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Conservatism and Censorship

by Joe Escobar - Friday, April 11, 2014, 11:52 PM

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Liberal, Conservative, and Media

by Joseph Foley - Saturday, April 12, 2014, 11:52 AM

I found the article on defining conservatism to be very interesting. The article had several points that stood out to me. I particularly liked this paragraph, "The researchers said that conservative ideologies, like virtually all belief systems, develop in part because they satisfy some psychological needs, but that "does not mean that conservatism is pathological or that conservative beliefs are necessarily false, irrational, or unprincipled." I could see this being true from most Americans's political leanings, whether conservative or liberal. Psychology certainly plays a role in our leanings, and either side can bring up valid points if backed by accurate research.

Environment, upbringing, life experience, and even cultural experience will lead us in a particular direction politically. I find myself somewhere in the middle, but I enjoy hearing from both sides of the fence. My concern is that many of our citizens are picking up all of their information, data, and talking points from our media. I hear a lot fallacy filled stereotypes when Americans bicker about

stereotypes and politics. I can see the ad hominem fallacy in argument consistently used by conservatives, liberals, all media, and even conspiracy theorists. We begin to focus on fears or so called beliefs that may not have anything to do with the political issue at hand. It seems to be easier to bash the opposition, instead of backing your point with factual information.

It has been eye opening to learn about the origins of our sensationalist media in magazines and newspapers in the early 20th century. I think that today's media plays a big role in where citizens think they stand politically. With the undertone of making profits and viewers, accuracy is not at the forefront for current media. Whether you watch Fox or CNBC, you get one extreme or the other. You will hear a whole lot of mudslinging about the other side, and not much focus on the facts. The all ready engrained psychological stance in all of us tends to fire off in one direction or another as we witness the sensationalism in media. Unfortunately they typically repeat the false information they discovered.

Whether it is a liberal calling a conservative a fascist, or a conservative calling the Affordable Care Act Obamacare or Universal Health Care. Either point is completely false. All of our debates seemed to be based on falsified media information as apposed to accurate research. I'm not surprised when I see to Americans of opposite political spectrums aimlessly debating, basing their arguments on regurgitated fallacies.

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Making it hurt



by Daniel Hovet - Saturday, April 12, 2014, 1:08 PM

I've noticed that trend as well. Much of the time, those debating something, especially something in the public eye, do not seem particularly interested in "finding the truth" or "getting to the heart of things"- they're too busy marshalling an attack against "the enemy"- i.e., anybody who holds another view. This is true of all sides. Too often debate descends into score-settling, gotcha politics, sticking it to your opponent and making it hurt... and we are the ones who come off the worse for it.

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Stereotypes and the complexity of censorship



by Dalyn Stram - Monday, April 14, 2014, 4:24 PM

I don't mind coming right out and stating that I would describe myself as following the conservative/libertarian line on most issues. Not all issues, but most of the time, that's where my beliefs and values lie. So this forum jumped right out and grabbed my attention. I agreed with some of the article's points, disagreed with even more of them, but more than anything, I was probably more shocked than anything (even though I realize nothing should shock a person anymore in today's world). I took issue starting with the very first sentence. "Politically conservative agendas may range from supporting the Vietnam War to upholding traditional moral and religious values to opposing welfare." Do conservatives support upholding traditional moral values? Yeah. Religious values? Sure. But opposing welfare?

