

# Setting our youth's moral compass straight

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## Abstract

As with every new generation since the start of the 20th century, there have been doubts raised whether they are fit to inherit our society. Proposedly outlandish behavior, as described by each preceding generation for the new one, probably culminating in the 1960s sexual revolution, casted a big shadow of doubt from our parents and asked a fundamental question. Where are we heading? I am part of the millennial generation, which is next in line to "inherit the throne", and I see a great reason for concern. The West might be for the first time since the II World War in danger of betraying the very values that "bedrock it". The values which make it as prosperous as it has been. The values of freedom. Freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, economic and political freedom. The danger lies with sheer millennial ignorance, and the influence the Regressive Left has on them. The influx of unassimilated Muslim migrants and dumb economic policies. The result of which are the rise of the far-right and poverty. We as a society and we as young people about to inherit it, must set our moral compass to benefit us, not the people trying to manipulate us for their self-interest. We must pause and re-evaluate our morals. We must return back to the classical liberalism.

Keywords: Millenials, Regressive Left, classical liberalism, moral compass

## Povzetek:

Kot z vsako novo generacijo od začetka 20. stoletja, je bilo tudi s to veliko dvomov, ali smo sposobni podedovati našo družbo. Domnevno neprimerno obnašanje novih generacij, kakor so ga opisovale generacije prej, verjetno z vrhom v šestdesetih s seksualno revolucijo, je metalo veliko senco dvoma naših staršev in postavljalo temeljno vprašanje - kam gremo? Jaz sem del milenijske generacije, ki je naslednja na vrsti za "prestol" in vidim velik razlog za preplah. Zahod je morda prvič po II. svetovni vojni v nevarnosti, da izda vrednote, na katerih temelji. Vrednote, ki so Zahod naredili tako uspešen. Vrednote svobode. Svoboda govora, svoboda vesti, ekonomska in politična svoboda. Nevarnost leži v čisti milenijski ignoranci in vplivu regresivne levice. Priliv neasimiliranih migrantov in neumne ekonomske ideje. Rezultat katerih je vzpon skrajne desnice in revščine. Mi kot družba in mi kot mladi ljudje, ki jo bomo podedovali, moramo naravnati moralni kompas, da koristi nam, ne ljudem, ki nas skušajo manipulirati za svoje interese. Moramo se ustaviti in premisliti o našem moralnem sistemu. Moramo se vrniti h klasičnem liberalizmu.

Ključne besede: Millenialci, Regresivna levica, klasični liberalizem, moralni kompas

## **1. Introduction**

What do you think when you think of young people? Ignorant, too haste, rebellious, arrogant? More subjected to emotion than to reason? The morality of our youth seemed to be a problem since the dawn of humanity, but it rarely seemed to end up being a true problem. When is it truly alarming? When can we really accuse our youth of having bad moral judgment enough for it to matter?

The world is changing very fast. The world of today is very different than the world of 20 years ago. We now have the epitome of all human technology in a 10 cm device called the Iphone. Our parents had the Rubik's cube. Every single day there is progress made on all fronts. Science, technology, arts, humanities, etc. We are constantly upgrading, building, creating and the best of all, we know it all. The modern media lead by the Internet is making it very easy to get all the information you need, constantly. We are changing so fast, yet we sometimes forget a very important thing. Progress may also bring regress.

When it comes to youth, such "progress" can be dangerous. Since the start of the 20th century, each new generation was somewhat different than the previous one, but no one went too much outside the influence of their parents. This is the first generation in which the media might do it. It is concerning because it could mold the minds of our children, from the very early age they start using it, and up towards they try to start thinking for themselves. The situation might already be happening, as the Regressive leftist ideology is in charge of many if not most media outlets. The problem with the Regressive left? It is anti-freedom, and can cause many bad things. This paper will try to present a true cornerstone to every young persons moral system in libertarianism, how should it be applied and what obstructs it.

