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# The Blue Vinus

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I am reading a great book, *American Contempt for Liberty* by Professor Walter E. Williams; it is a massive tome – an aggregation of his essays. In it he has an essay, *Parting Company*, in which he discusses the potential geo-political divorce between the two sides of the political spectrum:

I believe our nation is at a point where there are enough irreconcilable differences between those Americans who want to control other Americans and those Americans who want to be left alone that separation is the only peaceable alternative. Just as in a marriage where vows are broken, our rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution have been grossly violated by a government instituted to protect them. These constitutional violations have increased independent of whether there's been a Democrat-controlled Washington or a Republican-controlled Washington.

Reading this essay brought to mind a time from some years ago when a Russian academic predicted the break-up of the USA; *As if Things Weren't Bad Enough, Russian Professor Predicts End of U.S.* (bolding added):

"There's a 55-45% chance right now that disintegration will occur," he says. "One could rejoice in that process," he adds, poker-faced. "But if we're talking reasonably, it's not the best scenario -- for Russia." Though Russia would become more powerful on the global stage, he says, its economy would suffer because it currently depends heavily on the dollar and on trade with the U.S.

Mr. Panarin posits, in brief, that mass immigration, economic decline, and moral degradation will trigger a civil war next fall and the collapse of the dollar. Around the end of June 2010, or early July, he says, the U.S. will break into six pieces -- with Alaska reverting to Russian control.



Clearly Panarin was wrong on the timing, but I'm not so sure about the prediction being wrong in general. In parallel I think that Professor Williams, for all that I admire his deep life experience and strong principles, is wrong on the long-term prospects of his proposition.

#### THE THEORY IS SOUND

Now in principle I agree with Williams. If two peoples – Statist vs. Freedom-loving – are so far apart, then there are very limited alternatives. And we *are* far apart. A good friend, whose education (both formal and informal), life experience, and perspective I admire greatly has said, multiple times, that the US has not been this divided since just before the Civil War. Friends have severed decades-long relations. Family members have stopped talking with each other (e.g., my cousin, just a few years younger than I and with whom I was always somewhat close and who has a daughter, scant years younger than my children, will not even answer emails or texts – because I'm on the Right-hand side of the spectrum). Left-exclusive or Right-exclusive dating sites have sprung up, and while I agree that for any long-term prospects in marriage there do need to be shared values, other aspects like passion, other shared interests, and even biochemical attraction (e.g., smell) also come into play.

(Aside: I'd mentioned in Part II of my Red Pill Journey that I definitely married up. Some years after we married she said that she knew I was THE ONE because of my smell. First day we met. We've definitely had our differences... but over a decade later, we are still together and – I think – stronger together than ever. And there's a lot of evidence that smell is an indicator of a good genetic match to complement immune systems.)

So anticipating this national fracture I accepted an interview a couple of years ago in Texas. I loved the town. I met the local Rabbi and he had me over for dinner (I'd researched ahead of time and reached out to him). I'd have moved in a cold second, but my wife put so many conditions on the move it was not viable. Another interview, perhaps a year later, also in Texas was with a company that makes a great product; again, nixed by impossible conditions by the wife. Too bad; I have a bad feeling that things are going to get... "messy"... in the next decade. If they do, a move from where we are now may become necessary, and likely under far less favorable terms than a purely-voluntary move, planned, organized, and paid for by someone else.

Forced population relocations generally don't go well for those having to relocate.

Others are also discussing this idea of a separation. E.g., *It's Time For The United States To Divorce Before Things Get Dangerous*:

The GOP has many problems, but the Democratic Party has turned into something completely un-American. The United States was founded on two things: Judeo-Christian values and a limited federal government. The entire platform of modern Democrats stands completely opposite both of those.

. . .

The 1960s counter-culture liberal protestor who just wanted free weed and an end to the war in Vietnam has been replaced by a man who hunts down Steve Scalise and tries to kill him at baseball practice. The Left is not playing games. They are getting bolder, and they are getting more violent. They have no interest in rational compromises. Like all authoritarian ideologies, they want you to bow down before them or be destroyed for daring to resist.

#### And from here:

I don't see a political solution short a national divorce. This country is run by people on the Left and the Right who are utterly detached from the day-to-day experiences of fully 50% of its electorate.

Concluding, from an article specifically about the slow-motion murder of Alfie Evans in the UK but with an important topical point (bolding added):

Which in turn is why, in my more pessimistic moments, I'm convinced that either a conflagration or a breakup is inevitable. **How can people who cherish liberty and self-**

determination peacefully coexist for long with grasping, megalomaniacal fools and still call themselves free?

(RIP, Alfie Evans.)

