The Most Dangerous Cult in America

What is a cult? According to Dictionary.com, a cult is ...

a particular system of religious worship, especially with reference to its rites and ceremonies.

Other definitions of a cult:

An instance of great veneration of a person, ideal, or thing, especially as manifested by a body of admirers. A group having a sacred ideology and a set of rites centering around their sacred symbols.

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Religious cults are the ones that most of us are familiar with. What is the difference between a religion and a cult?

A religion IS a cult that has achieved enough power and influence to force others to call it a religion instead of a cult.

Nonreligious cults can be any group of people who worship a person, thing, or ideology.

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Now that we have that out of the way, let's get down to business:

Which cult is the most dangerous in America?

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Imagine the perfect storm: a religious cult (Evangelical Christianity) that joins forces with members of a hideous ideology (oh, say like ... the Confederacy), and is financed by the greediest individuals of the filthy rich.

Well looky there ... we've just described the basic internal structure of the modern American Conservative movement: a cult that is the greatest threat to America's future, that has existed since the Civil War.

"Conservatism" cannot be simplified into a one-size-fits-all description. It is not one group. It includes people from all walks of life. But the groups singled out above are the major players who have joined forces to make up the modern movement; and they possess a remarkable ability to infect certain types of people with their beliefs, even though those people don't necessarily identify with any of those groups.

Conservatives, by definition, attempt to hold back the advance of civilization; and in 21st America they are doing one hell of a job. No foreign enemy has ever come close to causing the damage to America that the Conservative movement has caused, and continues to cause:

By blocking Medicaid expansion many thousands will die ... yet none of these politicians will see the inside of a prison.

The religious wing relentlessly attacks science education because science has proven to be an unbeatable foe which demolishes many of Christianity's most cherished ... bullshit stories.

Conservatives constantly attack the First Amendment (their greatest enemy), while furiously waving the flag in one hand, in a display of phony patriotism; and in the other hand, they are just as furiously waving their Bibles as they openly agitate for a "Christian Nation."

The filthy rich have used Conservatives to decimate the world's most powerful economy by grabbing nearly everything they could legally steal ... yet none will see prison, and in fact, most have received gigantic bonuses on top of their already obscene incomes.

The NRA continues to be indirectly responsible for the slaughter of thousands of Americans each year (including many children) ... yet none have seen the inside of a cell; instead they spend most their time cruising the Caribbean in their yachts, paid for by every knucklehead who is scared into buying a gun. They are death merchants who succeed by promoting and exploiting fear. That's why it is in their best interests to keep the blood flowing - it keeps the yachts filled with young babes.

The U.S. military continues to spend more money than the next 14 countries combined. It uses our taxes to kill hundreds of thousands of people around the world while keeping America in a near constant state of war ... yet none are court martialed and sent to prison.

And when democracy doesn't go their way, they resort to that time-tested cure-all ... violence. Some examples of that violence are: murdering abortion doctors and bombing health clinics.

SUMMARY

Conservatism is the most dangerous cult in American history. It has its roots in evangelical Christianity and the Confederacy. It is powered by the greediest of all Americans.

Note: simply being rich and successful does not automatically make you an evil person. You must add in 2 ingredients: 1) greed, and 2) actually taking political action to legalize the redistribution of wealth upward.

Conservatism's main propaganda arm is Fox News which maintains a zombie-like influence over its brainwashed followers, who are trained not to believe, or even subject themselves to, other sources of information. Fox lies openly, knowing that their loyal followers, even when confronted with the truth, will not desert them ... but defend them. Unlike actual news organizations, Fox only presents one side of an issue, and they demonize those with whom they disagree. They divide families across America much like the Civil War did 150 years ago.

Every sign of a brainwashing cult is embodied in the Conservative movement. Their victims are impervious to logic, reason, and facts. We've all tried. I know that nearly everyone reading this, here at The Daily KOS, has experienced the frustration of trying to reason with them, only to hear the inevitable, pathetic attempts to rationalize away, inconvenient truths and facts. Disinfecting those who have been brainwashed is a nearly impossible task.

There is only one solution ... the spread of critical thinking skills (available for free on the internet). Until that happens, those under the spell of the cult will continue to be willing puppets who will mindlessly vote against their own best interests ... and ours.

The Citizens United decision in 2010 stole our democracy from under us and replaced it with a plutocracy (rule by the rich). Enlightening the electorate with critical thinking skills is the only way to get our democracy back.