## **2. The modern Left's dangerous attitude to our youth's moral well being**

The biggest trend going on today is the youth's increasing anti-freedom stance. They seem to think that it is better to have complete equality, or in some cases, inequality (rise of the far-right), over a more free society. Not only is this opinion ignorant of its own outcome, it only serves a handful of people. It is a skewed moral system, mostly propogated by the modern, so-called "Regressive" left ( as most of their current policies are very "regressive" in nature), and as a result of their rise, the far-right.

Some argue that some leftist policies are good and therefore, "the ends justify the means". We can use media's and entertainment's industry's cultural influence to shape public opinions because ultimately the society will benefit from it. That seems to be the opinion of many youngsters nowadays, who for example are convinced that taking an pro-choice stance is the only moral decision, and try to shut down everyone else. That typically goes hand in hand with a plea for a bigger government (another leftist policy), that would control its people so that they would not do those immoral things. Without criticizing abortion here, we can clearly see that giving the government so much power for any reason is naive and has historically been proven to be counter-productive. There is a much greater chance of government corruption, than there is the one of every single individual.

Government is inefficient, because it has no competition when given full monopoly. That's why former communist and socialist countries like our own Yugoslavia collapsed. There was no capital being made, and economy crashed. Even though everyone could work and get free healthcare, the living standard was significantly lower than in the West, when these things

were not always provided by the government. We are most prosperous when we are free to do what we want with our money, even err. Singapore is a clear example of such thinking. They are a country with almost no natural resources and yet they are third in GDP per capita according to World Bank (2011-2015). They have one of the most pro-free market societies in the world and have one of the best standards of living.

Young people are being led by the left to be increasingly distrustful of the rich, and are buying the myth that somehow class in a capitalistic society is fixed, albeit countless success stories of transition from poor to rich exist. They are being sold stories on how corporations use their greed to control people and it is only for the government to fix it. Under the free-market system, people choose what they need and sell things which other need, according to demand, while under the socialist model, people get what the out-of-touch, sometimes corrupt and mostly ineffective government deems they need. But as Milton Friedman, a Nobel award-winning economist put it, "Indeed, a major source of objection to a free economy is precisely that it... gives people what they want instead of what a particular group thinks they ought to want. Underlying most arguments against the free market is a lack of belief in freedom itself." It is clear that the left is trying to manipulate young people's perceptions to gain power.

The other thing that comes with the modern left is their anti-free speech stance. Again, young people are being manipulated into thinking that only the left's morals are permissible and every other stance should be banned. The clear example of this is the modern "Third wave" feminism, which is incredibly hostile to other opinions. It's incredibly incoherent ideology is pushed on our youth through celebrities and media, telling them about the countless debunked gender wage gap in the West, while speaking nothing about the treatment of women in the Islamic world. Why is the Left so pro-feminist, even though the need for them has probably disappeared or is not as important as they would like it to be? So they can sell that they are pro-women, while the evil capitalistic, misogynistic patriarchy is stopping them from succeeding. We are already seeing the rise of the so called "hate speech laws", which sometimes intervene with our right of freedom of speech. The act itself may be immoral, but banning their right to say it, is again counter-productive. Freedom of speech is being attacked and sold to our youth as dangerous, while in reality it is the start of good ideas, and the end of bad ones. Freedom of speech provides a platform in which multiple ideas engage, and the best one wins. The left provides a platform in which a small group of people, often corrupted, decide which idea is right.

The left is manipulating young people's perception of reality and with it their perception of morality. They are telling them that certain liberties, like freedom of speech and economic freedom, should be limited because they may bring about immoral deeds (as interpreted by the left). But millennials need to realize, that every single limitation on these freedoms not only postpones the problem they are trying to solve, but also prevents progress and usually brings regress. We cannot have long-term economic growth without economic freedom, and we cannot have social progress without the freedom of speech. In essence, the left is selling millennials a system which is not moral, not good for the society, and not in any other way reasonable, other than for leftist self-interest.

