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THIS BULLETIN MAY NOT BE FOR EVERYONE. SO, IF YOU LEAN WAY TO THE LEFT OR ARE A BIT WOKE OR THINK P.C. IS FANTASTIC – TUNE OUT NOW. YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE OFFENDED. FRANKLY I DON'T CARE. HERE'S WHY. I'M A MEMBER OF WHAT IS LOOSELY REFERRED TO AS "THE SILENT MAJORITY." SO, WHAT'S THE GO WITH THAT? WELL, SILENT MAJORITIES AREN'T LITERALLY SILENT. IT'S JUST THAT MINORITIES ARE USUALLY MORE NOISY BY COMPARISON. 'THE NOISY AXEL GETS THE GREASE' THEY SAY. NOW, REGULAR READERS WILL KNOW THAT I RAVE ON ABOUT CHANGE AND THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE IT BEING TO CAUSE IT. THAT'S PRO-ACTIVE AND REQUIRES ACTION. HERE'S THE RUB. NOT ALL CHANGE IS FOR THE BETTER AND THE BEST WAY TO ALLOW BAD CHANGE IS TO IGNORE IT AND THAT'S WHAT THE SILENT MAJORITY IS GUILTY OF. FOR ALL ITS ALLEGED ILLS, COLONIALISM BESTOWED THIS COUNTRY WITH A RESOLVE THAT MADE US THE ENVY OF THE WORLD IN TWO SHORT CENTURIES. THE 21ST CENTURY IS A HOSTILE ARENA THAT ONLY THE UNITED AND STRONG WILL PREVAIL IN. WE ARE SURROUNDED (AND INFILTRATED) BY ADVERSARIES THAT WANT OUR MARKET SHARE, OUR LAND, OUR MONEY AND OUR FUTURE. SO, HERE'S A FEW THINGS FOR THE SILENT MAJORITY TO CONSIDER IN RELATION TO THE FUTURE.

We observers of the social dynamic have a unique advantage over previous generations of observers. I.T., social and MS media and the speed at which it facilitates change has allowed us to observe more of it in a couple of decades than previous generations witnessed in two lifetimes. The trouble is that younger folks, maybe not as schooled about the price that was paid to give them the luxuries they often take for granted, don't observe it as dispassionate bystanders. They get swept along with it. It offers instant gratification, the illusion of popularity, the consequences for iffy behaviour have been removed, authority figures emasculated and criticism forbidden. Thus, the PC factor. Cancel culture isn't new. In the late Middle Ages, the Inquisition would call a free thinker a 'heretic' and excommunicate you – or worse. Fast forward to Salem and if you were a female free thinker, you'd get called a 'witch' and burned at the stake or exiled. Then you were a 'commie' and black-banned. Now it's a racist, homophobe, misogynist, or even nazi. So, where's your energy allocated now? Maybe it's easier to remain silent. It's safer but only for a short time. I'm reminded of Martin Niemoller's immortal anti-apathy quotation: *First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out— Because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out— Because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out— Because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.* Silent majorities will let you down



"Political correctness is the modern fascism. It blurs healthy debate by bogging it down in arguments over protocol" – Doug Mulray circa 1990

THE POWER OF GRATITUDE OVER APOLOGY. It seems we've immersed ourselves in a swamp of guilt over history that no one alive played a part in. This holds us back and rather than celebrating diversity, we're creating division. The root word to either is "divide." The difference is how an integrated diverse group feels about the future. I'd argue that making the most of our country's future relies on a unified approach to it rather than a divided agenda. The history of the world is soaked in blood. How about we substitute agendas for gratitude for the fact that we fared better than most and now live in an enlightened era that, regardless of where you're from, you have relative comfort, safety, a longer life than at anytime in history and equal opportunity. Being grateful keeps you humble and prevents taking things for granted. Any living organism needs to be healthy at a cellular level if it's to enjoy a long life. If society was an organism, the 'cellular level' is the family. It spreads to the neighbourhood, then the community, the town, the country and ultimately, society. The notion of family is as iffy as the definition has become. One wonders whether youth crime, decency, violence and ignorance can't be traced back to the divorce rate, or the lack of commitment so many choose to define relationships by. We appropriated the wrong holiday from the Americans. Halloween means nothing to us unless you sell plastic pitchforks. We should have pinched THANKSGIVING and maybe we'd be whinging a bit less.



ROCKWELL'S immortal "Freedom from want" painting captures the spirit of gratitude and the strength of a cohesive family. That's the artist in the bottom right corner by the way.

FINALLY, WHAT OF THE FUTURE? We are where we are by virtue of the decisions we've made. Where we end up will depend on the decisions we make. So, either way you look at it, regardless of whether you're conservative or progressive, the only time that matters is NOW. The only place that matters is HERE. We are only as strong as what we are willing to tolerate. Tolerance involves sacrifice and I've observed that we've sacrificed a lot to allow for lifestyles and beliefs that were once considered immoral or insane. Now they're considered fashion statements and if you disagree, you're a bigot. Noisy minorities are clever. They manipulate language and distract focus away from ideals like tradition, discipline, decency and respect to inclusiveness, safety and false notions of love. Look at history. Empires crumble when they become apathetic. It doesn't happen overnight but rather insidiously. It starts with being comfy which becomes complacency and finally apathy. That's where silent majorities will be the death of us. If you're offended by crime, stupid politicians, studios peddling filth and woke agendas, you may be part of the silent majority. Find your collective voice and allow democracy to live up to its potential.

Hold your leaders accountable. They are PUBLIC SERVANTS. That means we can fire them.

If their policies aren't in our best interests, why shouldn't they be fired?

