

# CITIZEN-SENTINALS' NEWSLETTER

## Do you speak LGBTQish?

By Judith La Montagne

Apparently the need for sex education in our society is greater than we knew. Ever since the appearance of the first man and woman on this earth, it was taken for granted that gender-wise "it takes two." Eve looked at Adam and remarked, "You're different from me. What is that funny-looking thing you have?" Eve was different from him, too. As time passed, they discovered that when they got together, it felt good and babies resulted.

Had the *New York Times* existed at that time, they would probably have written, "Scientists have discovered that any differences between the male and female bodies exist only in the mind. Each individual is free to decide what gender he/she wants to be." Or is it "hir", "xe", "hen", "ve", "ne", "per" or yet another made-up pronoun?

It was hard enough when we had to juggle the equal usage of "he" and "she" when writing in order to be politically correct.

In George Orwell's anti-apocalyptic novel, *1984*, Big Brother insisted that whatever he decided was the correct ideology would be accepted by all society. He and his henchmen decided, for whatever reason, that  $2 + 2 = 5$ ; therefore, that was public policy and could not be denied, except at one's own risk. Truth was not allowed. Life was pretty darn uncomfortable if one didn't accept what was taught." Today's LGBTQ is also deciding what is "truth". Never mind that two genders are logically present and have been since the beginning of human life.

Scientifically there are indeed some persons who

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At most, they represent 1 in 1,500 to 2,000 births in the population. Life is certainly difficult for them and, eventually, a decision has to be made as to whether they will go through life as male or female. The word “transgender” could truly be applied to them. It is doubtful that *these* people wish to call attention to themselves by asking others to use a special pronoun when referring to them.

In our society, it is always acceptable to believe what you want to believe whether it makes sense to others or not. That is your right in America and I have no quarrel with it. However, I do have considerable trouble with being forced to act or speak someone else’s beliefs. And that is *my* right. LGBTQ persons have no right to tell me what pronouns I should use when their physical body says otherwise. I’m not omniscient after all and I can’t politely ask them to undress.

It frequently happens in American society these days that the minority calls the shots. And if you don’t comply, you are called a bigot. According to Merriam-Webster’s intolerably devoted to his or

her own prejudices or opinions.” LGBTQs can certainly have differences of beliefs--even against long-standing traditions and what some would call facts. But they don’t have the right to impose those beliefs on others, nor should they exercise the power to force others to speak or believe in the same way they do. This fact is doubly true when the great majority prefer to believe otherwise.



According to the latest figures, there are fifty different pronouns to refer to LGBTQs. And we are supposed to know which one or ones to use for a particular person? Such change is literally impossible without causing offense. An effort might go something like this:

“Hi. I’m Jerry. I’m new here. Although I may look like a man, I’m really declaring myself female and I would like you to use “ze” whenever you refer to me.”

“Oh, I thought the correct pronoun was “hen.”

“No way. You had better refer to me as “ze”, or I will be very offended.” End of conversation--and possible friendship.

There are currently 50 different pronouns for transgenders, according to the New York Times. Even with the best of intentions, how is it possible to store in one person’s head different preferred pronouns for each LGBTQ you might like to befriend. It would be right up there in difficulty with learning the Russian language. It is not reasonable to insist on a pronoun change in behalf of each LGBTQ person on an individual basis. Also, it’s expecting a little too much from us to declare fifty or more forms of gender declaration.

So here is a polite message to all of our LGBTQ friends. Believe what you want about yourself and others in society. You do have that right. But do not demand that the rest of us learn a special language in order to speak to or of you, especially if we have been used in the past to using another pronoun when referring to you before you made your new decision.

Habits are very difficult to change.

# Are Facebook Censors Eroding Freedom of Speech?

By: Dennis Jamison

Deliberate removal of patriotic, conservative or Christian postings on Facebook or Twitter based upon some nefarious algorithms demonstrates either a broken set of identifying parameters or a deliberate effort at censorship. American citizens need to realize that their efforts to exercise their First Amendment rights via social media is at the mercy of those who control the algorithms.

This summer, Facebook removed textual content of the Declaration of Independence. According to Assistant Editor Christian Britschgi, writing for Reason.com on July 3rd of this year, the Facebook algorithm flagged and removed content consisting of much of the Declaration of Independence. It was considered “hate” content! So, if a founder like Thomas Jefferson can be banned from expressing his views on Facebook, America is in a heap of trouble if citizens rely on Facebook for upholding their First Amendment rights.