#### THE GREAT EXODUS

People are leaving the Blue States; e.g., *The great exodus out of America's blue cities* (bolding added):

Eventually, city and state taxes, fees, and regulations become so burdensome that people and corporations jump ship. More people are currently fleeing New York than any other metropolitan area in the nation. More than 1 million people have moved out of the New York City metro area since 2010 in search of greener pastures, which amounts to a negative net migration rate of 4.4 percent.

Further down the author adds:

New York, Los Angeles, Chicago — the places where power and capital have traditionally congregated — have become so over-regulated, so overpriced and mismanaged, and so morally bankrupt and soft on crime that people are leaving in droves.

Another article, *Number of Californians Moving to Texas Hits Highest Level in Nearly a Decade*, points out (bolding added):

"California's taxes and regulations are crushing businesses, and there are more opportunities in Texas for people to start new companies, get good jobs, and create better lives for their families," said Nathan Nascimento, the director of state initiatives at Freedom Partners. "When tax and regulatory climates are bad, people will move to

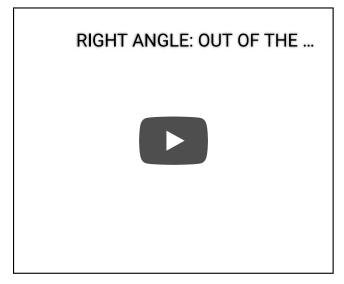
marketplaces work. Not only should other state governments take note of this, but so should the federal government."

Connecticut, a high tax state, is seeing the *eeeeevil* 1% flee; New Jersey lost one man and the state lost millions in tax revenue, *One Top Taxpayer Moved, and New Jersey Shuddered*:

New Jersey won't say exactly how much Mr. Tepper paid in taxes. But according to Institutional Investor's Alpha, he earned more than \$6 billion from 2012 to 2015. Tax experts say his move to Florida could cost New Jersey — which has a top tax rate of 8.97 percent — hundreds of millions of dollars in lost payments.

Mr. Tepper, 58, declined to comment on his move. He does have family — his mother and sister — who live in Florida. But several New Jersey lawmakers cited his relocation as proof that the state's tax rates, up from 6.37 percent in 1996, are chasing away the rich. Florida has no personal income tax.

It's no secret to anyone with more than three brain cells capable of firing at once, let alone a person with a basic understanding of Economics, why this is happening. But there's a fly in this migration ointment, hinted at in this video:



[RIGHT ANGLE: OUT OF THE BLUE AND INTO THE RED / 9:32]

THE DECE THIS

I was amused by reading about a loony-leftie in Austin, Texas. *Liberal Austin homeowners surprised to find they have to pay all the taxes they voted for*: (embedded link from another article):

"I'm at the breaking point," said Gretchen Gardner, an Austin artist who bought a 1930s bungalow in the Bouldin neighborhood just south of downtown in 1991 and has watched her property tax bill soar to \$8,500 this year.

"It's not because I don't like paying taxes," said Gardner, who attended both meetings. "I have voted for every park, every library, all the school improvements, for light rail, for anything that will make this city better. But now I can't afford to live here anymore. I'll protest my appraisal notice, but that's not enough. Someone needs to step in and address the big picture."

So let me see if I have this right. This woman votes for every spending program but then is shocked – *shocked!* – when the bill comes due?

And there is part of the problem. If the country splits, people will continue to flee the high taxes and stifling regulations, but then persist in voting for the same party that created the conditions they fled. I see it where I live. People move in from higher-income locations, drawn by comparative bargains on property and an attractive overall tax burden, lower crime, etc., but then continuing to vote "D"... and then being surprised that the politicians they elect recreate the *sh\*tholes* (you see what I did there?) they moved to escape. By then, of course, it's too late. Like Alabama ticks, once they're in, it'd takes a miracle to get them out.

Even with an actual split, I don't see this migration stopping, nor the lack of connection in so many minds between the votes they cast and the policies that get enacted... and the inevitable consequences of said policies.

#### A MORE VIRULENT STRAIN

Back in the day I was intrigued by the Libertarian Party's Free State Project. Broadly, the plan is move enough people into a state to be able to shape the political winds within

the state. This is, as I understand it, still an ongoing effort even though I have left the Libertarian Party behind.

The Left has been doing this as well, with an international flavor, by transforming the demographics of America since 1965; e.g., *How the Left Wins Elections by Transforming Nations*:

Bertolt Brecht once wrote, "Some party hack decreed that the people had lost the government's confidence and could only regain it with redoubled effort. If that is the case, would it not be simpler if the government simply dissolved the people and elected another?"

Brecht's sarcasm is now literal truth. Western governments are dissolving their peoples and electing other peoples in their place. Democracy allows peoples to elect governments, but power also allows governments to elect a people. The left has decided that it can win the demographic game of thrones by changing the demographics. And it's right.



