



### SPOTLIGHT

#### ***Don't Let the Libs Redefine Hate Speech***

By Dale M. Glading

(This article was written in response to the relatively small but still significant number of liberal media commentators and news analysts who mischaracterized Charlie Kirk's biblical and conservative views as "hate speech". Perhaps the most egregious example is Matthew Dowd, who was fired by MSNBC for calling Kirk "one of the most divisive, especially divisive younger figures in this, who is constantly sort of pushing this sort of hate speech or sort of aimed at certain groups." Dowd went on to say that "Hateful thoughts lead to hateful words, which then lead to hateful actions," then adding, "You can't stop with these sort of awful thoughts you have and then saying these awful words and then not expect awful actions to take place.")

According to Wikipedia, "hate speech" is a term with various meanings and no single, consistent definition. Undaunted, Merriam-Webster took a stab at defining the phrase, calling it "speech expressing hatred of a particular group of people."

O.K. So far, so good.

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#### ***Glenn Beck Nailed It!***

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As I was listening to his radio program recently, Glenn Beck explained the dangers of gerrymandering better than anyone I have ever heard. I will try to do him justice by repeating a summary of his expert analysis.

The purpose of gerrymandering is for the political party in power to design congressional districts that have a healthy majority of voters registered to their party, virtually guaranteeing an electoral victory. In order to do so, the state legislatures often have to carve out grotesque-shaped districts that are an eyesore at best and an abomination at worst.

However, the real downside of gerrymandering is that it creates a massive number of "safe" districts across America's fruited plain. That is one of the reasons why Congress, which has an approval rating in the low teens, boasts a re-election rate above 90%.

In other words, gerrymandering creates safe districts which breeds mediocrity instead of statesmanship. Let me give you a personal example...

Try running for the U.S. House of Representatives in New Jersey's 1st congressional district as a conservative Republican, where a GOP candidate hasn't prevailed since 1972. You are a "no-hoper", which is exactly how the Burlington County Times described me when I ran against a nine-

term Democrat incumbent in 2008... and they were right. Despite receiving the endorsement of every major newspaper - including the extremely liberal Philadelphia Inquirer - and knocking on 10,000 doors while my opponent didn't enter the race until after Labor Day, I got trounced in the general election.

So what if he had used his wife as a placeholder while he ran for the U.S. Senate and lost? And so what if he had used campaign monies to fund family vacations to Scotland and the Jersey Shore, and to promote his daughter's acting ambitions with trips to Hollywood and Beverly Hills? Oh, and yes, so what if he had managed to obtain a \$600,000 federal grant for Rutgers University Law School's Admissions Department, where his wife was not-so-coincidentally the dean of admissions? All the voters cared about was that he had a "D" next to his name. And so, when he was forced to resign in disgrace three years later, the Democrat machine simply replaced him with another piece of the party apparatus.

In other words, gerrymandering creates safe districts which results in zero accountability.

Safe districts also create extremists, which was Glenn Beck's main point. If you are a Democrat running in a safe Democratic district, chances are you will be forced to run as far to the left as possible in order to win your party's primary. The same goes for

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## ***The Two-State Solution***

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No, not *that* two-state solution. After all, there never has been a nation called Palestine in human history, but there has been a nation called Israel for thousands of years. And so, I am not in favor of splitting the land God promised to Abraham and his descendants 4,000 years ago just to temporarily appease some displaced Syrians, Jordanians, Lebanese, Saudis, and other Levantine Arabs who want a place of their own.

However, I am 100% supportive of Assembly Joint Resolution 23, which was presented this week by California State Assemblymember James Gallagher. If enacted into law and approved by Congress, Mr. Gallagher's plan would split the Golden State in two, creating a 51st state.

Specifically, Gallagher's plan calls for the creation of a new U.S. state

comprised of 35 inland California counties, including most of Northern California, the Sierra Nevada, Central Valley and Inland Empire.

