

The De-Evolution of Mankind

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With all the craziness going on in the world today, the inquisitive mind must ask: “What’s going on? Have some people lost their minds?” Who in their right mind would want to do away with the police and jails? Or, who in their right mind would call for the destruction of the family unit, or stop using fossil fuels as a way to fight social injustice? And as we shall see if you read on, these people are clearly not in their right mind! But why?

The Problem Defined

In order to answer this question, we first have to clearly define the problem, so here is some evidence of the crazy ideas being presented by some people today:

1. Defund the Police and eliminate jails as a solution to social injustice.
2. Stop Systemic Racism by teaching [Critical Race Theory](#) everywhere.
3. Diversity training should be required everywhere to make sure you know you are defined by your skin color, sex, sexual identity, race, religion, culture, economic or social class, and ethnicity, but not your intelligence or values.
4. Revise the U. S. Constitution and form a socialist country to provide social justice for all.
5. “Systemic racial injustices” are caused by climate change.
6. And here are just a few from the [Black Lives Matter Manifesto](#):
 - a. *The destruction of the nuclear family.*
 - b. *The abolition of the legislative and judicial branches of the US government.*
 - c. *Levy a strong progressive tax on capital that will be redistributed as reparations to enslaved descendants and indigenous people.*
 - d. *Seize all the possessions of the religious congregations.*
 - e. *Abolish all the religious institutions that have been used to oppress, enslave, and colonize people of color.*
 - f. *Revise all military contracts and seize 85 percent of the profits to be redistributed to the enslaved descendants and indigenous people.*
7. Cut military spending by 75%.
8. Enact the [Green New Deal](#) (that has no basis in science whatsoever).

My purpose here is not to look at any of these so-called problems and solutions, but rather to understand why someone would be so illogical as to create them and/or believe they are a good idea. Since there is a clear lack of rational thought going on here, we will define the problem as: **Mindless Thoughts and Ideas!**

I have been studying the human condition since I first had to interact with the public as a paper boy in the sixth grade, and unfortunately, I think I finally figure it out: Here is my latest assessment after 63 years of study:

First of all:

Ignorance is a most wonderful thing.

It facilitates magic.
It allows the masses to be led.
It provides answers when there are none.
It allows happiness in the presence of danger.

All this, while the pursuit of knowledge can only destroy the illusion. It is no wonder then, that mankind chooses ignorance!

Given this natural human dedication to ignorance, can there be other causes too? Yes, if we do a deep dive into the many other causes, we find that we have created a society that perpetuates this mindlessness by ignorant educators, corrupt news media, a corrupt Federal Government full of psychopathic politicians, funded by greedy Big Tech and Big Pharma! And, unless we do something about it, it will continue to its natural end – the end of the Great American Experiment!

Given the huge variability in ideas and beliefs found in how humans process information and create different mindsets, let's examine how someone might come up with these mindless ideas to see if we can better understand what causes them. If we look at the objective evidence of who is calling for these outrageous actions, we find they are primarily people of the progressive liberal left mindset, so let's look closer to see if there are any evidenced-based causes for this connection, or are the conservatives just as crazy?

Liberal versus Conservative Mind

Caution: Simply by classifying someone or something, we immediately assign the characteristics of how the specific noun is defined and this is a huge mistake because it assumes your definition is correct and includes all the biases you have assigned to that definition over your lifetime of dealing with the stated classification. Most people put value in nouns because it allows a simpler way of thinking called categorization or in the world of politics, it's called Identity Politics. In the bigger scheme of life, nouns are only a representation of a single cause within a particular causal set and to be adequately understood, we must examine the whole set of associated causal relationships. In other words, to say that someone is conservative or liberal means nothing unless you clearly define the source and context of the word. Not a dictionary definition, but a deep understanding of what causes are involved in the formation of the species.

If we start with some dictionary definitions we can see how inadequate they are:

Liberal: Broad-minded: not bound by authoritarianism, orthodoxy or traditional forms.

Conservative: Tending to maintain existing views, conditions or institutions.

Since these words don't tell us the whole story of how we form our different mindsets, let's see what science can tell us.

Idealism versus Reality:

Scientists have created a test that can predict a person's political leanings with 95% accuracy.

Using people who identified themselves as liberal or conservative, they showed them four different kinds of images; pleasant, neutral, threatening, and disgusting. Then, watching a brain scan called a functional MRI, they can tell which part of the brain is activated.

The liberal part of the mind has a more active anterior cingulate cortex, which is the part of the brain associated with emotions, decision-making, and getting pleasure from experiencing new things – the excitement center. And according to Daniel Langleben ¹ of the University of Pennsylvania, it is also the region associated with error recognition and inhibition, and when people choose to communicate with lies, this part of the brain becomes highly activated.

Conservative minds, on the other hand, prefer familiar experiences and tend to have more active and larger amygdalae – an area shown to perform a primary role in the processing of memory, decision-making, and emotional responses (including fear, anxiety, and aggression).

The right-side amygdalae is also linked to 'explicit memory' which is the conscious, intentional recollection of factual information (meaning repeatable evidenced-based causal relationships), previous experiences, and concepts.

