

Difficult to conduct an intelligent debate

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If you have no knowledge of history of governments around the world or the wisdom of the time-tested political philosophers and scientists, on what do you base your personal ideology of a political system?

Mutual support from your special interest group, talking points from friendly sources, comments from union-motivated teachers and professors, politicians, family tradition? This process does not endow you with the advantage of years of worldwide historical experience or the knowledge of respected authors or political scientists. How many otherwise intelligent voters have any knowledge of John Locke's "Second Treatise," Thomas More's "Utopia and Radical Egalitarianism," Thomas Hobbes' "Leviathan," Karl Marx's "Communist Manifesto," or Charles de Montesquieu's "The Spirit of The Laws?"

It has become difficult to conduct an intelligent debate with a person or group that is grossly underinformed and lacking any historical perspective. Unable to debate the subject with intelligence, they attack personally in an attempt to redirect the discussion or attack the truth of your argument as if your personality affects the facts, or raise their voice in frustration as if the volume somehow enhances the wisdom or truth of their position.

The personal attacks and volume are the last refuge of the ignorant. This unfortunate reality is not likely to change soon because our secondary schools, colleges and universities are providing an intentionally biased and limited education, thus assuring that those who graduate are "left" with very limited knowledge. The public is hopelessly uninformed about our Constitution, the difference between a Republic Under God and a Democracy, the failure of liberal, progressive or socialist governments in the entirety of world history or how the current direction of our country is moving quickly into the failed arena of this unworkable ideology with the promotion of stealth Marxist, Leninist and collectivist federal regulations and secular progressivism. This is what causes the liberal's and progressive's sanctimonious hypocrisy. It paints a rather bleak picture for our future.

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