

PUTIN'S COMMON SENSE

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Common sense is becoming so rare today that from wherever it comes it must be welcomed. Some people think that President Vladimir Putin of Russia is merely a pawn of the world power presently using Covid to arrive at an anti-human dictatorship over the entire world. That may be partly true, insofar as that same power already has such control over world affairs that Putin could hardly have become a world leader without its consent. On the other hand other people think that he is the one true statesman on the present world scene, because of his good sense for the true interests of the entire world, and not just Russia. In any case he is capable of talking common sense like few politicians today. See for instance this summary of part of his speech last October 21 at the annual meeting of the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi, Russia, bringing together nearly 300 participants from academia, politics and the media. English language link: *Putin's speech at the plenary session of the 18th Valdai Club – Global Review (global-review.info)*

Some people in the West believe that an aggressive elimination of entire pages from their own history, "reverse discrimination" against the majority in the interests of a particular minority, and the demand to give up the traditional notions of mother, father, family and even gender, are mileposts on the path towards social renewal.

The advocates of so-called 'social progress' believe they are introducing humanity to some kind of new and better consciousness. However, their prescriptions are not new at all. Russia has been there already. After the 1917 revolution, the Bolsheviks, relying on the dogmas of Marx and Engels, also said that they would change existing ways and customs, indeed the very notion of human morality and the foundations of a healthy society. The destruction of age-old values, religion and relations between people, up

to and including the total rejection of family with closest relations denouncing one another to the State, was proclaimed as progress then, and was widely supported around the world, as now.

The fight for equality and against discrimination in Western countries has turned into aggressive dogmatism bordering on absurdity. The works of the great authors of the past such as Shakespeare, are no longer taught at schools or universities. The classics are declared backward and ignorant of the importance of gender or race. In Hollywood memos are distributed about how many characters of what colour or gender should be in a movie. This is even worse than the Agitprop department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Zealots of these new approaches even go so far as to want to abolish these concepts altogether. Anyone who dares mention that men and women actually exist, which is a biological fact, is browbeaten with horrendous "Newspeak," denying the fact. This is nothing new; in the 1920s, the so-called Soviet "Inculturators" also invented a Newspeak, believing they were creating a new consciousness and changing values that way. They made such a mess it still makes one shudder.

Today it is monstrous when children are taught from an early age that a boy can easily become a girl and vice versa. It verges on a crime against humanity, and it is being done in the name and under the banner of progress. The cost of such ill-conceived social experiments is sometimes beyond estimation. Such actions can destroy not only the material, but also the spiritual foundations of human existence, leaving behind a moral wreckage where nothing can be built to replace it for a long time.

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