

Michael Malice: I Hate the Government Because I Love My Country

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SUMMARY

The discussion compares the societal conditions of contemporary America to the dystopian visions of Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" and George Orwell's "1984." The speaker argues that modern America aligns more closely with Huxley's vision, where persuasion and pleasure are used to control the populace rather than brute force, highlighting the power of corporate media and the "enemy class" that manipulates public perception.

- Contemporary America resembles "Brave New World" more than "1984," with control exerted through persuasion rather than force.*
- Corporate America is seen as effectively spreading ideologies akin to Maoism, using social pressure to enforce conformity.*
- The speaker emphasizes that the use of brute force by authorities signals weakness, as it alienates the undecided populace.*
- Media plays a crucial role in shaping public opinion, often dictating not just the news but also how individuals should feel about it.*
- The speaker expresses optimism about the future, believing that truth will ultimately prevail over lies due to the democratization of information via the internet.*
- There is a strong critique of the current government and media institutions, which are viewed as misaligned with the ideals of Americanism.*
- The speaker identifies essential American values as freedom, respect for achievement, and a willingness to fight for one's beliefs.*
- The discussion reflects a belief that American culture has historically triumphed and will continue to do so, despite current challenges.*

are we closer to Brave New World or 1984 Brave New World is a lot closer to contemporary America than 1984 uh Corporate America has done a far better job of spreading maoism than the Communist party ever dreamed of uh you have struggle sessions regularly uh we've all probably seen examples online where everyone in some kind of Zoom call has to get up and denounce themselves as a racist uh under penalty of losing their job or having trouble in the law

school or something um so it's much more efficacious to use persuasion uh pleasure uh and other mechanisms than to use brute force um in fact one of the reasons I am so hopeful is that when an agency is forced to resort to Brute Force that's a sign of its weakness not its strength because people in the middle who don't really have opinions at all when they see Brute Force being used inherently tend to turn away uh apologies for sounding like a

boomer but this was one of the great EP of Martin Luther King because many racists who turned on their TV and saw black men and women being attacked with dogs and firehoses who had to face the consequence of their views were like okay I'm as Prejudice as anybody but I'm not for this um so that is a useful technique the trer convo is another example when you're forcing the enemy class to show their hand it's going to

alienate a lot of people who would have the comfort of supporting them about the consequences of what that's support actually entails in reality what do you mean by the enemy class the enemy class is the organized population who are in charge of Any Given country especially in America at a time who are basically exploiting the resources including human resources of that country uh to further their agenda in the various uh mechanisms and

ends why do you hate the corporate press because if I asked people whose views I agree with and I ran this as a Twitter poll which is obviously very unscientific who would you rather have as the Supreme Court nine random Democratic senators or nine members of The New York Times editorial board and the poll was overwhelming so I think that and also let's talk about like nine members of the Harvard faculty the

outcome was they all it was like 80% wanted the Senators as opposed to the New York Times I didn't bother asking about the the Harvard faculty so there is I think within libertarianism a bait and switch to some extent where yes the state is the agency that is empowered to use Force but there is not enough of understanding of how the state gets its Authority and its motivation and a very obvious example is this let's suppose I was a Democratic

governor and Co was happening and I thought thought the masks weren't going to do much and I at the very least thought social distancing there's no evidence for this one way or another uh it's not going to stop the preventing of covid if I said any of those things I would immediately be eviscerated in the media as someone who doesn't care about Mass death who is comfortable killing all the elderly and not only my career would be over but in my entire kind of

life would be over in a sense because I would be a pariah everywhere I went that kind of tells you who's the dog and who's the tail and we see this because conservatives made a lot of hay out the fact that people like Gavin Newsome who's governor of California uh Gretchen Whitmer and certain other polit governor fritzer of Illinois you know didn't really abide by these mandates they put into place what Hypocrites is it a function of hypocrisy

or is it a function of that to some extent their hands were tied because they had to follow their own marching orders from their media overlords it could be both why does the corporate press wield so much power the reason the corporate press has the power it does is because we're taught since kindergarten that it's important for us who want to be responsible citizens in democracy to stay informed on the issues of the day and the easiest way to find out what

those issues of the day are is to either watch Fox and CNN or MSNBC or C CBS or read if you want to be aidite because trashy people watch TV I want to be intellectual I want to be smart I read the paper so that not right

away I have a little bit of status because I'm reading newspapers that are watching the news and what they do is not only do they present what the news is they also

