

The Definitive Guide to Right Thinking

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Well, at least an outline of how I currently see the world...

Introduction

They say it is good to start with a little humor. So I did. Very little.

In fact, double humor. Besides the Hitchhiker's Guide reference (42), I am indicating this guide has changed almost every year! Hopefully, because I gained wisdom over the years and not because my thoughts get swayed easily!

I have some "harsh" opinions regarding politics and fake science (politics derived!). I have some radical opinions in history and religion. I would like to think they are the result of good research and sound thinking. But maybe not.

We are awash in an ocean of disinformation. It is hard to separate truth and fiction. I have collected information and tried to reach common sense conclusions.

I would like my arguments to be persuasive but persuasion is odd creature. It is easy to call the opposing positions "stupid" as they call my positions "stupid". That doesn't get anywhere. Separating truth and lie from facts is one of the challenges. Sometimes flawed logic gets in the way. But more often than not I think the challenge is called confirmation bias. That is often what is behind religious convictions. What happens with confirmation bias, is that one sees what they want to believe and ignores what contradicts it. It is often done without intending to do it and it affects everyone to some degree. So I may have some faulty conclusions because I get trapped in my own confirmation bias.

A starting point is my statements about the foundations of liberty. That would be followed by my description of the ideological war we are currently in. I like to call the opposition communism, although labels are usually quite inadequate. Call it neo-communism (more the Chinese model) or some brand of socialism. It boils down to freedom vs. slavery. Today's democrats fit my label of communists. Like the old lawyer joke, what do you call 1000 democrats at the bottom of the ocean? A good start. But this transition to communism has developed over time. In 1932 an editorial in the Chicago Sun Times noted how both democrat and republican parties platforms in 1932 more closely resembled the communist party platform in 1928 than either of their respective party platforms.

I will extend this introduction at a later date to include illustrations of confirmation bias (which I think largely explains the irrational support of man made climate change. I will add the concepts of liberty later. This page should give the reader insight as to why I see both democrats and republicans are anti-freedom but also why democrats today are communists.