This is not just a resist Donald Trump campaign, as it is not just Donald Trump who is banned on Facebook! Such efforts are used to censor fundamental American values that serve as the foundation of our nation and that regular citizens hold dear.

Many conservative voices are muted - under similar labeling or identification processes, which flag and remove content, or place perpetrators in ‘Facebook jail,’ which means their posting rights are revoked for a period of time. Or, Facebook will remove the individual’s or group’s posting privileges or the Facebook page. In the case of the content featuring the Declaration of Independence, a local Texas community newspaper was guilty of violating of Facebook’s policies against hate speech by posting excerpts of one of America’s core founding documents.

Additionally, Editor Judi McLeod of Canada Free Press recently wrote on the banning of a pro-America music video of American patriot Lloyd Marcus.

He’s an American singer/songwriter, and a conservative writer, as well as the leader of many conservative efforts. According to the article, Marcus had created a new music video and intended to post it on Facebook on July 3rd. He shared that “Facebook rejected my Pro-America Christian July 4th music video. Marcus told Canada Free Press, “My wife, Mary, tried to purchase a boost ad on Facebook to promote the July 4th release of my “We Are Americans” music video. The video was rejected for “political content.”

This outright discrimination against pro-American values is happening too often in the United States.

Yet, who is monitoring Facebook with regard to their content police?

This may be the reason why Congress is investigating the social media giants on Capitol Hill.

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Facebook and Twitter routinely get away with such bias and discrimination on a regular basis. Each outlet has had a history of banning conservative and Christian writers or eliminating their postings on ideological constructs. Within the past year, Twitter and Facebook have created new policies that helped them to start banning some “controversial right-wing” personalities, like Lloyd Marcus.

The Facebook banning of the online content of Diamond and Silk became famous, especially after the two highly popular conservative women testified before Congress regarding their own experience with Facebook censorship. The two ladies testified under oath before a Congressional panel examining social media about their experience, and to counter a claim by Facebook’s Mark Zuckerberg that his company had communicated with the two, implying a common understanding between them. When Facebook eventually stated it regretted banning Diamond and Silk, it made it clear that Zuckerberg was lying (of course, he was not required to testify under oath).

Such actions against Lloyd Marcus or any other conservative writers or Christian enthusiasts, or other lesser known “deplorables”

will likely persist as long as these social media megaliths can get away with such outright discrimination. The mere fact that such social media monopolies can get away with it is shocking because it is a sign of the erosion of free speech to older Americans that remember what free speech truly meant. However, monopolies of thought content can be broken; it is hoped that true alternatives to Facebook and Twitter are emerging. Americans should investigate while there is still freedom of choice (not to be confused with “Pro-Choice”).

Several alternatives to such social media monopolies have been attempted, but one that is still in the formation stage is USA.Life. It is currently ramping up, but the concept behind the new social media platform is to elevate the social media arena into a next generation of social media outlets. It is the intent of founder Steven Andrew to provide an alternative to Christians and conservatives who suffer censorship on Facebook or Twitter.

According to the content on their current website the messaging seems as though all Christians and conservatives would want to take a hike away from the “Facebook Farm” and get behind such a grassroots effort.

What if you could go from censorship to freedom?



Imagine getting honest, real news instead of fake news. How secure would you feel knowing you can keep your privacy online? You won't be blocked at USA.Life for believing like our founding fathers.

After all, we know American beliefs are what make you safe, strong and blessed. USA.Life is for all people who love America, whether they are on the right or the left.

Regardless of whether American citizens see the reality of their freedoms being taken from them, their freedoms are being trampled upon in several different ways - the many examples of social media discrimination are just one area of the erosion of the freedom that the founders were willing to fight for, and even willing to die for.

The Founders created a new nation centered upon the vision and values that enshrined freedom for all. In 1620, the Pilgrims landed in North America after a long and difficult journey braving hurricane force storms to cross the Atlantic because they wanted nothing more to do with blatant and even deadly

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# Education in America

By: Ann Streit

*(This is the first in a series of articles on Education in America. We look forward the rest.) - Ed. Note*

Our government schools are graduating: voters who are unprepared to self-govern, legislators who don't understand our Constitution or history, journalists who no longer seek or report on the truth, and scientists who put public policy and consensus ahead of facts, and entertainers who create movies and TV programs that stand in opposition to the values we treasure, all while lecturing us on their moral superiority.