### **3. The Age of Media, their bias and their manipulation**

Ronald Regan put it excellently when he said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought

for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same..." Freedom can surely be lost very quickly and the result of its disappearance can be catastrophic. If you want power you need the people, if you want more power you need to get rid of their influence. Politicians know that, and they also know that the youngest to enter the political scene are the most vulnerable. The appearance of the widespread modern media and the internet is accompanied by the people who want to use it. Julian Assange, the chief editor of WikiLeaks, claimed earlier this year that "(Google) is directly engaged in Hillary's Clinton campaign." It was claimed that Google is trying to get rid of all negative associations to Hillary or her campaign. The search engine auto-search is proposedly fixed to prevent users from getting a suggestion that puts Hillary in a bad light, like the accusation of being crooked. If you try typing crooked in the search box, you get a number of other suggestions not associated with Hillary, even though crooked hillary is by far the most searched. Google has released an official statement, which is quite shaky, saying that they have different algorithms to those of for example yahoo and bing. It was also revealed by Financial Times in 2014 that Google has for the first time in history surpassed Goldman Sachs, a leading multinational banking firm in political donations. Not to mention that Google was the main visitor during the left-wing Obama administration, reportedly visiting it more than once a week. All of that information on top of the Robert Epstein's chilling new study, on how the search engines can affect our choosing of candidates drastically, is quite frightening. Then we have the Facebook situation in which Facebook curators either admitted that they had some liberal bias or were instructed to choose trending stories from sources like CNN and BCC over Breitbart or Newsmax (Both right leaning). Even Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Facebook, was caught on hot mic talking with German chancellor Angela Merkel on censoring anti-immigration rhetoric on Facebook. But probably the most famous situation happened this summer, when right-wing journalist Milo Yinnapoulos was banned from Twitter for reportedly inciting hate and racism on Leslie Jones, a star in the 2016 Ghostbusters movie. Although Milo made no inherently racist or hateful comments, he was accused of motivating his supporters to do it. The ban is not only laughable because there is a very gray line between offensive and critique, but because Twitter does basically nothing to stop enraging and hateful feminists and social justice warriors. The liberal bias is also evident in some self-described centrist media outlets such as CNN or BBC. Especially in the 2016 USA presidential race, CNN is stepping up their Trump hatred, effectively posting exclusively negative Trump news every day, while largely ignoring or just skewing past Hillary controversies. Even more evidently, Time Warner Inc., who owns CNN, was and is a major contributor to the Hillary Clinton's political career. BBC on the other hand, should not allow such bias among them, as they are a publicly funded corporation, especially as United Kingdom is getting more and more right-wing in certain areas. But their bias is pretty evident as even their director of radio, Helen Boaden and many other, admit. Even here in Slovenia, the biggest newsbroadcasting stations, like 24ur and Svet are highly biased toward the left, reporting favourably to left-wing policies such as gay marriage and multiculturalism. There are countless examples around the world, but the fact is, that the overwhelming part of the mainstream media is very biased towards the left, consequently affecting many people's beliefs.

The other big influence on our youth is through the entertainment industry. More specifically, the dominant Hollywood industry, which is almost entirely left. In 2011, a political commentator Ben Shapiro wrote a book called *Primetime Propaganda*, in which he presented his experience with interviewing many of the biggest Hollywood producers, whom he also taped. Leonard Goldberg, a producer of many hit shows, like *Starsky and Hutch*, *Charlie's Angels* and *the Blue Bloods*, said that liberalism in the TV industry is "100 percent dominant, and anyone who denies it is kidding, or not telling the truth." Fred Pierce, the former president