That sounds more like an attack from a politician on the campaign trail or a media outlet trying to paint a false picture of conservatives to gain votes or mislead the public. In truth, I know of few conservatives who honestly oppose welfare in its entirety. What conservatives oppose, myself included, are the welfare programs fraught with fraud, which spend more and more taxpayer money each year with no end in sight. Such programs grow nearly every year, despite the given objective that welfare programs are supposedly designed to pull people out of poverty. More than anything, the differences in views on welfare comes down to how a person views government and the role of government. Multiple studies have shown that houses headed by conservatives give 30% more to charity than those headed by liberals (link to the article provided below). In my opinion, the liberal wants government to force people to support welfare by taking money out of their paycheck. To an extent I support this idea; I have no problem with the government taking a small portion out of my paycheck each month to help those who *truly* need assistance. In contrast, the conservative feels welfare should be more of a personal choice, and studies show that conservative do in fact give willingly. With this evidence in mind, the “bleeding heart liberal” stereotype may seem false. Conservatives are the one who actually donate their time and money when left to their own devices; liberals merely do it because the government tells them to. It’s more of the idea, and less of the actual action of sacrificing time/money/energy.

The more I read the article, the more I was convinced that the authors simply wanted to bash conservatives, but by doing it as “academically” as possible. A favorite sentence of mine was “The researchers’ analytical methods allowed them to determine the effects for each class of factors and revealed ‘more pluralistic and nuanced understanding of the source of conservatism’...” Ahh, those “analytical methods”....as long as you throw that in, you can make a case for anything, even while sounding totally bogus. Too bad the article never really got into or explained just what those “analytical methods” were.

Some other statements I took issue with:

“Concerns with fear and threat, likewise, can be linked to a second key dimension of conservatism - an endorsement of inequality, a view reflected in the Indian caste system, South African apartheid and the conservative, segregationist politics of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-South S.C.).” Hmmm, an endorsement of inequality...like Affirmative Action?

“Disparate conservatives share a resistance to change and acceptance of inequality, the authors said. Hitler, Mussolini, and former President Ronald Reagan were individuals, but all were right-wing conservatives because they preached a return to an idealized past and condoned inequality in some form. Talk host Rush Limbaugh can be described the same way, the authors commented in a published reply to the article.” Double ‘em up! Kudos to the author for slamming both Reagan *and* Limbaugh in the same paragraph. Author’s got talent. Just the fact that someone could compare Reagan to Hitler and Mussolini speaks volumes about the author’s views. Hitler and Mussolini were proponents of big government and control over the individual of a larger basis. Reagan? Not so much. Also interesting that the author never minded to explain just how Reagan “condoned inequality”. They assume the reader will blindly accept whatever they read (a common theme throughout the entire article in my opinion).

“While most people resist change, Glaser said, liberals appear to have a higher tolerance for change than conservatives do.” Now here is a statement I can agree with. However, the term “change” is a lot like money. Neither money or change is inherently good or bad, it’s what you do with it that defines it as one or the other. Many in politics like to throw out the word “change” and assume it’s always a good thing. But change for the sake of change is

folly. I will always support change for the better. But “change” by and of itself means nothing. Supporting politicians or policies simply because they are a “change” probably isn’t a great idea.

“Although they concluded that conservatives are less “integratively complex” than others are, Glaser said, “it doesn’t mean that they’re simple-minded.”...Conservatives don’t feel the need to jump through complex, intellectual hoops in order to understand or justify some of their positions, he said. “They are more comfortable seeing and stating things in black and white in ways that would make liberals squirm,” Glaser said...He pointed as an example to a 2001 trip to Italy, where President George W. Bush was asked to explain himself. The Republican president told assembled world leaders, “I know what I believe and I believe what I believe is right.” And in 2002, Bush told a British reporter, “Look, my job isn’t to nuance.” In other words, conservatives are less intelligent. The researchers use some fancy words here, but the conclusion is the same. And you have to love the Bush reference. Never mind the fact that Obama has made just as many gaffs while speaking in public as Bush did, only the media doesn’t cycle it over and over like they did with Bush. Never mind that Bush was actually quite intelligent (he graduated from Yale and Harvard Business School), he just didn’t constantly remind us about it and preferred to relate to the common man.

