

The War on Speech (and Thought)

One of the only thing Democrats are good at is inventing fake emergencies and ideological panics in order to justify the advance of authoritarianism. Recent examples include the existential American “emergencies” of climate change and white supremacy.

One of their most toxic fake emergencies of late is the war of “misinformation” and “disinformation.” They even try to make it look official by creating an ominous-sounding acronym for it: “MDM.” A better one would be “FMTS” (Facts that Make them Sad). The fake Biden regime is so committed to this hoax that it had Homeland Security abuse the terror warning system and issue a terror warning about the threat of [FMTS](#).

Some other of the most inflammatory FMTS include the realities of the stolen election, the J6 Fedsurrection, COVID vax data, the China threat, and the invasion at the southern border. Because their Marxist propaganda is so vulnerable and delicate, they must work really hard to create and maintain the illusion of seriousness around their fake doctrines in a desperate effort to keep the pesky truth from creeping in.

They also collude with their fellow authoritarian travelers in the media, corporate leadership and big-tech to encourage censorship, bullying, marginalization and even professional and family consequences of anyone who dares mention FMTS. They even created a new enforcement mechanism to support their insanity: the industry of “fact-checking.”

In reality, this war on speech is not about the protection of truth. Truth is strong enough that it doesn’t need the protection of mediocre elites to save it. On the other hand, false narratives are notoriously weak, and can use all the mediocre help they can get.

No, this is not about truth and falsehood. The majority of information shared between people takes the form not of declarations of fact, but rather expressions of opinion. “It’s cold out today,” “this food is gross,” “my boss is a jerk,” “I need a new car,” “the president is amazing,” “Hillary is a hero,” etc. Such expressions are not susceptible to fact checking, but are nonetheless an essential part of our public (and private) discourse.

Of course, freedom of expression means nothing if it does not apply to ideas that we disagree with, that offend some, and that are even demonstrably wrong (e.g., the thousands of “the earth is flat” videos on YouTube). What gives away the game is that the Marxists don’t care about real false information like the flat earth theory. The FBI hasn’t raided any flat-earthers and seized their electronics. That’s because the false can be disproven and therefore holds no power. (It sort of makes you wonder if what they really fear is not the false, but the truth.) As we are discovering, life without intellectual freedom of expression is dull, boring, and full of anxiety. Not fun.

In reality, the left’s FMTS lunacy is about **obedience**. This is how it works: First, they tell you what speech is allowed. Then, if you run afoul of their rules, they punish you. Then they demand a public, humiliating apology in order to consider making the punishment stop. This



process reinforces their informational hegemony. Every time someone concedes and apologizes and humiliates him- or herself, the system is strengthened and perpetuated.

We need our old, free America back.

There is an easy way to end this corrosive insanity: just don't participate. In order for that to work, enough people have to reject the process. We are now seeing that happening. Elon Musk, Dave Chappelle, and others are rejecting this nonsense. Let's all do our part. We can do it by adopting the left's own mantra: "Speak YOUR truth, boldly and often."

And most of all, when attacked for exercising your God-given and constitutionally-guaranteed right, NEVER apologize, and never back down.

