

## THE ROOTS OF THE MODERN PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT

The roots of the modern progressive movement go back to The Age of Enlightenment. Beginning in the seventeenth century and continuing through the nineteenth. It was a time of radical change in the way that certain of the elite viewed the relationship between God, man and nature. The progressives came to reject the idea of absolute truth and to question the concept of good and evil. Some of the key philosophies they adhered to were:

- Deism
- Darwinism
- Pragmatism
- Deconstruction
- Eugenics

Deism sees God as the creator but teaches that understanding of Him comes from study of nature and reason. The deist feels that God does not interfere in human affairs and he rejects prophesy and miracles. Deists generally reject holy books as mans interpretation of God. Most denied the Trinity and the divinity of Jesus but did believe in a creator God.

Darwinism and its adherents believe that there is no Creator. They believe that random forces led to the beginnings of life and that random mutation and natural selection led to the diversification of species. The Darwinist holds that man is no different than other animals.

Pragmatism teaches that there is no absolute good or evil. Pragmatic thinkers believe that good and evil are matters of perspective. This belief allows virtually action to be justified.

Deconstruction holds that any text is open to interpretation. Those who believe this see all interpretations to be equal, what you read means whatever you want it to. This belief leads to the concept of a living Constitution that means whatever those in power say it does.

Eugenics is the belief that some people are worth more than others. It calls for the forced sterilization of undesirable people. It favors abortion and in some cases euthanasia. The founder of Planned Parenthood was a devote follower of the eugenic philosophy.

Some of the most important people in the enlightenment were:

- Friedrich Nietzsche
- Niccolo Machiavelli
- Charles Darwin
- Charles Sanders Pierce
- Sir Francis Galton

Some of the most prominent American Progressives include the following:

- Henry Ford
- John Dewey
- Upton Sinclair
- Margaret Sanger
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Woodrow Wilson
- Franklin Roosevelt
- Lyndon Johnson

The progressive movement is inherently opposed to American ideals and is a threat to our way of life it holds that the people as a whole are primary and that the individual rights of a person are unimportant in comparison. Calvin Coolidge who along with Ronald Reagan is one of the two demonstrably non-progressive presidents since the dawn of the twentieth century said “One man with the law on his side is a majority”. Progressivism has led directly to Fascism, Communism, Nazism, Socialism and all other form of totalitarianism.

Mussolini said “everything in the State, nothing outside the State, nothing against the State”. He also said “The State is me”. It is he who coined the term totalitarian. Many say that this can never happen here but we have been drifting from liberty toward tyranny for over a century.

Quotes progressives in their own words:

“The President is at liberty, both in law and conscience, to be as big a man as he can. His capacity will set the limit; and if Congress be overborne by him, it will be no fault of the makers of the Constitution ... but only because the President has the nation behind him and Congress has not.” Woodrow Wilson

“Government does now whatever experience permits or the times demand.” Woodrow Wilson

“Why should the Russians have all the fun remaking a world.” Stuart Chase

“A new commander in chief under the oath to which you are still bound, I reserve the right to command you in any phase of the situation which now confronts us” F. D. R.

“Whoever desires to found a state and give it laws, must start with assuming that all men are bad and ever ready to display their vicious nature, whenever they may find occasion for it.” Nicolo Machiavelli

"Children who know how to think for themselves spoil the harmony of the collective society which is coming where everyone is interdependent." John Dewey

“There are no eternal facts, as there are no absolute truths.” Friedrich Nietzsche

"It has now become a serious necessity to better the breed of the human race. The average citizen is too base for the everyday work of modern civilization." Sir Francis Galton

"I am concerned about the whole man. I am concerned about what the people, using their government as an instrument and a tool, can do toward building the whole man, which will mean a better society and a better world." Lyndon Johnson

What can be done to turn the tide and reclaim our country?

Educate

Agitate

Vote

Write

Phone

It is the responsibility of every Citizen to be vigilant and active in the defense of liberty. We have for too long sat back and let the “elites” take away our rights and property. It is time to shout from the rooftops and put a stop to it.