Now onto the censorship issue. Yes, there were obvious similarities between the censorship of Sapho and the PMRC/Heavy metal censorship issue. I do agree that both cases involve conservative, pessimistic reformers. I believe both cases involved people more or less along the conservative line trying to hold onto certain ideals of morality and views of sex and gender. In the PMRC case, however, it seems to me that the reformers’ goal was more to keep heavy metal away from children and teenagers than to deny it to the general public. I believe the PMRC case involved obvious unintended consequences; in the video it was mentioned that having the “Explicit content” warning label on an album all but guaranteed it was be a hot seller. So the PMRC got what it wanted in the warning label, but it actually misfired and caused even more people to buy the albums and listen to the music they were fighting against. Now, I think we have to be careful when considering censorship. I don’t believe censorship is a conservative thing. I think it all depends on what is being censored. With Sapho and the PMRC, it was conservatives trying to censor things they believed to be immoral. However, we can see examples of liberal censorship today. For example, President Obama has stated recently that “the debate over climate change is settled”. He is only perhaps the most notable figure on a growing list of spokespeople to state such as thing. Reddit and the LA Times have recently banned climate change deniers from their works. More and more, deniers of climate change are being pushed out of the conversation. There is not room for anyone of a different opinion. So much for tolerance, right? I hope one can see that it all depends on the issue. Both conservatives and liberals have headed censorship issues in the past, and both will continue to do so in the future. It all comes down to what the specific issue at play is.

Link: http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/21/opinion/21kristof.html?source=science20.com&_r=0

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Yeah!! What he said  

by Bart Golden - Monday, April 14, 2014, 7:03 PM



I totally agree with almost every thing you said, especially with regards to the "Berkley University" liberal bashing of conservatism coupled with a tooting of their own intellectual horn to the point of climax!! If you know what mean. However; as I mentioned in my own post , Tipper Gore is a liberal at least last time I checked. I'm not trying to argue, just making an observation you might have over looked. As for the rest " spot on ". Excellent post.

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Re: Stereotypes and the complexity of censorship



by Ren Rasmussen - Saturday, April 19, 2014, 9:43 PM

When you state that you could be ok with letting the government take money from you to give it to those who "truly" need it, frustrates me. First of all unless you have any influence with dealing with them money that you and others are giving the government you can't truly know where that money is going or how its being spent. Second, I sure that many people that need it may indeed get it but even a small percent are wasting all the money they receive. Third i would rather be willing to get that money to a charity. You could flip it around and say I don't know how that money is being spent and you'd be right but my faith in private charities are high than government spending my money. My trust in government is limited but when they take my hard earned money and waste it it reinforces my willingness to give the government less and less money.

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Re: Stereotypes and the complexity of censorship



by Dalyn Stram - Saturday, April 19, 2014, 10:56 PM

I don't think you and I actually disagree on anything. My point is that we all pay taxes (well, at least most of us), and that that isn't going to stop. Part of the taxes we pay go to welfare programs. I've worked in special education for years, so I have firsthand experience working with people who truly need welfare programs to survive. I am totally fine with my taxes going to help people like that who truly need it. But someone who is capable of working but instead sits at home and collects unemployment when there are jobs available? That person doesn't, and shouldn't, receive my tax money as welfare.

Also, I did mention charities; you and I completely agree. I think charities are a better way to help people than the government forcibly taking our money away. But like I mentioned above, I'm OK with the government welfare programs as long as it goes to people who truly need. Unfortunately, such programs are being vastly abused and lots of money is going to people who don't really need it and creating senses of entitlement, rather than a strong work ethic to pull oneself up by their bootstraps.

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HEY!!! GET YOUR GOVERNMENT OFF MY FREEDOM!!!!



by Bart Golden - Monday, April 14, 2014, 6:34 PM

After reading the material on the causes of conservatism I found it amusing that the report was conducted by a bunch of Berkley University Liberals. And I Have to disagree with their Data driven Opinion that Conservatism is some type of fear of change or tolerance for inequality, or even that those traits are the cause of conservatism. Of course this is a perfect example of spectrum, being the liberal view of conservatives. Conservatism however is for whatever reason the anti-big government philosophy or the conservative involvement of government in our lives as opposed to the belief that the government knows better what's good for us therefore stomping around in our lives and on our freedoms in the name of what's good for us. Ironically the old saying goes "to switch from conservative to liberal you trade your brain for a heart." Sure liberals want to make everything perfect for everyone and in the end they manage to screw it up for everyone. The road to hell is paved with good intentions and often times it seems as though the liberal agenda is paving away as fast as they can.