It also plays a significant role in the retention of 'episodic memory', which consists of the autobiographical aspects of memory, permitting recall of emotional and sensory experience of an event. This type of memory does not require conscious recall, but works sub-consciously when presented with a new situation – like intuition.

Perhaps being more driven by fear, for the purpose of survival, causes the conservative part of the brain to be more prepared for life's challenges by recognizing and utilizing basic principles that always seem to work. The conservative mind is more concerned with a predictable future and develops strategies that result in repeatable success when dealing with our ever-changing world. To do this, the conservative mind seeks to understand the evidenced-based causal relationships of any given situation and is skeptical of any deviation from the norm. The better they are at understanding the causal relationships in their world, the more successful and happier they are.

This is significantly different than the liberal mind, which wants the excitement of new and different experiences just for the fun of it. Instead of being skeptical of differences, or taking the time required to understand the detailed evidenced-based causal relationships of a new situation, the idealistic liberal mind focuses on the excitement of newness and differences and has no idea why bad things happen.

As with all things the brain does, the more excitement/stimulation, the more pleasure compounds are released. And, where more neural connections are made, the brain becomes pre-disposed to operate in this location when given new but similar input. And thus, the conservative and liberal thinking strategies are created in different parts of the brain, usually with one being more dominant than the other – caused by more stimulation.

No Control:

In 2013, a few neurologists began studying ² a rare condition called 'acquired savant syndrome,' where people who were previously very logical and discerning became illogical but very creative. They discovered that this syndrome could occur with head trauma or Alzheimer's disease. As they dug into the causes of this strange condition, they discovered that these people had lost use of that part of the brain associated with logic, verbal communication, and comprehension and that this portion of the brain has actually been inhibiting latent artistic abilities present in these people all their lives.

As one part of the brain stops functioning, the liberal part lights up with activity. The creative skills do not emerge as a result of newly acquired brainpower; rather, they emerge because for the first time, the areas of the brain associated with creativity can operate unchecked. It appears from these findings that the conservative part of the brain is where discipline resides, whereas the unbridled free-thinking part provides the wonderment we enjoy.

Thesis: Could this be the reason why the liberal mind loves things that do not reflect reality, like modern art, science fiction, horror movies, and flamboyant politicians and journalists who tell fanciful stories to delight us?

Fear Versus Fun:

On another front, social scientists have created experiments where they can temporarily turn conservatives into liberals and vice versa. ³ Simply by frightening the liberal mind, a person becomes much more conservative, and by giving the conservative mind a sense of wellbeing and safety, the same person becomes more liberal.

Several studies have shown that by getting the liberal mind to think about its own death, or making the person feel threatened, they tend to adopt more conservative values.

Also, consider the notion of maturity. As children we are typically focused on having fun or learning new and exciting things - stimulating that part of the brain that we define as liberal. As we mature, wisdom sets in and we become more discerning and ignore or reject ideas that do not follow proven success paths. The brain even develops subconscious filters to help guide us to the more successful strategies.

So, in a way, we trade the fun of creativity for the wisdom of reality. Behavioral studies have shown that about 95% of all five-year-olds are highly creative. Then, between the

ages of five and eight, the brain becomes more discerning. Less than 5% of people over eight are highly creative.⁴ As we mature and become “responsible,” the conservative part of the brain seems to shut down the liberal wonderment side - just like we discovered in the people with ‘Acquired Savant Syndrome.’

Thesis: A significant lesson from this finding is that as life becomes easier, more people are likely to have dominate liberal mindsets. Our easy life today is evidenced by the huge number of obese people in the U.S. – approximately 40% of adults and 20% of children.

In his award-winning book [*How the Mighty Fall*](#),⁵ Jim Collins provides example after example of how failing to understand the causes of your success can lead to complacency, which eventually leads to failure. He calls this “Hubris Born of Success,”⁶ and shows how many companies and civilizations have come and gone because their success generated wellbeing for the participants, who eventually became complacent and destroyed themselves by failing to understand the detailed causal relationships that define reality and thus created their success in the first place.

So, is the irrational behavior we are witnessing in many of our cities being driven by this inability of the progressive mind to grasp reality and thus fail to understand why we have become the greatest country in the history of mankind? And, are politicians, who know these people are ineffective thinkers, using this knowledge to destroy our culture in return for the power they gain providing the unthinking liberal mind more dopamine?

As we will see in a moment, I think the answer is unequivocally YES!

Thesis: At the core of the liberal mindset is the inability to think causally, and this causes the inability to understand reality. Instead of understanding a causal reality, the liberal mind sees the world as a bunch of little stories, each defined by a narrative, which the politicians and fake news journalists define and continually change in order to perpetuate their psychopathic need for power over the mindless followers. The listener or follower who has never been exposed to evidenced-based causal thinking, or faced the struggle to survive that forces exposure to reality, they unwittingly buy into the phony narrative and these Mindless Thoughts and Ideas.

So, What Does This Mean?

Thesis: I think these findings show that our brain is not just conservative or liberal. Rather, we have both mindsets, with one being more dominant than the other. We all like to have fun and we all want to be secure, so there has to be more causes for these Mindless Ideas. More importantly, this also shows us how silly it is to categorize someone as a Liberal or Conservative, so let’s dig a little deeper.