A June 2018 Gallup poll reports only 47% are extremely proud to be American. In our own schools, our children are taught that we are an oppressive nation, founded by rich, white slave owners, and that socialism is preferable to the free market.

Our Founding Fathers understood the importance of education. The Northwest Ordinance encouraged education: "Religion, morality, and knowledge, being

necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." Our enemies understand the value of



education. The Communists, the Marxists and the Islamists seek to control the minds of our children. The Fabian Socialists determined that it was easier to indoctrinate a child in socialism, than to force it upon a well-educated, liberty-loving populace.

Education is a winning issue for candidates. You would be hardpressed to find a voter that believes failing schools are good or that indoctrination is preferable to education. Hope for their children's future unites rich and poor, black and white, Democrat and Republican.

In the next issues, you'll learn about education ranging from

Common Core to Social Emotional Learning.

"The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next." attributed to Abraham Lincoln.

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persecution against their desire to worship God in their own way. With their lives they planted the seeds for a free land to grow on this continent.

Today, Americans should ask whether hearings in Congress will truly help them to break free from the obvious discrimination of social media monopolists, or whether they should take action themselves.

It's possible for this generation of Americans to break out of their comfort zones of leisure in the "land of the free" that was handed to them, to make a determined move to a new realm of social discourse?

The future of freedom of speech depended more upon the people than upon government in 1776.

Will enough Americans care enough about freedom of speech in 2018?

# A True Investment

By: Horace Greenberg

Below is the Naturalization Oath of  
Allegiance to the United States of  
America

*"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."\**

The Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America is not only a statement of commitment, it is an investment in the future lives of our newest citizens!

On July 4 last, it was a windy and bright day in Seattle in more ways than one! It was so special because on that day, America's Independence Day, an annual Naturalization Ceremony was held at Seattle's Seattle Center, near Key Arena where some 500-1,000 people attended to witness where some nearly 200 people individuals took the Oath of Allegiance to become the newest, legal citizens of these United States of America! There was definite sparkling joy brightening the day when many political leaders welcomed them, as well. As part of some thirteen volunteers representing conservatives sponsored by Family Policy Institute, I had the pleasure of interviewing many of this special group as they circulated Seattle Center at the conclusion of the ceremony.

That day was special for all of the volunteers too! We treasured the opportunity to welcome them, register them to vote, present them with American flag pins and other memorabilia as they celebrate, and help us treasure this special moment with them to commemorate this massive step in their lives.

Each worked hard for this special moment. They each understood the importance of the ceremony; we could see it in their eyes. They also understood that freedom is not free and it comes with responsibility. It is an investment like buying a home. Each now has made a down payment in their future with the Oath and learning about our U.S. Constitution. They now seek to obtain and retain their freedom by understanding what regular civic responsibilities they have now. These responsibilities or "installments to their investment" mean participating by performing such civic duties as voting, paying taxes, and jury duty.

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It means respect for law and order. It also means communicating with those representatives in government who serve you. It can mean running for office!



I realized that for many of us, we take so much for granted that we are so lucky. I understand we have a constitution which was created and enacted to fit the needs of our people. It is dynamic. It was created to prevent the instability which many of these new citizens sought to escape from in their homeland. That is why this event was such an achievement for them!

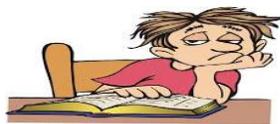
Many, who we had interviewed to describe their feelings, felt that this process was truly the only proper way to become a citizen. They truly understand that their sacrifices were worth it!

America needs these citizens. These people know that citizenship is a process of growth and development for

them as well as for our country.

Each one of them appreciates this opportunity with full knowledge that there is a cost to freedom. It is an investment with responsibilities but and the dividends are priceless.

Welcome to the United States of America!



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# Physical Geography

By: Arnold Guyot

*(This was written in 1873. – Ed. Note.)*

Each continent has, therefore, a well-defined individuality, which fits it for an especial function. The fullness of nature's life is typified by Africa, with the superabundance of wealth and power of animal life; South America, with its exuberance of vegetation; and Australia, with its antiquated forms of plants and animals.

In the grand drama of man's life and development, Asia, Europe and America play distinct parts, for which each seems to have been admirably prepared.

Truly no blind force gave our Earth the forms so well adapted to perform these functions. The conclusion is irresistible – that the entire globe is a grand organism, every feature of which is the outgrowth of a definite plan of the all-wise Creator for the education of the human family and the manifestation of His own glory.