As for the video about the PMRC I couldn't help be notice that the conservative that was testifying before congress against heavy metal in the name of censorship was in fact NONE OTHER THAN TIPPER GORE. Tipper Gore is the wife of Al Gore a LIBERAL and practically the king of liberals next to Barry Obama. Now I'm not sure what spectrum this is applicable in but not surprising it somehow comes out as a conservative issue.

It has become apparent to me that lots of people call themselves lots of things there not. Be it Conservative or Exceptional or educated or human just because you define yourself as such does not make it so!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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The past reflects the present



by Alexis Adair - Monday, April 14, 2014, 11:25 PM

I found the boldness of Olga Nethersoles actions very interesting. In a mans eyes, women were dedicated to one man. Women were to cook, clean, take care of kids, and be faithful to one man. With her play she had shaken that whole outlook up and the people did not know how to react. I don't see what happened to Olga that hard to believe when you look at that era. It was a very different time than today. If you compare it to now a days, girls are walking around wearing less clothes than Olga had and she had done something that was unheard of. Of course being arrested was pretty extreme and is something that would never had happened now, but I think the shock and uncertainty is what ultimately ended her in jail and is why they also had to let her go.

I think the mann act was necessary to a point. The idea of trying to stop prostitution was a good start however with the Jack Johnson case in 1912 it proved to be problematic considering it was believed to be more of a racial discriminatory move.

The morality of today and the turn of the 20th century is not very different. If you look at the

Sapho case it seems very similar to that of Eliot Spitzer. They had both pulled a scandalous act in their own eras in which the people had not agreed with. So in turn the peoples judgments forced Spitzer to resign, sent Ogle to jail, and also sent Jack Johnson to jail. This is the reason why I think the Mann Act would be extremely unnecessary today, because you can't have "the people" be the judge of other people.

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taking a step back...



by Connor McCabe - Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 12:15 AM

Starting to read this article kinda was a slap in the face at first being a conservative rooted guy. The article brings up quite valid points however. They can be pinned on either political group. The accusation of having one mind set and not having the will to change it is traditionally seen as a conservative issue specifically because of the groups tendencies to want to go back to days of old. Thinking like this can get you in trouble however, like the video we watched brought to light, is it the "Perfect" past we are wanting to go back to or the one where lynching, slavery, and war were in abundance. We have to be careful with generalizations. I know of many liberal minded people that will stick with science even when the scientist that provided the information has been proven to have given false data embellished in order to back a point of his or to gain more funding. In general we need to take a step back and think with both mindsets. I may be a conservative, red blooded American but i also listen to metal and the liberal point of view. You can't only listen to one side and expect to get 100% of the story but it doesn't mean you have to agree with what you are listening to or in my case reading. People worry too much about being right or left and about looking good and crushing their "opponents" that they miss many facts of the issues being discussed. Do your own research, listen to all information, and do the educated thinking for yourself.

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Way to go!



by Blake Taylor - Saturday, April 19, 2014, 3:30 PM

I greatly admire the sense of perspective that your post demonstrates. It is extremely difficult for most people to disentangle themselves from the labels they define themselves with, but as you say, clinging to beliefs despite changing landscapes or facts to the contrary only undermines their credibility. I think that the main reason behind this tendency, though, is our natural instinct to form "tribes" of sorts within our society. Some people are more comfortable with an "us vs. them" mentality, because it gives them a sense of belonging and security. Unfortunately, this fear-based outlook often leads to a sense of desperation and to short-term decisions. Certainly, we have seen this tendency on both sides of the aisle, and regardless where on the political spectrum we fall, we'll all be better served to, as you say, take a step back and take the long view.