of ABC said this when claimed by Shapiro that its hard for a conservative to break in, "I can't argue that point." Those who don't lean left, he says, "don't promote it. It stays underground." In most movies, conservatives are portrayed as racist, bigoted, homophobic, etc., while liberals are portrayed as friendly, smart and caring people. There are many leftist agendas that are very subtly pushed by Hollywood, including the issue of gay marriage and abortion. How many movies have you watched in which there was an anti-abortion message as opposed to a pro-choice one? That is despite the fact that around 50% of Americans are pro-life. Ben Affleck, Leonardo di Caprio, Beyonce, Kanye West, Steven Spielberg, and many many more big stars are fully left and have donated to the Democrats. That is not to say that there are no Republicans actors, like Clint Eastwood or Mel Gibson, but they are mostly given a free pass due to their age. There really is no question, the entertainment industry, leading with Hollywood, with its incredible cultural influence, especially to their vast young audience, is overwhelmingly left.

#### **4. Far-Right and the "Islamization" of Europe**

But with the media manipulation, there are still two other issues going on with the millennials. Perhaps not as big, but still relevant. They are the emergence of the far-Right and the influx of hostile Muslim migrants. They are both a direct consequence of the activity of the "Regressive" left.

The left is facing some backlash, mainly by the older voters, but also by the young, and its counterpart seems to be getting more and more right, even to the extremes. The only policy with which the Left has basically "shoot themselves in the leg" was their immigration policy. Their media was constantly telling us and manipulating on how we have to take in the immigrants, which they often described as refugees (although the number of actual refugees among them is debatable) because of moral reasons. It was clear to anyone with little knowledge that this is a tactic, probably to get more votes and to gain more working force in an increasingly older European countries. But what they did not want to account for was their incredibly different culture, sometimes even hostile to ours.

Some people are still denying the fact that the Islamic culture of the Middle east is not for our values. They do not support freedom, have some truly bigoted beliefs, and have their completely different take on how society should work. The mainstream media continued defense of the so called "moderate" muslims, who make up a large majority of muslims, is very different from the reality and people know it. That's why they are going back to nationalists, ultra-conservatives and even racists, because they are the only ones that stepped-up. There is a section of youth that is starting to lean to the far-right, mostly not very educated and mostly from conservative families. They do tend to hold more bigoted beliefs, for example explicitly against immigrants and Muslims and not against immigration or Islam. We can see that just by going on Facebook and doing a little search. The danger with the far-Right is that it is equally anti-freedom than the modern Left. The danger with Muslim immigration is that they are improperly assimilated under the Leftist policy of multiculturalism, and are thus creating their own "states within states" as seen all across Western Europe. If left unchecked, both the far-Right and the Islamization of Europe can do much harm, or even boost each other. The de facto policy of leftist European countries is not to criticize Islam or their culture, which is truly letting loose both problems.

#### **5. How can we reverse the trend?**

There is only one way to reverse the trend. Raise awareness. We have to be writing, speaking

and calling people out on these issues. We have to be active in our communities and not be afraid to speak. We have to be creating a movement for freedom and demand more freedom. We even have to challenge our teachers, parents, if they lack the moral compass. We still have the free-market, let's use it to create better media, better entertainment, better everything. There seems to be something "cooking" already, as right-wing, anti-political correctness, "pro-freedom" personalities like Gavin McInness and Steven Crowder are starting to take more young people for their cause. There is also Dave Rubin, a liberal host of the popular Rubin report, a show which runs on people's donations rather than any investors with their own interests, who sees the hypocrisy of the modern left and actively speaks against it.

## 6. Conclusion

The next generation in line are the millennials. They are as stubborn, ignorant, arrogant, rebellious as every generation before. But they face very different challenges. As people in the West used to be taught that freedom is worth fighting for, because it's good, our young ones are losing it. Their enthusiasm for changing the world is being used against them and against their moral progress. Some people want to control moral thought, so they can control us. We have to stand up to them and their bullying and establish a truly free society. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "Only virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become more corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters." Fighting for freedom should be the most moral thing young people do. Millennials, let's set our moral compass straight!

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