Maybe understanding what a mindset is can help us go a little deeper into why some people have these mindless ideas. In cognitive psychology, a mindset represents the

cognitive processes activated in response to a given task, but what does that mean? What are these cognitive processes? Here are four primary processes involved in the construction of our thoughts and ideas.

Four Primary Processes of a Mindset:

1. Genetic Predisposition:

Science has recently identified many genes that cause our behaviors. The best example of how genes cause behavior is the domestication of the wolf into our best friend the dog. The breeding of friendly wolves over time eventually created the dog, which is 99+ percent wolf, except for behavior and looks. Not that we are dogs, but DNA is DNA, whether it is in a dog or a human, one component of behavior is genes. If your parents were conservative minded, you may also lean in that direction, not just because of the environment in which you were raised, but because the genetic code you share may be similar. Like the dog, humans seek the companionship of others, but unlike the dog, human behavior can vary considerably; from the overfriendliness of people with Williams Syndrome (who by-the-way, share the same genes as the dog), to the need to control others that is found in the mental condition of Psychopathy, to the antisocial behavior often found in Autism.

Thesis: All these abnormal behaviors and many more are rooted in our genes, and Psychopathy is most relevant here, because it is found mostly in leaders, politicians, and lawyers, who all enjoy controlling others. More on this condition coming up.

2. Living Environment:

While the notion of behaviorism as defined by [John B. Watson](#)⁷ and [B. F. Skinner](#),⁸ have been pretty much discredited, they were right in the fact that our living environment does affect our view of the world. If we grow up in harsh conditions where basic survival is your main focus, we learn totally different life strategies than someone who is given most everything they need to survive.

3. Thinking Process:

As we saw in the differences in our liberal mind and our conservative mind, given the situation, we may seek the ideal condition or we may choose to analyze a situation causally to ensure a positive outcome. That is, if we question everything and attempt to understand reality by searching for evidence-based causal relationships, we will find a completely different reality than if we simply tell stories and categorize things or ideas.

4. Information Intake:

While part of the living environment, this process involves the type of information we allow into our environment to feed our minds. This often comes in the form of liberal or

conservative perspectives on various topics that affect our lives as presented by friends, family, news media, entertainment, educators, and literature.

Mindset Defined

So our mindset and thus our thinking is caused by the conditional cause of a genetic predisposition (Genetic Makeup) for being liberal or conservative, the conditional cause of living in a conservative or liberal environment (Living Environment), and the conditional cause of thinking causally or not (Thinking Process), coupled with the action cause of feeding our minds liberal or conservative information (Information Intake). See Figure 1 below for a graphical representation of a Mindset.

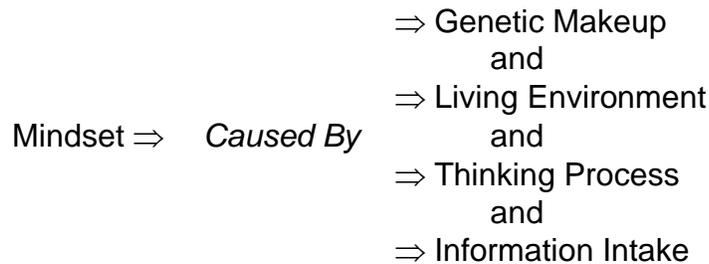


Figure 1: Primary Causes of Human Mindset

Depending on the combination and strength of these four causes, one's mindset can be highly varied. You could have liberal genes, live in a harsh environment (conservative), use a categorical/storytelling thinking process (liberal) and feed your brain conservative ideas. Depending on the combination of causes, many different mindsets are possible in the same person, and this helps explain why we may be liberal minded on some subjects and conservative on others.

By feeding our minds liberal or conservative ideas our brains become wired according to which set of ideas we fed it the most. A highly liberal mind would be genetically liberal, living an easy life, using categorical storytelling to think about liberal ideas. Whereas a highly conservative person would have conservative genes, living a challenging life and using causal thinking skills to feed the brain conservative ideas. But there are 16 possible combinations of these four causes, and when combined with the probability of occurrence and the many ways we process information, we can see why people are so unique. The possibilities are endless, but let's look for which combination of causes produces the Mindless Thoughts and Ideas we saw in our stated problem.

Search for Causes of Mindless Thinking

Let's examine these four primary causes of our mindsets more deeply:

1. The Genetic Causes:

If we look at the demographics of progressives versus conservatives, we find that most progressive liberals live on the East and West Coast, in cities like Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York City, Baltimore, etc. where 70% to 85% of the population identify as liberals. If we look at the other more conservative states, we find most liberals live in the big cities and their suburbs. In fact, in the 2016 Presidential Election, President Trump, a conservative, won in 3,084 (98.2%) of the 3,141 counties in the United States, yet lost the popular vote by ~1.5 million votes, showing how concentrated liberals are in our cities. In fact, since only 57 of 3,141 of the counties in this country hold dominant liberal mindsets they live in only 1.8% of the land mass – the cities. This is not to say all these people are mindless thinkers, but it does tell us where they are located so we can better understand why.

Thesis: I propose that this is caused by the fact that life is much easier in the cities than in rural communities, and those who are genetically predisposed with liberal ideas seeking excitement and idyllic viewpoints can more easily experience them in the city.