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The stereotypical labeling of parties.

by Katie Birrenkott - Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 12:53 AM

Now I myself am on my conservative end of the spectrum. Therefore I can say that I don't overly agree with this article, not because of what is being said but rather the lack of facts being presented. I cannot say whether they are accurate or inaccurate in their conclusions because I have not researched the topic, however it seems to me as if they have not either. They may have stated they "culled through 50 years of research about literature about the psychology of conservatism report that at the core of political conservatism is the resistance to change and a tolerance for inequality.." so on and so forth, but where is the proof of such happening? What as the literature they researched? How are we to know this research in itself wasn't one-sided? They did not show to us any reason to believe that the analysis on the literature is anything to put faith behind. And comparing Reagan to Mussolini and Hitler was just ridiculous.

Their stating that conservatism as a tolerance for inequality at the core of its politics, which I believe is more of a lack of tolerance of inability to have independence, was also incorrect and obviously stated from people on the other end of the spectrum. Independence and freedoms, after all, are what is actually at the core of political conservatism.

As for the PMRC censorship, I would also like to point out that Tipper Gore is now ex-wife of Al Gore. Al Gore who lies on the liberal end of the spectrum. Also lying on the liberal side of the spectrum is the need for government involvement and regulations in the everyday lives of Americans, such as censorship to heavy metal.

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Stats and evidence

by Dalyn Stram - Thursday, April 17, 2014, 3:44 PM

Agreed. One of the things I looked for immediately after finishing the article were the links to the studies/information/research/evidence that was constantly being thrown our way throughout the article. One of the surefire signs of a well-written and researched paper is the actual evidence in the form of a bibliography/etc. On the other hand, with so much information out there on the internet, you have to be careful with what you entertain or believe. If someone doesn't bother showing you the works they used, chances are good that they're spinning something or outright lying. Now, maybe I missed it in the article in mention here, but I didn't find anything my first couple times looking.

Secondly, facts and stats are, sadly, easy to skew. Exactly what sort of information did the researchers and writers of the article use? Did they only use works that were so extreme or so far to the right that they skewed the data? Did they leave certain things out? Did they go into the research already biased which led to gathering only data which confirmed what they believed? Did they present the data to the reader in a false manner? Did they leave vital information out? There are lots of questions one must ask about ANY research and stats, much less a paper which makes these kinds of

almost offensive claims and then fails to respect the reader enough to present them with the hard data used in the process.

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Staying on my side of the line



by Jesse Flannery - Thursday, April 17, 2014, 9:13 PM

I see myself as more left than right, so I may not have the best view from the conservative side. I do believe that this is a rough generalization of conservatives. I have plenty of friends on both sides of the fence, and get to see how each individual conservative or liberal has made up a general guide for themselves of right and wrong. Although when we come together to cast our votes and be public about our opinions we are more apt to side with our "team" or like minded party. So it makes sense to me that there would be trends amongst common public writings, or interviews. As a liberal I would say I agree on more than one of the topics stated that conservatives generally lean toward. I think most people are resistant to change, saying liberals are more willing to change to me seems more like when grouped together liberals will all vote for the same thing collectively. Like I stated before I would definitely consider myself to be more liberal. I just believe that we need to move away from labeling ourselves this or that, and more towards coming to an individual stand point on topics. I see liberals writing this article from their vantage point, and conservatives could easily do a study over a bunch of liberal literature and try and pull a bunch of negatives to skew our views in their favor also. In class we talked about statistics being skewed very easily, so this just looks like another way to skew our views and reinforce to liberals that conservatives don't believe what we believe so lets, make sure we stay on our side of the line.

