

# The Silly Season



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Newspaper editors, including me, used to call it “the silly season,” that stretch of time between Fourth of July and Labor Day. People went on vacation, the politics simmered down, and most of our material was goofy stories that wouldn’t have been reported during the rest of the year.

We still have a silly season, only now it seems to be year-round. A lot of people are saying and doing things that are just plain silly. For instance:

A group in Oregon wants to set up segregated hiking trails in the state forests so that [Cherished Minority hikers won’t have to face the risk of running into “prejudiced” people](#) while shambling around in the deep woods. They want hiking trails reserved for—I quote—“underrepresented adventurers who are plus-sized and fat, Black, Indigenous, persons of color, queer, trans, non-binary, disabled, neurodivergent [whatever the dickens that means], and beyond...” Beyond what? Sanity? Coherence?

If they want to see someone with a load of “prejudice,” any mirror can show them a perfectly adequate specimen.

Meanwhile, Far Left Crazy is up in arms against a movie, [“The Sound of Freedom,” starring Jim Caviezel as a federal agent](#) who resigns his post to devote himself to combating child sex trafficking. Hollywood and Disney didn’t want this film, they sat on it for five years, so the producers went out there on

their own and behold—"Sound of Freedom" is a smash hit.

Why do leftists object to a movie attacking child sex trafficking? Does it hit too close to home? Is there some key difference between sex trafficking and the sexual grooming practiced by "educators" in our public schools, with the enthusiastic blessing of the teachers' unions? I mean, they're acting awfully guilty, aren't they?

I don't believe the current rumor that theater owners are turning off their air conditioning to suppress this movie's box office. But it's not *that* unbelievable. Who knows what kind of pressure that groups like the monstrously misnamed "Human Rights Campaign" is putting on the theater owners? That's the part that's not at all hard to believe.

Finally, in a towering display of silliness, [the Obamas have been cranking out tweets about how oppressed they are](#). They were seen doing this aboard a luxury yacht in Greece—with Tom Hanks aboard as their tame celebrity, and later at a five-star restaurant.

If this is oppression, where can we sign up for it?

Finally, these past two days have seen several reports of President (sic) SloJo yelling and cursing at his staff behind closed doors. Ordinarily our Free & Independent Nooze Media wouldn't report this story: wouldn't want to make Uncle Joe look bad. The fact that they're reporting it now makes one wonder how anyone this silly could be elected to any kind of public office. This, of course, is a silly season that started in 2020 and has been running ever since.

So you can't escape the Woke crowd by hiking into the heart of a dense forest, or going to a movie, or just noodling around on social media: these kooks are everywhere. [Honorable mention to Boston's first openly socialist councilwoman, who a few days ago crashed her car into a house for no reason known to anyone. She survived to continue her role in governing the

city.] They have infested our government at every level, local, county, state, and federal.

None of this, by the way, can happen without our leaving our children in the clutches of (ahem!) “public education.”

Pull all the kids out of those schools, and watch the Woke just up and die.

I have discussed these and other topics throughout the week on my blog, <http://leeduigon.com/> . Click the link and drop in for a visit... maybe while you're hiking in the woods. My articles can also be found at [www.chalcedon.edu/](http://www.chalcedon.edu/) .

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