But it's not just people who want fun who flock to the cities. It's also the mentally disturbed who need the attention of other people to feel whole. These include the psychopaths and narcissists.

Psychopathy is a complex personality disorder that includes interpersonal and affective traits such as controlling, glibness, lack of empathy, guilt or remorse, shallowness, and irresponsibility, and also behavioral characteristics such as impulsivity, poor inter-social control, and promiscuity. And, because the psychopath's driving force is to control other people, they need to be where the most vulnerable minds are – the cities.

Psychopathy is believed to affect approximately 1% of the general population, 15–25% of the male and female prison population ([Hare, 1991, 2003](#)), and 10–15% of substance abuse populations ([Alterman and Cacciola, 1991](#); [Alterman et al., 1993, 1998](#)).⁹ And according to 2016 census data,¹⁰ only 19.3 percent of the population (about 60 million people), live in rural America; which means no less than 80% of the U. S. psychopaths live in the Cities.

When we look for physical causes of psychopathic personality disorder we find the neural structures encompassed by the paralimbic system, including the amygdala, hippocampus, insula, orbital frontal cortex, anterior superior temporal gyrus, and the rostral, caudal, and posterior cingulate, may play a key role in psychopathy. Assessing these areas with high-resolution structural magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans of 254 male medium and maximum-security inmates, Kiehl and colleagues determined that reduced gray matter volumes (GMV) and concentrations (GMC) in paralimbic regions correlated significantly with the total score on the Hare Psychopathy Traits Checklist (Figure 2) used to diagnose psychopathy.¹¹

1. Pathological lying – incapable of recognizing or telling the truth
2. Glib and superficial charm – an absence of self-consciousness
3. Grandiose sense of self

4. Need for stimulation or prone to boredom
5. Cunning and manipulative – use of deceit to cheat or con for personal gain
6. Lack of remorse or guilt
7. Shallow emotional connection with others
8. Callousness and a lack of empathy
9. Parasitic lifestyle – an intentional, manipulative exploitation of others
10. Poor behavioral controls – expressions of irritability, impatience and aggressive response to others
11. Sexual promiscuity
12. Early behavior problems such as lying, cheating, vandalism, bullying, etc.
13. Lack of realistic long-term goals – live day to day
14. Impulsivity – inability to resist temptation
15. Irresponsibility – repeated failure to honor obligations or commitments
16. Failure to accept responsibility for own actions
17. Many short-term marital relationships
18. Juvenile delinquency
19. Revocation of conditional release – not following agreed-upon behavior
20. Criminal versatility

Figure 2: Hare Psychopathy Traits Checklist

Knowing the biological sources of psychopathy is important, because being caused by highly variable physical and genetic causes, we know that some people without a confirming diagnosis may only have a few of the defining traits, and it can vary from mild to severe depending on how much gray matter is missing in different parts of the brain.

Many psychological studies show that politicians are more likely to show psychopathic traits, and in one study, *Psychopathy by U.S. State*, Ryan H. Murphy, Professor at Southern Methodist University, found the occupations that were most disproportionately psychopathic were in this order: CEO, lawyer, media worker, salesperson, surgeon, journalist, police officer, clergyperson, chef, and civil servant. He also found that the highest concentration of psychopaths is in Washington, D.C., which has almost twice as many as the next state, Connecticut, which has a high number of big business CEO's. Given that most politicians are lawyers, it is not uncommon to see these traits in them.

When asked a question that contradicts their stated position, the psychopathic politician will become very irritated and aggressive in their response. They will not try to understand the point or ask for more details of the topic – rather, they will start name-calling and digging a deeper hole trying to justify their illogical position. In doing so, they exemplify items 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, and 10 on the Hare Checklist. Look for this the next time you watch an interview with a politician. Like the recent one with [CNN host Wolf Blitzer and Nancy Pelosi.](#)¹²

2. Living Environment Causes

At the core of humanity is the need to socialize. We like sharing ideas with others and when they agree with our view of the world, it makes us feel validated, releasing dopamine into our brains causing that “feel good” feeling our liberal mind seeks. If we continue down a certain path on a certain subject, we end up in a group of people with the same world view and a group mindset forms based on the environment. We call this Groupthink and it is common in all groups.

Groupthink is a psychological phenomenon that occurs within any group of people in which the desire for harmony and conformity in the group results in an irrational or dysfunctional decision-making outcome. The group discusses a topic and over time a consensus in the form of a story is born. It might be slightly modified as the narrative is created, but if anyone inside or outside the group challenges the agreed-upon belief of the group, they are ridiculed and/or ostracized from the group. It doesn't matter if evidence-based facts are presented; if you don't follow the dogma you can't be part of the group.

While it is common in both liberal and conservative groups, the conservative group is more inclined to include some free-thinkers who know truth requires you to challenge everything and the group members are more inclined to enter into a rational discussion of the situation using the diversity of thought inherent in the group to analyze all the perceived causal relationships.

As we shall see in the *information intake* causes below, there is no room for debate in the radical progressive liberal group and anyone who dares to even go there is attacked and ostracized.