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Just say yes to labels



by Kira Iantorno - Friday, April 18, 2014, 3:30 PM

I read the article "Researchers help define what makes a political conservative" and did agree with it especially with republican conservatism but with a different perspective. Many of them are religious and when you are asking if a religious community as a whole likes change, profanity, promiscuous women, and all the other great parts of life then no. I mean for example Terror Management. Religious communities love terror management or have you not heard of hell, impending apocalypses, and Noah. I don't mean to be insensitive toward the religious community, I only want to make a connection that there are religious undertone to conservatism which is a huge part of who we are as a country.

On another point of view on this topic I feel many of the people trying to censor America are very poor at seeing an end result. The Reagan administration, as referenced in the video "We have an obligation to see to it that the country retain some moral sanity." Nancy Reagan's War on drugs was a pointless endeavor to save the children along with warning labels on rock music made it cooler to buy albums. Going back to the article "Conservatives don't feel the need to jump through complex, intellectual hoops in order to understand or justify some of their positions, he said. "They are more comfortable seeing and stating" like

for example "Just say No" because obviously the whole complex world of addiction curiosity and experimentation can be stopped by just saying no. These simple uneducated ideas on social reform are why it has taken so long to get this short distance that we have. I personally have no clue what I am politically so I could very well be conservative, but if I did feel that way, maybe I couldn't view this article without judgment. To wrap it all up in a bow, conservatives seeing and stating is not helpful, warning labels are great for business, and the more you tell us to just say no the more we say yes.

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Re: Just say yes to labels



by Dalyn Stram - Saturday, April 19, 2014, 12:23 AM

I think there are some good examples where "Terror management" is just a case of being sensitive to cause and effect and natural consequences. You mentioned promiscuous women. That's behavior which can lead to some pretty nasty things (health wise, relationship wise, etc) down the road. Most religious folk and many conservatives are against such behavior and speak out against it. Maybe some would label that as "terror management", but I see it simply as trying to hedge against the possibility of dealing with immense pain and suffering down the road.

Yes, sometimes conservative actions could be classified as "terror management", but that could also absolutely describe liberal behaviors too. I don't think anything could be closer to "terror management" than the climate change movement. You want to talk about invoking terror and fear in the public to pass laws and gain support for policies...that's your exhibit A right there. It goes both ways, and it's not honest or fair for the article to claim that "terror management" is solely a conservative trait.

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Deporting Humvee Enthusiast



by Kira Iantorno - Saturday, April 19, 2014, 12:54 PM

I would not call large communities of scientists warning people that driving fossil fuel cars and buying bottled water is bad for our planet, terror management. I would call it science. When one reacts without much thought or decisive action toward an issue would be terror management. "The terror management feature of conservatism can be seen in post-Sept. 11 America, where many people appear to shun and even punish outsiders and those who threaten the status of cherished world views, they wrote." So from the article as a definition no, global warming was not terror management because scientists didn't request all Humvee drivers be deported back to where they came from.

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Re: Deporting Humvee Enthusiast





by Dalyn Stram - Saturday, April 19, 2014, 11:09 PM

If only scientists were advising against using fossil fuels and bottled water bottles, I would agree. But I specifically mentioned climate change being used by politicians to advance their own political agendas. You can look back to the 70s and see scientists and politicians warning the public that a new ice age was imminent. Guess what? They were wrong. They used terror. Today, scientists are warning us of global warming. Scientists and politicians are on record by the dozen claiming that the debate is over and the science is settled. They're actually wrong; the science isn't settled, but what's scarier is that the debate is NEVER settled. Science as a whole is always changing to adapt to new information. No true scientist would ever say a debate is "settled", and if they are, they're being dishonest. And when you hear a politician saying something like that, we all better take a really close look as to what's going on. When someone tries to silence anyone who disagrees or opposes them by invoking worldwide fear, panic, death, apocalypse, etc...you better believe I would call that "terror management". It's alarmism at it's purist. For example, Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" was nothing short fact-devoid drivel, and he used fear very well in getting his point across. I apologize for that being a strong statement, but I feel strongly about it.

