

On Prejudice: Crime in America

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The conservation went like this: My God, some Republicans have lost their minds in the Grand Old Party. I'm scared to go out of the house for fear a Jewish laser will zap me to death! Its crazy time in the USA. Desperate.

Well when you let the crazies in the door, they will eventually start to take over, or at least start to influence those around them. Plus also allowing people into the party that have no education, except how to breathe, or understanding of how their country and its laws work. And the only way to get elected is to Carter to these same types of people in the general public, because your party has no real governing stance or beliefs besides catering to the rich, and poor people (all colours) are scum. Your party will start to rot from the inside out.

I think the cause is the opposite. When you mix religions and races, it draws out the prejudice in certain segments of society. Better not to mix them to avoid bloodshed.

I've been a student of racism all my life. I noticed that humans tend to divide themselves into groups or tribes. I have calculated using AT Math where that number in a tribe is 150 people in each tribe. But it's not that simple.

I lived in a grand old house in the North End of Saint John – a small city on the East Coast of Canada. There were 5 or 6 of us males who were all the same age – the North End boys. One or two of them resented that we lived in a big house, while they lived in one of those post WWII salt box houses which were small. We lived in the commercial district.

On those other hand, we went to a Catholic school made up from all the North End neighbourhoods. The upper middle class mixed in with the lower and middle classes. Those from Milledgeville, sons of doctors and lawyers, resented the fact that they had

to school with those who were not from Milledgeville. All of us were similar in that we were all Catholics and all white and all male. Still division.

Fast forward to university. I went to the local university where there was one Muslim fellow. He happened to like a girl who liked me. We locked horns after she and I had a dance together. He proceeded to apply Sharia Law to me. It was terrorism in the 1980's. He got the better of me because I left myself wide open following the teachings of Christ. In fact, he destroyed me. But friends from the neighbourhood destroyed me as well. What is the difference?

My other friends were Pilipino, Lebanese, and from the lower classes. I was open to people of all races and religions and sexual orientations. I found the variety intriguing; not threatening.

However, it turns out that no matter how you try to mix people there will always be division when there is a competition for resources. Even within families, there is the sibling rivalry.

There is an expression, Keep your friends close, and your enemies closer. Of course, no one keeps their enemies close. So, what this means is that really, we have no friends. Everyone is an enemy ultimately. How about Friends are for a moment; family is forever.

I read where those who are self-actualized do not discount races and are not prejudice. I find that there is still part of me that judge's people based on their skin color, their politics, their religion etc. It's rather easy to be no prejudice when there is no competition for resources. I used to have a smart teacher who used to say, "You go first!" Jesus preached that we are to love one another -even our enemies. Look what happened to Him!

We pass judgment on people living in the USA about their racism. However, we do not have to live with the multiracial society. We do not have to honour all religions. Canada does seem to be better at it. However, what about the language difference in Quebec and New Brunswick. Provincial government jobs only go to those who are bilingual. You cannot be Prime Minister unless you are fluently bilingual. Does not seem reasonable.

As far as a tribe goes, there is a competition for the position within the tribe. The apes have the alpha male. Then we have women on the other hand who can be just as prejudice as men. Make America Great Again might well read, Make America White Again. That is really what is at the heart of it.

WWII was fought over the supposed supremacy of the Aryan race and the destruction of the Jews. Really, how far have we come since then? I think half of America would gas the Blacks if they could get away with it. 70 million people voted for Donald Trump in an election he lost.

Truly, it's every man for himself. But who wants to live like that, in a world of hate? Jesus said, you will not have peace until the world accepts Me. Accepting Him means loving one another. Tall order. Should we try to tolerate one another's differences or have continual war? I've that those who consider themselves to be tolerant are intolerant against anyone who does not share their outlook or say the religious. Of course, the Pharisees were the leading hypocrites of Jesus's' day, and He let them know it.

Ultimately, you must be able to defend yourself. In the USA, that mean carrying a gun. Do you really want to live like that? On edge all the time?

I knew a holy priest who quoted Jesus as saying, "The central question of life is whom do you say that I am? The living is hard, but the dying is easy. Another way to put it is Are we all in it together or is it every man for himself? How you answer this question determines your eternal destiny if you believe that we have one.

The USA: Racism

When I was a student at the University of Waterloo outside Toronto, I had made a few acquaintances

with fellow engineering students. We were having a discussion when one of the young Asian women came to ask if we had seen someone. I asked, "You mean the Chinese fellow." She took offence. She did not like him to be described as the Chinese fellow. That was in 1985. I did not intend to be racist as I think she thought I was. What has changed?

In 2017, I was in the hospital. One of the senior nurses described a patient as the "Black Man." That was fair enough I thought. She gained boos which prompted a conversation on racism. This black fellow was particularly obnoxious. Race is still a characteristic that defines us. Should it? Is it wrong to say that someone is black if they are black? Is it wrong to say they are Chinese if they are genetically Chinese? Or are the thought police working overtime.

In the US, things have reached a boiling point. Police, many of whom I sense are racist have a tough job. The death of African American George Floyd at the hands of a white police officer in Minneapolis set off a series of Black Lives Matters protest all over the USA and even in other countries. George Floyd had a police officer's knee on Floyd's neck for over 8 minutes. While Floyd cried out that he could not breathe. The police officer seemed unaffected by the whole thing. It's not mentioned that George Floyd was on an illegal drug that causes breathing difficulties; he had just gotten out of prison; and was accused of dealing in counterfeit \$20 bills.

