord Acton**

...always remember this...



Lust for Power (cont...)

- Be most suspicious of those who love power, and do everything you can to limit them.
- The best example of distrust of power in the history of the world, believe it or not, is the U.S. Constitution, where the Founding Fellows and Gals looked at the Incredibly Stupid Kings, Nobles, and Greedy Leaders of 5000 years of history and tried to create a government that would keep them under control. ...Checks and Balances...
- Study them from that point of view, and you'll see why the U.S. is unique in history.



Power (cont.) – The only Trustable Leaders

- ...Hemmed in by Checks and Balances.
- The only leaders who can be trusted are those who are hemmed in by checks and balances which are enforced by informed citizens who have in turn been informed by a press which reports objectively and accurately the failings of leadership of those they like as well as those they don't like.
- Thomas Jefferson:
"The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people... were it left to me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
- <http://famguardian.org/subjects/politics/thomasjeffer/son/jeff6.htm>



9. Know the Past – or repeat it:

History is a great teacher.

- ...Really know it – only back to 5000 years ago when writing was invented, as Neanderthals didn't write much.
...ask...
- “What happened when they tried this before?”
- “Why are we doing it again?”
- “Is this right?”
- “What works?”

Why should I know history?

- **“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”**

-George Santayana



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- Remember this too!

10. Know the Present World – What Doesn't Work:

Geography Survey


- Do you really want to live there or be like that?
Assignment: Google major and minor countries around the world using words like:
- Violence [Country Name];
- Treatment of Women [Country Name];
- Freedom of Press [Country Name];
- Persecution of Jews / Christians [Country Name];
- FGM [Country Name];
- Terrorism [Country Name].
- Reality 101: Some people aren't very nice.
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/politics/world-peace-these-are-the-only-11-countries-in-the-world-that-are-actually-free-from-conflict-9669623.html>
- Do your leaders condone these behaviors because they're "our folks"? Dump them!

Present world (cont.) - Endless Disasters:

Stupid Leaders Incorporated

- More than 50 million people are now displaced refugees because of the stupidity...and silence... of present world leaders, who think that fighting and killing is OK to empower their particular group, race, tribe, clan, city, town, village, religion, sub-religion, sub-sub-religion, color, sub-color, national origin, etc.
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jun/20/global-refugee-figure-passes-50-million-unhcr-report>
- More than 800 million people face starvation every day, mostly because of stupid leaders. ...Hunger Map...
<http://documents.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/communications/wfp268726.pdf>
Tribes in the world who often want to kill each other:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_indigenous_peoples
- Nukes are on their way: Doomsday Clock =
<http://thebulletin.org/three-minutes-and-counting7938>
- Google "Nuclear War" & click on "images" at the top. Think.
- Andrews' too-long Grad Speech from 2001 on Stupid Leaders:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vBHntTiOcE>

11. Political Correctness: How to keep us from working together to defeat the bad guys.

- Political Correctness =
- intolerant tolerance;
 - separationist togetherness;
 - Divisive amalgamation;
 - insensitive sensitivity;
 - discriminatory anti-discrimination;
 - doing good that results in evil;
 - Straining at gnats and swallowing camels;
 - Endless conflict ...continued 



Political Correctness (cont...)

- Encouraging us to break up into mutually-exclusive little groups results in endless strife, as most of the world well-illustrates.
<http://www.culturalsurvival.org/publications/cultural-survival-quarterly/china/tribal-warfare-and-ethnic-conflict>
- Most of the more than 200 million killed during the 20th Century were killed for someone's idea of "good," which involved killing off the "other" groups who resisted their path to a perfect society.
<http://necrometrics.com/all20c.htm>
- As the politically correct crowd correctly say, some of our citizens have done and allowed many horrible things, but, as we have in the past, we can work together to make them better without breaking into warring groups like much of the rest of the world.
- Even though some would laugh, America is the Last Best Hope, as when the people who hate almost everyone and say they want to kill us get nukes, the whole world will be a much scarier place. Google "Youtube American Exceptionalism" for the debate, but remember, there's no place else to go like ours, nowhere...
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOlyhJV-9r0>



12. The Duck Test:

- “If it looks like a duck, waddles like a duck, and quacks like a duck, it’s probably a duck.”
- If someone tries to tell you that you can’t believe your eyes...or your mind, they are probably the ones who need glasses.
...ie. If a nation’s leaders tell you that they want to kill you, and Duck-Deniers say that they’re just kidding, apply the Duck Test...and use your own mind instead of believing those who have lost theirs.
- People who ignore reality to be accepted by their narrow group or to gain political advantage will be quite surprised when reality happens to them ...and no one cares. Look at the Middle East!



13. Final History Assignment:

- After you've done all of your homework above, looking at the world the way it was and the way it is, and looking at the quality of leadership that has gotten our world into such a mess...
- After you've heard all of arguments about how bad we are, and about all the things we should feel guilty about, from those who can never forget or never go on, even after 1000 years...
- 1. Make a list of every bad thing we've done that you or anyone else can think of – every single bad thing!
 - after your study of history, you should know that these bad things are what humans have done in all places for all times, including us now. It's the way humans are without checks.
- 2. Now, look at a few "American Exceptionalism" videos on Youtube to see what good things we've done that are far different than things done in societies without our "checks and balances" system, which is unique to world history on a country-wide scale. Other countries do it because we did it first.
- 3. Think... Don't be a follower. Recognize reality.

14. Future Leaders or Followers?

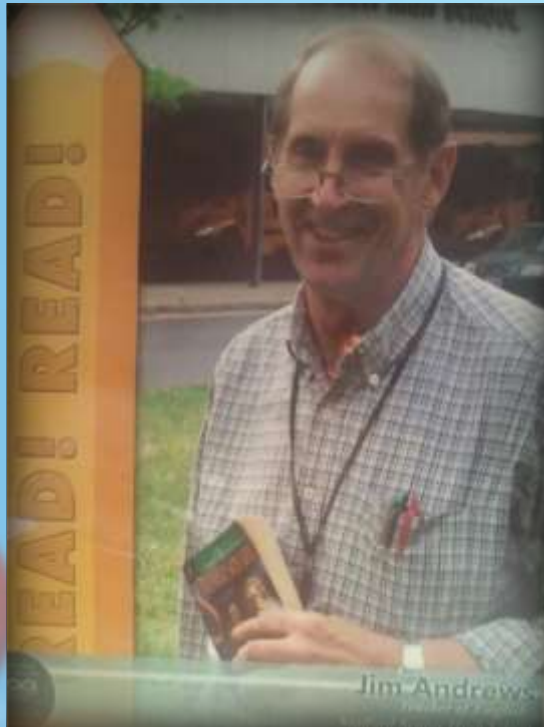
Think...

Don't be a follower.

Recognize reality,
which happens to be
that our present leaders
have done almost everything wrong,
so their examples aren't going to be much
help as we hand you a messed-up world
to see if you can get us out of this mess.

Good luck!...and prayers...

Love ya! Keep in touch... Mr. A



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