

College, the brain-masher

America's university system needs to be shrunk, not expanded. There are already way too many colleges with way too many people in them going deep into debt to earn degrees in useless and ridiculous pseudo-subjects.

That doesn't stop Democrats from beguiling the intellectually defenseless with promises of free tuition, at least at community colleges, for everyone who wants to go, plus various schemes for forgiveness of student debt. The means that those who incurred the debt won't have to pay it; this trillion-dollar burden (not an exaggeration) will simply be tossed onto the backs of taxpayers whose country is already \$18 trillion in the hole. But what's another thousand billion?

"Free tuition" means more students pouring into college, more college buildings erected, more professors and instructors hired—lots more—and more pensions to be paid. It also means many thousands more people kept out of the work force. Oh, well, the jobs are drying up anyway, so, as Careless Clinton likes to say, what difference does it make?

Once they get into our overgrown higher education system, what will all those new freebie students be learning? Two recent examples of what they are learning, or not learning, make the point.

At the University of Houston, the vice president of the student government was suspended for repeating the now-forbidden words, "All lives matter". This harmless truism, about as confrontational as a fortune cookie message, was denounced by the university authorities and other idiots as "unthinkably offensive." And not only was the young woman suspended; she was also sentence to do time in a "diversity workshop" where she will learn to say only what everybody else says and think only what everybody else things. "Diversity" is

college-speak for enforced uniformity.

Silly girl—didn't she know that only black lives matter? Well, they'll make sure she gets the message. Or else.

We know the colleges are good for delivering a certain kind of message. In a poll taken by Harvard University, of a thousand "millennials" aged 18 to 29, a majority (51 percent) of those young people said they now "reject capitalism" and the free market economy.

How about that? Year after year, day after day, of left-wing indoctrination really works! Tell 'em often enough that capitalism is "unfair," racist, homophobic, a catalyst of dreaded Climate Change, blah-blah, and eventually they'll believe it. They'll lose the ability to challenge these claims: no question will ever cross their stunted minds. The teachers do to brains what horticultural artists do to bonsai plants.

But as if to demonstrate that a college education is a great tool for addling the brain, the same poll found that only 33 percent of those millennials favored... socialism! The poor little college critters don't know what they want—unless it's more free stuff and a long life of sitting around unemployed, texting and playing videos games.

These, of course, are only two isolated incidents out of thousands of other incidents exactly like them, nationwide. If you're looking for something to turn your offspring into confused, ignorant, angry, idle, and unemployable dingbats, you just can't beat a modern college education. If five years of Gender Studies don't turn a student's brain to mush, I don't know what will.

Intellectual disarmament is not a good thing for any individual.

For an entire nation, it will prove disastrous.

I have discussed these topics, and others, on my blog, <http://leeduigon.com>, throughout the week. Please stop by and read! All it takes is just one click to get you there.

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