Martin Luther in his famous speech on the Washington Mall in 1963 proclaimed that we should not judge a man by the color of his skin, but by the quality of his character. Black culture is the prison culture that is influencing Hollywood and what it put s out. That is in direct opposition to what the Evangelical Christian espouse. There are enough of both son each side that the USA is a tinderbox for a civil war. I do not think the extremists Proud Boys, the Neo- Nazis, nor the KKK are prevalent enough to mount a war with the US military to overthrow the government. But with a president like Trump, we may see a major collapse of the United States as we know it today.

On the other side, we have Antifa and the Black Live Matter protestors. However, it was Trump who stoked the flames of hatred that got these extremists to attack the US Capitol buildings on January 6th, 2021 when 5 people died as a result. What would have happened if the tables were turned? I suppose that George Bush Jr. went to war in Iraq when the Twin Tower came down.

But do Black men get equal treatment under the Law in the USA? I understand that 1 in 3 black American Men are involved in the US penal system: either in prison, on parole, or in the courts. The Founders had it that “We hold these truths self evident, that all men are created equal.” Are they equal, especially before a judge? I think not. There were two big settlements in the George Floyd Case and the Breonna Taylor case. Their families got \$12 million and \$27 million each for the wrongful deaths at the hands of police. I think miss Taylor was living with a drug dealer. And Rodney King was outside of his parole, drinking driving and speeding top avoid apprehension by police. I think before the Black are accepted as equals; they must obey the Law; form traditional families; hold down jobs, stay away from gangs and drugs, and increase their education. The Black’s who do this tend to do well, very well, like Colin Powell. I think that is the real solution. But they won’ or can’t do it.

Then there is this fellow who fixes his hair and mustache to look like Adolf Hitler. He must be seething with hatred inside. I do find that people who promote tolerance and intolerant themselves. For example, the deride the Protestant Evangelicals as “nutjobs”. My sense is that there are many “whites” who do not consider the Blacks or Hispanics to be their equals. So, all men (!) were not created equal. This is according to Einstein. Do people of color have worse characters than whites? Trump’s slogan is “Make America Great Again”. Perhaps it really should be “Make America White Again”.

Now in the news as reported by a democratically biased American New Channel, CNN, that their southern border is being overrun by illegal aliens ever since Joe Biden became president. I understand that he has floated that all the illegal immigrants will be made US citizens. The US needs their types of

workers. It is a boon for illegal immigrants looking to live the American dream.

We may not have come too far since 1985 when I was at Waterloo. We still have a long way to go. I think there is no middle ground when it comes to racism. Judging that Trump is a racist which everyone knows despite his protests, 70 million people still voted for him even though there was high unemployment, and the Corona virus ramped. The middle ground is no longer an option. The USA will go to war within itself and probably soon, like before the next presidential election in 2024. With all those firearms in the USA, it will be a bloody battle indeed.

There are good and bad in all races. No matter how homogeneous America is as a people -the melting pot- people will find ways to distinguish themselves from each other. It may not be race, but it could be class, education, and sexual orientation etc. - anything that distinguishes us from one another. I am encouraged by some young people who see to have been schooled in appreciating and valuing the differences between people. But there are just as many on the other side of the fence, I think. Racism may never go away. It may be part of the human condition.

I knew an American from Texas who worked at the local oil refinery. He had a hatred toward Hispanics, so he moved north to Canada where he developed a hatred toward the French. It something psychological in the American Republican mind that leads to prejudice. A fellow I know whose mother was an American by birth thought it was because American students are trained to hate what is novel from a young age. The stress of living in a multicultural society in the USA is too much to bear for some people. They go crazy and have access to weapons. Canadians too live in a multicultural society, but do not have the mass shooting like the USA does. Why? They are not as gun crazy and not as paranoid as a nation. The answer must lie in the education of the youth. What is taught in civics courses and history courses in the United States of America? Many Republicans seem to have lost their minds. Average voters believe wholeheartedly in conspiracy theories. From the outside looking in, they are nuts!

If we assume that gun crimes are caused by hatred from prejudice, then paranoia is at work. Paranoia is a symptom of schizophrenia. The US has a high Irish American bloodline.

Irish Americans are Americans who have full or partial ancestry from Ireland. About 32 million Americans — 9.7% of the total population — identified as being Irish in the 2019 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

So the average rate of schizoid personality is 1.1%. In Ireland it is double that. Then 2two-ninths of children get the genetic disease from their parents. So,

$$2.2\% \times 9.7\% \times 2/9 = 0.474$$

$$1/474 = 0.2108$$

$$e^{0.2108} = 1.23466 \sim 1/81 = 1/c^4$$

The USA is naturally a Republican country, whereas Canada is naturally a liberal government. It seems to me that most of these gun toting Americans that cause mass shootings on a regular basis are Republicans because they are poor guns lobby citizens. The American psyche is trained to think that everyone is their enemy, even their fellow citizens. The US governmental parties are getting further and further apart in ideology viz Trump and Biden.

The USA constitution has weathered these types of political storms before. It has survived until now. If you believe in Catholic prophecy, the USA will not stand too much longer. Even George Washington questioned whether the Republic would last.

I used to desire to live in the USA as I was growing up. I was in love with the Florida sunshine and the hills of North Carolina. But not so anymore. The USA has too many problems that look like they will never be solved. I had wished that the province of New Brunswick would join the United States; not so anymore. I think America would do better to adopt the Canadian way of life.