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Re: Just say yes to labels



by James Price - Saturday, April 19, 2014, 3:00 PM

I agree with you that "terror management" isn't just a conservative tactic. I don't remember any of the propaganda cartoons shown in class being described as liberal or conservative and I would describe those cartoons as a form of "terror management." I don't believe though that you can use climate change as an example of liberal "terror management." Reporting current scientific discoveries and theories doesn't make you guilty of using "terror management," it just means that your reporting the current scientific thinking on a particular subject.

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Conservative Censorship Similar to Progressive Reform?



by Robert Johnson - Friday, April 18, 2014, 4:05 PM

After reading the article, some of the points that caught my attention were uncertainty avoidance, fear and aggression, and terror management.

Unless I'm misunderstanding here, it seems to me that liberal conservatism fits right in with progressive reform, according to my class notes liberals and progressives are next to each other on the spectrum, and if wrong here, I hope to be corrected.

From how I understood what Escobar stated in class, reformers belief of there being a necessity to protect equality and liberty is on the left end of the spectrum. Liberals like progressives are there, underneath on the same end. We did learn in class that reformers adopting what they think is a more acceptable way of life, they can tend to persuade or even force their idea's, which to me go hand in hand with the points in the article I mentioned at the top of this post. I stand more towards the middle of this spectrum.

The way I see it , there are some similarity's between the censorship of the PMRC and Sopha examples. They were both an attempt to reform what progressives and liberals thought were wrongs.

I see some of this as pessimistic reform, and I think it is a case of unintended circumstances, for conservatives, liberal's, and progressives, because what they were trying to reform, for their more acceptable way of life, went the other way in the end. This makes me glad to be living in America.

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Censorship Helps the Censored

by James Price - Friday, April 18, 2014, 9:49 PM

After watching the videos on the PMRC and the Sapho play I've come the conclusion that advocates of morality are good for business. After the public trial of actress in the Sapho play, the play gained more attention and the PMRC getting warning labels put on "morally questionable" music actually helped bands sell more albums. By bringing questionable material into the public eye, moral advocates unintentionally promote that material to anyone who is opposed to their particular views.

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Re: Censorship Helps the Censored

by Jesse Flannery - Saturday, April 19, 2014, 7:18 PM

Advocates of morality are definitely good for business. Look back to prohibition in 1920, no one quit drinking and it just caused crime rates to fly up. In the text P. 820, "With little fear of punishment, those who wanted to drink did so, either brewing liquor at home or buying it from speakeasies and bootleggers." Sometimes people don't think about the repercussions of passing laws. I'm learning everyday that laws aren't black and white. They definitely have adverse affects. I'm not saying that crime is a legitimate business, but Al Capone was still probably pretty happy about the prohibition law.