present what your take on it should be so the headline would be why we should all be concerned about octopus and sushi so right away you're told here's the issue and in the same second you're told how you should feel about it so the next day I go to work and not only am I informed I also know the correct analysis of the issue so I'm two steps ahead of uh the Layman is it natural for an institution

to exploit the trust it's earned I don't know about it being a natural process but I think once an agency regards itself or is regarded as an Arbiter of truth that creates a great deal of incentives and perversions within that agency um just as with cars uh you know if I'm regarded as the good car manufacturer that is both an

opportunity because the next car I roll out people are going to tend to like it but it's also a concern um or a threat because you know now someone can undercut me because as soon as I do something that's bad it's going to have a disproportional impact on my reputation are you optimistic I am very optimistic about the future because it is impossible to look at the enemy class and think these are unstoppable foes that these are

impressive people why do you have confidence that what comes next will be better I do think that truth is by definition correlated to reality Lies by definition are not correlated to reality so if you have a worldview that is truthful or truth adjacent it's going to have much more staying power and much better a much better base on which to build a culture

than something which is based on manipulation deception I absolutely think that the internet and other such phenomenon are moving us toward a more truthful world at the very least because if you have infinite microphones at some point someone is going to say the truthful thing and other people will pick up on it whereas before again you only had three it's it's like playing roulette right if I have like a million chips to put on as opposed to three if I

have those million chips I'm going to win every time now it might be expensive but I'm still going to hit it whereas if I have three chips the three networks my odds are quite low how do you feel about America I hate the government because I love my country America America especially the idea of America and the reality of America is pretty much the best thing ever um and I think the government is almost entirely in

opposition to the idea and ideals of americanism what are the essential American ideas and ideals I think the ideas and ideals of americanism are freedom and admiration and respect for achievement and accomplishment a great amount of respect for people who are doing the right thing whatever that might mean and a basic sense of kindness

and amiability but also going with that a desire and a capacity to fight for one's values so you don't believe America is a rotten racist hellhole there are no people who think America is a rotten racist hellhole who uh that

should be burned to the ground they are saying that in order to give them leverage as a mechanism of power they do not believe this for one second um or else they'd be urgently trying to

deport all the minorities in order to save them from This Racist rotten hell hole as for what informs my view of what America and americanism is I suppose that just have say being a student of history and doing a lot of reading about the American experiment certain themes kind of prevail Veil even though we're talking about disparate peoples over a couple of centuries do you trust the mainstream historical narrative around the founding of the United States well I mean I do trust the

narrative in so far as I don't think for example the founding fathers were all virtuous men who had a group mind and they all agreed on everything uh they were flawed human beings something conservatives kind of will admit to but won't really grapple with emotionally or you know intellectually but yeah I think there's a reason why American culture uh won the Cold War and is Conquering the world peacefully and that is a function

of the superiority of American culture it's not an accident how does being an immigrant shape your perspective on America yeah I think my role as an immigrant certainly forms my perspective on americanism because if my family had left me and we had stayed behind in Ukraine I certainly wouldn't be anywhere near the position I'm in now um as an American citizen should we try to salvage institutional trust if someone wants to increase

institutional trust in the federal government Harvard and the New York Times all I can say is I do not share your goals and values people seem to think that if the the government stopped producing clothes clothes wouldn't be produced and if overnight somehow let's suppose government schools vanished right through some Genie that everyone would somehow become illiterate and there would be no capacity to teach people how to learn the future so we do most certainly need institutions any or

Society needs institutions to promulgate food you know you need farming system you need an irrigation system you need uh you know learning information about the weather these are very basic things but to claim that that means that the institutions that are in place are salvageable or that they should be salvaged I I think that's a nonse are we actually headed down a path more in line with your values I am positive that we are heading towards a

society more in line with my values and here's my proof If I said to someone that four four years ago not that long ago that a large percentage of conservatives would be repudiating the police they would laugh in my face this would have been Unthinkable because definitionally conservatives are for the police this they go hand inand now it's a complete given that there is enormous amount of skepticism if not disdain

among conservatives both the base and conservative opinion makers uh towards um the the filth can America's founding principles survive into the future they've thrown everything at America they could including half the country and they couldn't beat us they burned down the White House so I am very optimistic that America is here for the Long Haul in some form or another if you like this clip it is part of a much longer conversation that is

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