"The people of inland California have been overlooked for too long," Gallagher said in a media release. "It's time for a two-state solution."

I just love the way Assemblymember Gallagher used one of the Left's pet phrases against them, don't you?

A commenter on X went even further, posting the following: "From the San Andreas to the Sea, ditch the libs and you'll be free."

Touche!

If Gallagher's measure gains enough traction to force a vote, Gov. Gavin Newsom could lose 10 million residents overnight... and California would lose a bunch of electoral votes, too. So would Washington State and Oregon if the eastern counties of both of

those states "succeed in seceding" and join neighboring Idaho, with whom they have a lot more in common politically.

In fact, 13 of 17 Oregon counties where the question was placed on the ballot have already voted to secede and join "Greater Idaho"... and in three of the other four counties the measure only lost by less than 3%.

Forget about gerrymandering. Succession should be the Democrats' biggest concern because they have become a dwindling party limited to big cities, the Pacific coast, and the Northeast... and it's hard to win a national election that way.

(Now, if only my friends back home in South Jersey would rise up and overthrow the tyrants north of Trenton. Viva la Revolution!)

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the GOP. If you don't have a hard right position on every conceivable issue, you will be portrayed as a RINO... and you can wave "bye-bye" to the nomination.

And so, safe districts create left-wing radicals on one side and so-called right-wing extremists on the other. Put 220 of each in the House of Representatives and now you know why so little gets accomplished in Washington... and why our country is so polarized.

It would be far better, Glenn Beck

asserts (and I agree), to create as many balanced congressional districts as possible. That way, candidates of both parties would have to moderate a few of their positions, move to the center on others, and demonstrate both a willingness and an ability to reach across the aisle.

I say that as a "conservative to the core" Republican who refuses to budge on my core principles but is willing to negotiate on nonessential policy matters. You see, both Glenn Beck and I understand that in order for our great country to stop splintering apart at the seams and to come together instead, each side will have to give a little.

Throughout history, transcendent leaders from Thomas Jefferson to Otto von Bismarck adhered to the belief that "politics is the art of compromise". Once again, we're not talking about compromising on principles, but on policies. Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neill found a way to work together, as did Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich, and our country was better for it in both cases... so why can't we follow their lead?

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The Cambridge Dictionary gets a bit more specific, adding the following context: "public speech that expresses hate or encourages violence towards a person or group based on something such as race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation".

"Expresses hate or encourages violence." Most Americans would agree that encouraging violence is wrong, but the fact remains that expressing hate - while detestable - is still a constitutionally guaranteed right under the First Amendment.

But here is where the slippery slope toward Fascism begins.

The glaringly misnamed Encyclopedia of the American Constitution claims that hate speech is "usually thought to include communications of animosity or disparagement of an individual or a group on account of a group characteristic such as race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or sexual orientation".

"Communications of animosity or disparagement"? You mean, if I say that, as a Yankees fan I despise the Red Sox, I am guilty of hate speech? What's next? Can I be charged with hate speech by culinary colleges if I say that I don't like mushrooms or that shrimp are best used as bait, not as appetizers?

Even worse, look what happens when liberal institutions such as the United Nations get involved. All of a sudden, the definition of hate speech changes ever-so-subtly.

The U.N. says that hate speech refers to "offensive discourse tar-

geting a group or an individual based on inherent characteristics (such as race, religion or gender) and that may threaten social peace." Wow... now anything I say that can be construed as offensive to another person or group is deemed as hate speech. After all, "social peace" is our #1 priority.

What the U.N. really means is that submission to the authoritarian elite is our top priority, and anyone who refuses to acquiesce will be demonized and squashed like a bug.

Look out, the P.C. police are coming!

Now that the Progressives have tried their best to silence conservatives, the religious right, and evangelical Christians in particular by attempting to redefine terms like "hate speech", let me tell you what hate speech is NOT...