This does not just apply to nations. Many states, as highlighted by the Free State Project, are also vulnerable; remember, in many states the total margins for victory for national elections, in either direction, are actually quite small – a few percentage points, measured by thousands of votes. There's certainly no lock on the idea on the Righthand side of the equation; Leftists can do it too.

#### THE FATAL FLAW IN THE THEORY

I have referred, multiple times in my essays, to the fact that many hard-core Leftists are *missionaries* – with credit to frontpagemag's David Horowitz for the concept. And I mean this literally; they truly believe they can create heaven on earth – representing a conflict of visions between themselves, the Collectivists, and we Individualists:



[The Battle of Big Ideas, Part 1: CONSTRAINED vs. UNCONSTRAINED / 8:11]

Remember, these people have been working on the Long March for over a century, infiltrating cultural institutions as groundwork to create paradise on earth: Socialism. As one example, look at the date of this quote by William Z. Foster, an American labor organizer and former general secretary for the Communist Party USA, and the outlined objectives. Sound familiar? And as you read it, consider the dedication required to maintain this drive for nigh-unto-a-century:

The proletarian revolution in the United States will at once make a devastating slash into this maze of hypocrisy and intellectual rubbish. Not less than in the Soviet Union, it will usher in a profound cultural revolution[.] ... [Education] will be revolutionized, being cleansed of religious, patriotic and other features of the bourgeois ideology. The students will be taught on the basis of Marxian dialectical materialism, internationalism and the general ethics of the new Socialist society. Present obsolete methods of teaching will be superseded by a scientific pedagogy.

So they will look across the boundary between the two (or more) split-up entities, and start to infiltrate in. Again, remember they have a LONG GAME and are filled with

MISSIONARY ZEAL.

#### THE ONLY WAY IT WILL WORK

Assuming there is a split, whether in twain or more, there is only one way to ensure the Blue Virus does not spread: KEEP THEM OUT. Some thoughts:

- 1. Strict border controls to prevent infiltration
- 2. Vetting of immigrants into the Right-leaning areas
- 3. Provisional residency for approved immigrants for at least ten years
- 4. Watching for voting pattern shifts related to immigration
- 5. Forced repatriation back to the Left-leaning nation with confiscation of assets paying for that repatriation

Will this stop those who are ideologue sleeper agents? Not entirely. But what's the alternative? Blue Virus people will not tolerate the existence of a Right-leaning entity. Anywhere. Their "science" says that Socialism must be brought to the world, that it is inevitable, and that it is their duty to help it along.

Remember that the Frankfurt School came to the US as refugees. Quoting Bill Whittle from one of his speeches:

So just so we know what kind of people we're dealing with here. Here are people who are fleeing [Nazi Germany] for their lives with their entire families. They come into a country that gives them asylum, puts no restriction on their political activity, doesn't say a word about what they can say or not say, and the first thing they do when they get here is look around and say "How can we destroy this? How can we bring this down?"

And they'll do it again – in a heartbeat – if they're let in after the split.

This is why I am pessimistic about the possibility of Williams' (and others') thoughts on separating the US into different nations. The Left will rapidly create their Venezuelaesque Hell-on-earth in their parts, and between the waves of people fleeing, plus the

agents that are determined to spread Socialism, sooner or later we'll find ourselves again in a divided nation... a much smaller one. And then what? Another split?

Lather, rinse, repeat of this subdivision scenario will not end well.

"I do not coexist with cancer; I do not find common ground with gangrene. The Left must be fought and destroyed, or America dies."

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**Odysseus** May 7, 2018 at 6:47 PM

Personally I think the Russians were wishcasting a bit with their predictions, as well as projecting their own issues.

One unintended consequence we should bear in mind though is that it may be the only thing worse than having such in our country would be sharing a long land border with them. :)



**NITZAKHON** May 8, 2018 at 5:59 AM

Understand, I'm not advocating for a separation! Just pointing out what I see is a huge - yuuuuuge! - problem with thinking that it can happen and then all will be well.



# **Odysseus** May 8, 2018 at 8:29 AM

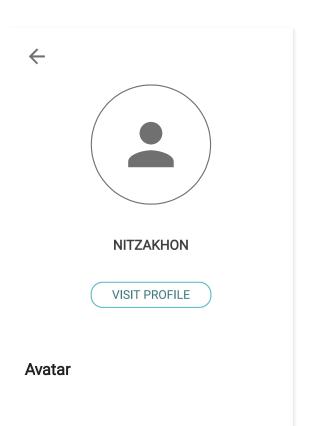
Jim Curtis(https://oldnfo.org/) wrote a book fictionalizing a potential Calexit later he got some people together for a short story anthology

to expand the idea. All being well doesn't go into the half of it.

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