3. Thinking Process Causes

To better understand these causes, let's examine some of the strategies and logical processes we use in the process of “thinking.”²³

Street Smarts

The most basic approach to thinking, discussed throughout history, from Buddha, about 2500 years ago, to the present time, is causal observation. Sometimes referred to as “street smarts,” this strategy calls for observing our environment with an eye toward cause-and-effect relationships. For example, if you see smoke, you know there may be a fire, because you understand the set of causes associated with smoke. While causal observation serves us well, there are no commonly accepted principles of causation to actually guide us in this strategy. Instead we use various other strategies, such as linear thinking, categorization, storytelling, common sense, and various forms of problem analysis. Let's examine each of these failed strategies.

Linear Thinking

Like a string of falling dominos, when we simply ask why, why, why, we believe that A caused B, B caused C, C caused D, and somewhere at the end of this causal chain there is a magical single cause that started everything, i.e., the root cause.

In the thirteenth century, St. Thomas Aquinas of Sicily taught us the fallacy of this strategy when he proposed that: “potency cannot reduce itself to act.”¹³ Or, as he clarified with this example: “the copper cannot become a statue by its own existence.” It requires the conditional cause of the copper’s existence and the actions of a sculptor. Unfortunately, this simple and important observation has not been understood or incorporated into everyday thinking, and most people continue to see the world linearly. We ask a few why questions and then stop, often because the answers stop coming. Think about your last conversation with a three-year-old. After just a few answers to their continual “why” questions you give up and say something like “well, because that’s just the way it is.” This is not effective thinking, but rather the normal path of least resistance most humans take.

Thinking takes a lot of energy and time and unless it gives us quick gratification, we simply don’t do it. Especially when we realize that every time we ask why we have to get at least one action cause and one conditional cause (usually many more). And when we continue to ask why, why, why, we get 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, - ∞ causes and we very quickly stop because the complexity of the branched causes is too much for our simple minds.

Categorization

The human brain is designed to categorize and establish biases, so, instead of identifying the actions and conditions of each effect, as St. Thomas Aquinas would have us do, categorization places causes or events in a predefined box, which implies some causal information.

For example, we might choose to categorize a group of people as “deplorables,” and thus imply that they are not worthy of our respect. There are no specifics about values or ideas, or causal understanding this group may possess, just a label - a category. This is sometimes called “identity politics” and is a flawed strategy because it ignores the reality of branched causes and obfuscates the truth.

The categorization strategy is part of a larger, very simplistic strategy, which goes on to suggest that if we can categorize something, we can implement standard solutions. For example, if something is bad, we must act against it, or if something is good, we should revel in it. Or if the training is inadequate, we can make it better, but “inadequate” is not an actionable cause and “better” is not a specific solution.

Categorical strategies like labeling a group “deplorable” do nothing to advance the understanding of the group or ideas they hold. Rather, they display an ignorance of

reality and a disdain for the truth, thus violating the fundamental principles of causal thinking and honesty. It is very simple-minded thinking and people who seek the path of least resistance like that.

Like the causal observation strategy (street smarts), categorizing is at the core of pattern recognition, which is a fundamental biological process built into the genome of higher life forms, so it is only natural that we would utilize categorical thinking in our daily activities. Because categorization is a natural brain process, people who use these methods think they are effective. When asked to explain all the causal relationships of a given event, they can't do it, but they usually have a good understanding of the main causes and may even be able to explain some of the causal relationships. At the same time, they are unable to effectively communicate them, because these relationships reside in the mind, not in a form that can be shared and openly discussed with others. When they become frustrated that you do not understand them, they use another categorical term to obfuscate – they say it's just 'common sense,' but as we have noted in this discussion, thinking is anything but common.

Categorical thinking strategies simply do not delineate causal relationships and thus the ideas being considered while using this strategy are often incomplete or simply incorrect. When other people cannot clearly understand the reasons (causal relationships) behind a decision to change, or are not able to share their causal understanding of the event or idea, they are often very reluctant to accept any proposed solutions — often resulting in conflict and disagreement, like we see in the political divide we have today.

In addition to what we learned from St. Thomas Aquinas, that every effect has at least two causes, as early as the fifth century BC, Buddhist writings reveal that “as a net is made up of a series of knots, so everything in the world is connected by a series of knots.”¹⁴ At the heart of this observation is a fundamental principle that all causes are part of a very complex, infinite set of causes, yet we ignore this simple observation when using prescribed categorical problem-solving strategies that contribute to this Mindless Thinking.

Storytelling

With a new appreciation for cause-and-effect relationships, let's take a deeper look at storytelling and language. Stories, our primary form of communication, conflict with the cause-and-effect principles in three ways:

1. Stories start in the past and provide a linear storyline into the future, while causal relationships start with the present, and ask why, to better understand all the causes from the past.
2. Stories are linear, while causal relationships follow the branches of the infinite set of causes that is reality. Stories go from A to B to C, linearly through time, without regard for the order of actions and conditions of the causal relationships.

3. Stories use inference and declarations, like “they are all deplorables”, to communicate meaning, while legitimate causal relationships require clear evidence of the existence of each cause.

Because we view and understand the world through our storytelling, we create a narrative; a story that we generate in our mind that reflects how we view a certain situation, idea or event. Once we create this narrative or hear it from some other source, we hold it as our prototypical truth and repeat it to others – usually people with the same cultural or political bent. Each time we repeat it or think about it, we make stronger neural connections, especially if our friends agree with us and validate our thinking. And because of how our brain biologically makes stronger physical neural connections, it becomes more “real” – it becomes the truth.