Telling someone that homosexuality is a sin is NOT hate speech. It is biblical truth (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26-27; I Corinthians 6:9-10; I Timothy 1:9-10; Jude 1:7) And doing so DOESN'T mean that you hate the person engaging in that particular sin. On the contrary, it means that you care enough about them to warn them of the spiritual consequences and to guide them to the truth... and the One who can set them eternally free.

Being pro-life and fighting to protect precious preborn children from being sacrificed on the altar of personal convenience is NOT hate speech. It is the very definition of LOVE speech.

Saying that men cannot give birth is NOT hate speech. It's merely common sense. It is also a biological, medical, and scientific fact. The same goes for opposing biological

men competing in women's sports or using their restrooms and locker rooms. It's not an anti-trans position... it's a PRO WOMEN position.

Believing that transgenderism is a mental illness is NOT hate speech. In fact, until it caved into political pressure and went woke, the American Psychiatric Association classified "gender dysphoria" as a mental illness called "gender identity disorder" that could and should be treated with counseling and/or medication.

Citing Bureau of Justice Statistics figures that show that 63% of violent crimes in America are committed by black men or that roughly 90% of black murder victims are killed by black perpetrators is NOT hate speech, nor is it racist. To me, true racists are the ones who sugarcoat the problem instead of trying to identify its source (which, at least in part, is fatherless homes caused by out-of-wedlock births) and solve it.

I could go on and on, but I think you get the idea.

Hate speech is wrong but so is attempting to redefine the term to purposely limit our First Amendment right to express divergent opinions. That is how despots and totalitarian governments - from Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, and Vladimir Putin in the Soviet Union to Adolf Hitler in Germany and Fidel Castro in Cuba - rose to power and maintained it.

Americans today are better than that and so were our Founding Fathers before us. They wouldn't have stood for such coercive nonsense, and neither should we.



## Falling Grades and Flabby Kids

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Americans spend between \$9,387 (Idaho) and \$33,437 (New York) per public school student, with an average of \$17,277 to \$20,387. That is the third highest expenditure per student among the 40 most industrialized countries in the world. Meanwhile, nationwide spending for K-12 public school education totals a whopping \$857.2 billion per year.

For that kind of money, one would expect American students to be leading the pack when it comes to worldwide test scores, right?

Wrong!

In 2024, reading and math scores for 12th grade students in the U.S. fell to their lowest levels on record according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), often referred to as "the nation's report card". Eighth graders, who were tested for science proficiency, also showed a steep decline, as did reading scores for fourth graders, another traditional benchmark.

Historically high per pupil spending and yet, historically low test scores. What gives?

"This means students are taking their next steps in life with fewer skills and less knowledge in core academics than their predecessors a decade ago," said Lesley Muldoon, executive director of the National Assessment Governing Board. "And this is happening at a time when rapid advancements in technology and society demand more of future workers and citizens, not less."

Maybe, just maybe, if we pried kids away from their phones, they would learn real communication skills. Limiting the amount of time they spend online or playing video games - especially the violent types that hooked Charlie Kirk's assassin, Tyler Robinson - would also be a step in the right direction, freeing them up to say, read an actual book.

I'm going to go out on a limb and say that burying their nose in a book by Charles Dickens, John Steinbeck, or Robert Louis Stevenson would broaden a young person's mind a good bit more than playing Minecraft, Grand Theft Auto V, or Call of Duty: Black Ops III.

While we're at it, how about forcing kids off the couch and into the great outdoors? Doing so would almost certainly reduce the number of cases of juvenile diabetes, obesity, and other chronic diseases that are causing children to miss valuable school days, while seriously compromising their quality of life and reducing their overall life expectancy.

Best of all, playing jailbreak or freeze tag in the backyard is free.

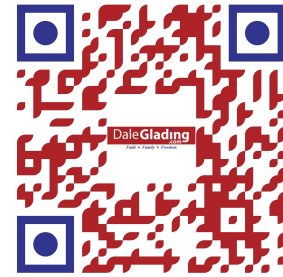
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