

Leftist Lexicon Word of the Week

Once upon a time, Americans could be counted upon to be knowledgeable about our system of government and all the ins and outs of it. Today, you're more likely to find someone who knows all of the winners of "American Idol" than who can name at least 3 Supreme Court Justices, living or otherwise.

What happened? I blame disco.

Actually, I blame the loss of attention to civics (although I'm not convinced disco didn't have a hand in it, what with its boogie oogie oogieing and such). Sometime in my lifetime, people stopped caring about our government, which has given rise to a lot of misinformation about the way the government works, or doesn't work as the case may be. And, as you might guess, the Left benefits from this ignorance in many ways.

So, let's take a look at the c-word, shall we?

civics

What the Left believes it means – knowledge of our government and its role in our society

What it really means – knowledge of our government and what it's allowed to do

To see a real-life example of the problem I'm talking about, check out this [tweet](#) from Senator Chris Murphy from Connecticut.

Important: if Trump stops paying insurers, rates for EVERYBODY go up – not just for people on ACA exchange plans. Get ready, America!

To hear the good...ish Senator tell it, President Donald Trump

is going to be kicking old ladies, invalids, and children off their health insurance in the middle of Siberia during the coldest winter season ever. One tiny problem there, Chris: The President doesn't allocate money. That's Congress' job. You know, Congress, that legislative body of which you are a member? And let's not forget the fact Congress didn't approve appropriations for these insurance plans, thus they might have been going away faster than the audience at a Yoko Ono concert. Fortunately, some people who understand civics tweeted the truth to him. Unfortunately, too many people bought into the Senator's tweet without question.

Oh, and did I mention Senator Murphy is a Democrat?

I'm not saying all Democrats are clueless about civics, but let's just say there are more Democrats who wouldn't pass a citizenship test than there are who would, even if they were allowed to cheat off the papers of foreigners wanting to become US citizens. Therein lies the crux of the problem: caring enough about America to learn about its system of government. The Left loves America so much it wants to reform it into a more perfect union...under Leftist ideology. And with Leftists like Senator Murphy at the helm, there's no way it could wind up badly, right?

Yeah. The captains of the *Titanic*, the *Hindenburg*, and the *Exxon Valdez* would like a word with you, Senator.

The Left has a healthy disdain for civics because it establishes we are a nation of laws, meaning American citizens have recourse against individuals and/or the government should there be a breach of law. These laws also establish a process that needs to be followed to address situations, change existing laws, or generally get things done. In other words, civics teaches us the rules of the game. As we've seen within the past, oh, year or so, the Left isn't big on the rules. They think if a rule is unfair (even one agreed upon before the game/election started), it should immediately be nullified

and their preferred result be accepted. Put another way, the Left believes we should be a nation of whims instead of law. That would be like letting a seven-year-old have a no-limit credit card and releasing him or her in a toy store.

Or, like Congress right now.

The thing to remember when dealing with Leftists and their ignorance of civics is they will make up any reasoning they need to in order to advance their ideas. Take the nonsense with the 25th Amendment, for example. The Left keeps bringing it up as an option to remove President Trump and demanding Republicans and the Trump Cabinet act on it to put the country before the GOP. Although the Left sounds intelligent on this subject, they aren't. In order for their whims to be made real, it would require a majority of Trump's Cabinet to send something to Congress in writing stating President Trump was unfit to serve. That would mean the Left would be using the rule of law to force the rule of whims, all under the guise of loving the country and the process.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The Left's push for the 25th Amendment being invoked is the definition of putting party above country, not the reverse, and it shows their contempt for civics as a whole. Whether it's their support of Black Lives Matter (especially the ones who want to kill police officers) or their belief impeaching Donald Trump would automatically install Hillary Clinton as President, I can't believe it's ignorance at this point. They simply do not care about the way things are done, nor are they interested in the process to change the way things are done. The Left prefers to undermine the country and the rule of law through open contempt and subtle propaganda than to play by the rules as written. And let's not forget, it wasn't that long ago that Democrats had control of Congress and the White House, but they didn't bother to try to change the rules. They decided to act on their whims, which gave us Obamacare, and I think we know how poorly that worked out, right?

The way to combat this is to bone up on your civics and share your knowledge. You won't be able to convince the Senator Murphys of the world, but you may be able to convince people who are on the fence. These are the people who are key to making civics cool again, or at least cooler than it is now. Then, it will be harder for the Senate Murphys of the world to pretend they know what they're doing because there will more and more people calling them out on their distortions.