

# INSANITY LITE

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In many computer-based writing programs, users have the option to check grammar, spelling, and the suitability of specific words and terms in their compositions. Increasingly, the prejudice of those who create these editorial computer programs is readily apparent. Of particular note, one such version offers the following comment in evaluating text that includes references to a woman as a lady: “The word ‘lady’ is gender-specific language and considered offensive and condescending to some who support a feminist philosophy of inclusiveness and equality. The use of this word should be avoided” At the other end of the cultural spectrum, in the misogynistic world of rap music, terms such as “bitch” and “ho” are defined as words that represent “a bold artistic freedom reflecting the life experiences of the recording artist while accurately summarizing the day to day reality of urban street life.” So, this is where we’ve come to as a nation and society; referring to a woman as a “lady” is an insult, but calling her a “bitch” or a “ho” is an example of artistic freedom.

Against this dismal backdrop, America’s famed “melting pot” is now a boiling cauldron of hyphenated individuals representing a disparate nation lacking an identity, a body politic without a soul and a society devoid of any sense of moral priorities. The end result is a Frankenstein-like mish mash in which chaos masquerades as diversity. Political correctness has now reached a state of madness.

Exacerbating this situation, a new trend in American academic life now encourages self-hate. At universities and high schools across the United States, a growing number of students are called upon to write essays addressing such topics as “Why I feel guilty for being white.” The late novelist/philosopher Ayn Rand addressed the issue of guilt in her signature work, *Atlas Shrugged*. As her protagonist John Galt states, “A sin without volition is a contradiction in terms.” Inherent in the concept of guilt is the element of choice.

Voluntary consent is the definitive cornerstone for moral culpability; in short, right and wrong choices really do matter. To hold someone guilty in matters of their gender, race or ethnic background flies in the face of common sense and is a moral absurdity. If a white supremacist group on a university or high school campus preached the doctrine that black people are inherently inferior to whites as a matter of race, the front page of *The New York Times* would be ablaze with righteous indignation. If the situation is the other way around, however, not a word of dissent is ever printed.

A perfect example of this type of political correctness can be seen on the campus of California’s Berkeley University. Groups of black students have now banded together and decided that certain geographical locations and travel routes on campus are off limits to white students; the ban is enforced by black students who physically prevent free access to white students.

At that bastion of ultra-liberalism in Massachusetts, school officials at Tufts University, who evidently used George Orwell’s novel *1984* as their guide, warned students during Halloween to avoid costumes that touch upon or address issues of “race, gender, ethnic background, sexuality, immigration status, socio-economic standing, controversy or tragedy.” Those who violate this policy risk “serious” but unnamed disciplinary actions. Students are encouraged to report infractions of this rule to campus security personnel. Will masquerading as Elmer Fudd’s hemorrhoids be allowed or is that too close to impersonating the mindset of the school’s administrators? Quick, call the Thought Police.

Hypersensitivity is now the new coat of arms for those who embrace political correctness. Athletic logos, team names, clothing items and expressions of political beliefs are now held accountable for traumatizing people. In their obsessive mission to avoid “offending” anyone, many universities around the nation have now opened crisis centers that operate “on a 24/7 basis” for

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immigration into American society, yet there are legal and illegal ways of achieving this. Currently, the latter path seems to be out performing the former. Historically, immigrants have contributed to the growth and greatness of America, and that trend can and should continue under fair and objective laws. However, no nation, no matter how large, wealthy or prosperous, can absorb an infinite number of people for an infinite length of time.

For Hillary Clinton's supporters, those who claim support for her message of "inclusion, quality and respect" would do well to remember that as of now Donald Trump is still the President-elect. He has not issued any edicts, directives or executive orders against any group, individuals, organization or political entities.

Two generations ago, a little man from Missouri, who had little education, no East Coast elitist connections, insider political experience or popular mandate ended World War II, desegregated the Armed Forces and

implemented the Marshall Plan to rebuild a post war Europe. At that time, the media considered it a virtual certainty that he would be defeated by Thomas Dewey in his run for the White House. The Chicago Daily Tribune was so convinced that he would be turned out of office that the editors ran a front-page story with the banner headline of DEWEY BEATS TRUMAN.

Now, 68-years later, it would seem that the media pundits, pollsters and teleprompter readers who pontificate about the news rather than delivering it have once again developed an insatiable appetite for eating crow. Over the course of the next four years, Donald Trump will definitely make mistakes, rub some people the wrong way and stumble along the pathway of power. Yet the system of government that allowed him to achieve such high public office has a moral obligation and ethical mandate to allow him to reach for greatness, and in the process, Make America Great Again.

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*A group of protesters attacked Trump supporters who were leaving the presidential candidate's rally in San José, California, on June 2, 2016.*