So, instead of understanding the causal reality of a given situation, idea, or event by understanding its evidence-based causes, we create a story-based world that is void of clear and rational thought which clearly violates the fundamental principles of causation and honesty.

Knowing this common strategy of storytelling is horribly flawed, we could develop a strategy that says: “I need to make sure I am always thinking causally, not just listening to stories that support my existing beliefs and biases.” But, humans are simply not well designed to think causally. When given tests to see if the animal is good at causal thinking, the dog and monkey do a much better job than humans.¹⁵ These tests were performed on children to see if causal thinking was innate or learned, and it is clearly obvious it is not a natural human characteristic. It must be learned! And since it is not taught in any of our schools, most people never get a grip on reality and are easily suckered into these Mindless Thoughts and Ideas.

In summary, if you are genetically predisposed, living an easy life, never been taught causal thinking, and feeding your mind baseless narratives, you can easily create or follow the Mindless Thoughts and Ideas we discussed in the beginning of this writing.

Combine these causes with the psychopathic politician whose purpose in life is to control others and know this is how most people think, they capitalize on it. They know the best storyteller wins the day and when and if a rational person who thinks and speaks causally comes along to explain the causes of a problem, their complex picture of reality gets lost in the discussion because of this laziness of thought. It’s called demagoguery, which is defined as an appeal to people that plays on their emotions and prejudices rather than on their rational side. It is a manipulative thinking strategy often used by sleazy politicians and psychopaths that appeals to ineffective thinkers. Don’t be one of them!

For a good example of this, sit back and listen carefully the next time you meet with friends or co-workers who are trying to solve a problem. The person who tells the best story, usually the leader of the group, always wins the day. Ask yourself if the prevailing

story is based on evidence-based causes or just good storytelling using innuendo, categorical thinking and obfuscation. Chances are you will find all of the failed strategies discussed above and very little evidenced-based causal thinking.

4. Information Intake Causes:

While we get our information from many sources, we will look at three that contribute most to the Mindless Ideas in our problem definition. They are the corrupt news media, social media, and most unfortunately, our education system. Let's first look a little closer to what has happened to our universities and see how they have become liberal indoctrination centers for the progressive left.

Education

In one of the most important books of the century, John Ellis uncovers one of the biggest causes of our de-evolution in his new book, *The Breakdown of Higher Education* (2020),¹⁶ where we learn that our education system has been taken over by very progressive far left liberal professors and administrators. These radicals are a primary source of the identity politics and Mindless Ideas that define our problem.

As an example of this, instead of teaching all the aspects of World History or American History, nearly all the college history classes teach some kind of identity politics perspective, like how racist our society is, or that America is an evil empire that colonizes poor countries and enslaves their people. And, to get a college degree in history, it doesn't even require that you take an American History course in 82% of our colleges. The American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), in 2000 found that 81% of college seniors at 55 of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the United States could NOT pass a High School history test about American History. They could not identify Valley Forge, or identify any words from the Gettysburg Address, and had no concept of the basic principles of the U. S. Constitution.¹⁷

And this ignorance of who we are as a nation has filtered down to the average American today. In a study by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation¹⁸ published in 2018, they found that only 33% of Americans could pass a multiple-choice test taken from the U.S. Citizenship Test. Half don't know which countries we fought against in World War II, and 57% don't know how many justices are on the U. S. Supreme Court. Given this abysmal finding, it indicates that the liberal colleges have also infected our K-12 Education as well.

In effect, our colleges are indoctrinating our kids today with Socialist nonsense so that they can control them in the future. If our kids know nothing about the constitution and the history behind it, they don't know why we are the greatest country in the history of humanity and hence, will easily fall victim to these false narratives propagated by these radical progressive leftists. Since big government with unlimited powers is vital for socialist schemes, these radicals don't want our kids knowing the truth about our constitution and how it is about government for and by the people, not a totalitarian

state common to the socialist manifesto. This helps explain why so many people are not questioning the total violation of our constitutional rights imposed by these COVID-19 lockdowns.

It has gotten so bad, that even the then presidential candidate, [Joe Biden told the world](#)¹⁹ that it is unconstitutional for President Trump and the Senate to install a new Supreme Court justice to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Of course this is a total falsehood and if you read [Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution](#),²⁰ you will know the truth, but these radical liberals know the average person today has never been taught anything about our constitution and/or are too lazy to look it up, and will believe this huge lie because it came out of the mouth of a someone they admire.

Not only are our children being indoctrinated with socialist garbage, they are not even receiving the quality education needed to be an effective citizen and that which we expect from our higher education institutions. In a study²¹ done by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in 2003, only 31% of college graduates were proficient in reading, writing and understanding information in short texts, let alone more complex writings.

Instead of teaching effective communications, thinking skills, and history, they teach diversity and social justice. Diversity has become the key value in academic life. Not diversity of thought, but diversity of skin color or sexual orientation, etc.