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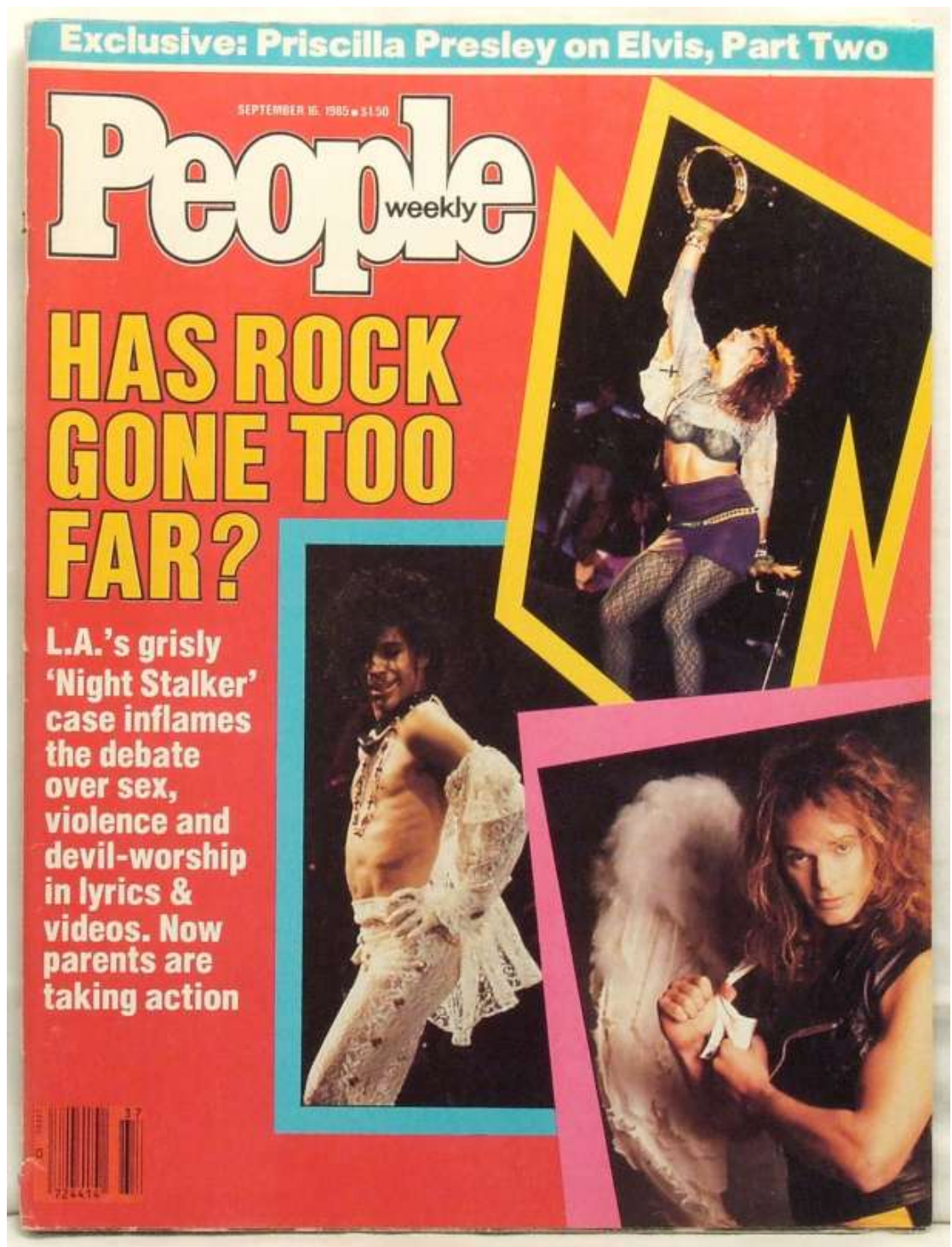
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We wanna R*ck!

by Destaney Jefferson - Saturday, April 19, 2014, 5:13 PM

I have always been strongly interested in the controversy concerning the PMRC and Dee Snyder and other "Rock" musicians. To say that the PMRC won would be misguidance. The PMRC got the label put onto these explicit albums yes. They did not keep individuals from buying these albums. You had to be at the age of 18 years old to purchase these particular albums but the individuals who sold said music usually didn't care to check IDs for these albums and anyone could purchase them. For example my friend in middle school buying a Khia album unedited the main song she was known for was "my neck my back". That was in the early 2000's. If anything I agree with the video it really just made the albums that more intriguing to individuals looking to "rebel" against society/their parents etc. I agree with Dee Snyder though. I don't see how it is the PMRC's right to restrict individuals from the music they want to hear.



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Re: We wanna R*ck!



by Kylie Stiglbauer - Saturday, April 19, 2014, 6:23 PM

I really liked that you incorporated media into your argument. This inclusions was very successful to you argument and also gave me more perspective on the subject. The idea of rebelling and wanting to go against the social norm seems to be a trend amongst certain individuals in this country. Rock, and the emotions and stereotypes that come along with it have always brought controversy to this nation. There always seems to be a negative connotation with this style of music. This goes along with the

morality and censorship issues in the other forums.

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