

People and Words.

Who will combat the rich and powerful American brologarchs who blatantly hoard their power and wealth while openly and shamelessly paying the President millions of dollars to collect more staggering amounts of power and wealth?

As the workers work daily, no matter their health or situation, to collect meager paychecks barely covering their ever-rising costs, who will rally those workers to protest? Their Unions are mostly busted, and their debts tie them to routines they cannot stop. So, who will tell them they must all go on a National strike to regain the power they have relinquished over the decades?

Who will pay their bills and buy their food while they're on strike?

Yes, smart yet independent people abound, but most glance over their shoulders to see if they're being hunted. The threat of physical violence is real, and not aligning allegiance to the main political movement comes with the danger of the cancel culture's power.

Some brave people cannot follow mean, selfish, egotistical, power-hungry, wealth-hungry, lawless liars. These brave, intelligent, experienced, independent people who openly opposed others by doing what's right, obeying the rule of law, and following the Constitution without fear are being told they're no longer necessary. They were put out to pasture.

In the human family, billions of humans use words to communicate. Within the humanities, there are, in excess, 7,000 languages being spoken. Within those 7000 languages, there are intelligent and unintelligent people. Unintelligent people are often knowledgeable about crafts, trades, and aspects of life not taught in schools.

When the President, or one of his allies or critics, speaks, we must also ask what's being heard.

Were the majority of people who voted even listening to the candidates? Or were their

distractions so seductive and life-affirming that they would instead choose a liar, barely qualified to lead because of the misinformation being relayed that is translated into being true?

People who speak multiple languages hear words that are not native to them and translate them to their native language; then, to reply, they reverse the process to the language the other person understands best. But oftentimes, significant meaning is lost in translations.

We never meet super wealthy people. We never meet highly intelligent people. We never meet those who head our banks, the hedge fund leaders some invest their money with, or the generals who run our armed forces. Instead, we meet plebes like ourselves and play the game of who's more intelligent and knows best. This master game uses the information pouring into our minds from the algorithms built into our social media apps, news feeds, and internet browsers. Those who agree bolster those speaking and those who don't agree are shunned, shamed, or ostracized. The same is true for non-wealthy people talking to wealthy people or poor people talking to privileged people with higher educations. Each translates what they know to what they believe the person they're talking to can understand.

We learned words from our social sphere as we grew up. Teachers taught us new words, and our vocabulary grew as we did. Science, law, research, space, mathematics, sports, and academia all produce words, sentences, and paragraphs that only make sense to those in the same fields but will seem like a tossed word salad to others.

Hearing computer talk often confuses people. "Open your browser" was a classic phrase often misunderstood, with a technical person believing everyone knew what a browser was, which frequently caused consternation to those with no idea what a browser was.

New generations bring new meaning to old words and acronyms. However, since people tend to stay within their generation, tribes, or neighborhoods, new rarely affects old unless there's a reason to reach across multiple groups, generations, or cultures.

Prior generations never believed the government would lie to them. Then, a generation learned that their government had lied to them, and trust was lost. As the internet grew, many believed it would level the educational disparities in the world, and while that did happen, social media applications brought predators, unfettered lies, meanness, and hatred. Social media apps became predators, too, and lied about their hidden algorithms, lack of controls, and built-in agendas used to control their members. Soon, instead of people wondering what other lies were being told, lies became rampant and went unchecked.

Money and power are addictive to rich, power-hungry people and groups, and those people aim their greed at the most gullible people. Even the educated middle and upper middle class are considered uneducated by highly educated people and, therefore, gullible prey by wealthy, power-hungry people. Keeping people in debt is a near-perfect way to keep people controlled. People never own their homes, and if you doubt that statement, try not paying your property taxes. The government's ability to auction your home enhances the effectiveness of its power. However, those in power know of a trait in their followers that allows them to be controlled. That trait is defined as anticipatory acceptance, and once people believe the leader's first lie, the second lie is easier to swallow until, finally, everything the leader or his assistants say is true. Once the broligarchs, whose fortunes and power never seem to be enough, joined the government, and since those broligarchs control all input to the minds and lives of their followers, including the television they watch, social media, banking, taxation, loans, and

housing, the herd was finally corralled. Within the corral, spies are deployed to keep checks on herd members, and those intent on agitation and disruption will be culled from the herd.

The corral is secure. The herd is caught. The gate is closed and locked.

How will people distinguish truth from lies? And will people ever be heard from again?

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