John Ellis tells us that: “if you were to examine the speech of any university president fifty years ago, you would find the word “excellence” occurs with great frequency. That concept was the guiding light of the academy. If you made the same examination today, you would find that “[diversity](#)”²² has taken its place.” They even have ‘Vice Chancellors for Diversity’ with many support staff members who provide no value what-so-ever to the education of the students, but instead enforce the radical dogma of “Diversity” upon everyone, students and teachers alike. You are no longer allowed to debate any topic that wonders near their totally false belief in systemic racism or differences in the sexes.

These are people who complain about hate speech, yet their own hatred of anyone who disagrees with them is completely out of control as we shall see in the next section. There is no room for debate or discussion of factual causal relationships that define reality, just my way or the highway! If you challenge these radicals on their dogma, you are shouted down or demonized as a moral failure. Without critical analysis of any idea and debate amongst their peers, the students are deprived of the [effective thinking](#)²³ skills that every employer in the world lists as the single most important attribute they want in a new hire.

Mr. Ellis also tells us that more than half (51%) of people 18 to 29 years old look positively at socialism – a system that has brought misery and death everywhere it has ever been tried. And 57% of Democrats think the same thing.

And Mr. Ellis is not the only one to blow the whistle on our education system. In their 2016 book, *Crimes of the Educators*,²⁴ Alex Newman and Sam Blumenfeld provide very detailed information on the dumbing down of America. Their book introduction sets the stage with these words: “ Progressive utopians are criminals! They are genocidal psychopaths who have killed more human beings in the last one hundred years than any other ideologues in history.... In the United States the socialist utopians adopted a new and unique method of conquering a nation: by dumbing down its people, by destroying the brainpower of millions of its citizens.”

Corrupt News Media

Next, let's take a look at the main stream news media to see how much of an impact it has on our mindsets.

There is one major thing that distinguishes a journalist today from the rest of us – they overwhelmingly have a liberal mindset. In Washington, D. C. for example, 93% of the journalists are liberals, compared to roughly 50% in the general population.²⁵ Journalists also have the third highest rate of psychopathy of all professions, second to lawyers and third below first place CEO's.

Thesis: The biological need to control others seems to drive them to write the fear mongering articles found in most media outlets. Their purpose is not to inform but to instill fear and thus control your mind. When they think they have failed to do this, they start displaying the traits of the psychopath like expressions of irritability, impatience and aggressive behavior, inability to deal with evidence-based causal relationships and making condescending statements like the following examples:

Example #1: MSNBC news anchor, Chris Hayes tweeted this about the people who are resisting the draconian COVID-19 Pandemic lockdowns imposed by many mayors and governors: “The most humane and reasonable way to deal with all these people, if we survive this, is some kind of truth and reconciliation commission.”

What do you think that commission would look like if it was established by these radical progressives? You can be assured that evidence-based causal relationships would not be allowed. You would be categorized and sentenced to hard time based on your identity, not facts. Does that sound like America or China or some other communist country? A truth and reconciliation commission certainly has nothing to do with the personal freedom currently found in the United States.

Example #2: Keith Olbermann, another MSNBC long time liberal political commentator, said on Oct. 8, 2020: “The task is twofold, the terrorist Trump must be defeated, must be destroyed, must be devoured at the ballot box. And then he and his enablers, and his supporters, and his collaborators, and the Mike Lee's and the William Barr's, and the

Sean Hannity's and the Mike Pence's, and the Rudy Giuliani's, and the Kyle Rittenhouse's, and the Amy Coney Barrett's must be prosecuted and convicted and removed from our society while we try to rebuild it."

These self-righteous psychopaths obviously have no sense of humanity and no idea what our constitution says and if they do, they clearly want to destroy it.

One identified source of this destructive trend in mindless thinking in the media is a man named Ron Fournier, the Associated Press's Washington Bureau chief, who in 2007 introduced the concept of "accountability journalism," which instructs reporters that it is 'their duty to shape the story toward political outcomes.' For the previous 60 years, most of the American news media followed a code of ethics that required reporting just the facts and nothing but the facts, and left the opinions to the readers, commentators, and editorials.

Unfortunately, Mr. Fournier's ideas triggered the explosive forces inside the liberal minds of many journalists and a dedication to neutrality and objectivity went right out the door. So typical of the liberal mind, they did it because it made them feel good and felt no responsibility to report evidenced-based facts. It's not that their reporting is always lies, sometimes they are blatant, but mostly they only provide a very skewed left-of-center perspective and no journalist, liberal or conservative, provides evidenced-based causal relationships that follow the fundamental principles of causation. It's simply not taught any place in our education system, and since journalism is about telling stories, such a practice would be forbidden even if they knew about it.

Example #3: The all too common news media narrative about the police in the United States targeting black males for criminal activities and shooting them all the time for no good reason is totally false. The narrative goes like this: "although half of the people shot and killed by police are White, Black Americans are shot at a disproportionate rate. They account for less than 13 percent of the U.S. population, but are killed by police at more than twice the rate of White Americans. Hispanic Americans are also killed by police at a disproportionate rate."

What this common narrative doesn't tell you is that only a handful of those killed were unarmed and in almost every case the dead citizen, regardless of color was resisting arrest for a previous crime; meaning they were all criminals! But for the social justice warriors, the only part of the narrative they want you to see is the color of the dead guys skin, so they can claim (falsely) there is Systemic Racism in the United States.

Example #4: Some of the media elite at CNN and other fake news outlets found a psychopathic lawyer named Michael Avenatti to help them spread more lies about President Trump. Psychopaths know that they can have more control over others if they work with other psychopaths, so working together, these characters became so engrossed in themselves that their lies became truth. Because of their success at peddling their phony public narratives they started a campaign to nominate Mr. Avenatti to run for President of the United States in 2020. But, as with most narratives based on

lies, the psychopaths are usually found out. As of this writing Mr. Avenatti has been sentenced to more than 25 years in prison. Being the good psychopaths that they are, the fake news media is denying any of this and has gone silent on the matter.

While these are only four examples of the media corruption, if you take the time to honestly fact check what the main-stream media reports, you can find fake news many times every single day. In fact, according to Breitbart News, [55% of Americans Say Mainstream Media are 'Corrupt'](#).²⁶ They have become propaganda machines for the progressive leftists.

But there is yet another dynamic going on here.

Social Media and Big Tech Mind Games

While Groupthink has always existed, it is becoming more like a deadly virus because of fake news and the fanatical use of social media, where facts are not checked and the truth is defined by the social media companies manipulating what you and your friends make it to be, rather than evidenced-based causal relationships. Recent evidence of how bad this problem is, has now come to light. Presented by the people who make these destructive tools, a documentary on Netflix titled: *The Social Dilemma*. <https://www.thesocialdilemma.com> provides some scary realities.

This is a must-watch documentary and in it you will learn how the people who designed all the social media software like Facebook and Twitter, and search engines like Google and Safari created a brilliant sales model that includes addiction in the design. It subconsciously controls our minds and is capable of implanting ideas we didn't intend to have. They do this by selling certainty and use groupthink (your social media group) to validate the ideas or actions they want you to have and do. It is the gradual, slight, imperceptible change in your own behavior and perception that is the product they harvest and sell to advertisers.

The following is a brief account of what this documentary explains about these insidious "tools."

When you surf the Internet, they know everything you are looking at, how long you are looking at it, and then use that information to profile you and then sell **you** to an advertiser who will subtly send you something of interest while you are surfing for other stuff. After enough time watching you, they create a personality profile that defines your Openness, Conscientiousness, Extraversion (assertiveness), Agreeableness, and Non-negativity, all defined by the [OCEAN Personality Profile](#).²⁷

It is so bad that when you google a topic, like Climate Change, depending on where you live or how your profile defines you, it will give you the answer you want. For example, if you live in San Francisco and google 'climate change' you will get links that talk about man-caused climate change and how bad it is. But, if you live in Montana or are an effective thinker who has actually done real scientific research on the subject, you will

be given links that say it is a hoax, which it is. The more you click and watch, the more they change the model to better predict your future actions and subtly infuse your mind with what they want to promote or sell you. The algorithms that do the manipulation are self-learning, so even the people who wrote the code don't know what the algorithm is doing. Consequently, there are no moral decisions being made about what they are doing. Effective thinking requires that we have a shared understanding of reality and when the programmers don't even know or care what truth is, mindless thinking is propagated.

Driven by the human need to connect, the social media applications manipulate the user in very subtle ways and because humans do not know how their minds work, they don't even know they are being manipulated. One of the manipulation tools they use is called [Positive Intermittent Reinforcement](#)²⁸ which creates a fear of losing a relationship and then periodically relieving the fear with episodes of love and attention.

They say Facebook does this the best, when they send tags to friends to get you to connect and send videos or pictures back and forth, often with a tagline to sell something you might like. They found that you need seven friends to make it work best, because with seven friends you become most addicted.

One of the programmers in the documentary states that: "social media isn't a tool; its purpose is to manipulate you and subconsciously sell you stuff." He goes on to say: "There are only two industries that call their customers "users," illegal drugs and software.

Young immature minds are particularly susceptible to this addiction, because it takes over their sense of self-worth and identity. Hospital admissions for self-harm in girls 10 – 14 years old is up 189% and in girls 15 – 19 it is up 62% since 2010. According to the CDC, the suicide rate for girls in America has also risen sharply since social media became common in 2010. For girls age 10 – 14 years old, suicide has increased 151% and for girls age 15 – 19, suicide has increased 70%, in the last 10 years. For these kids, they started using social media in middle school where socialization is very important, and have become more fragile, anxious, and don't take risks. They are more depressed than previous generations; dating is dropping rapidly and fewer are getting Driver's licenses because it is too scary.

In addition to ruining our kids' lives, it is dividing the nation politically. Both conservatives and liberals are asking the same question: "How can all those other people be so stupid? Aren't they seeing what I see?" The answer is no they can't, because everyone has their own reality re-enforced by the artificial intelligence inside social media and search engines – and the polarization continues to build. It is overpowering humanity and there is little we can do about it unless we wake up and take decisive action.

If everyone is entitled to their own "facts" there is no need to come together and the politicians know this, and are using it to control us. Anyone, including political parties or

hostile foreign countries with the money to pay Facebook, et. al. can control the narrative. They don't care a wit about the country or you – just the bottom line!

The programmers found that “Fake News” on Twitter spreads six times faster than by mouth. And because false information makes more money for the advertisers they spread fear by presenting false narratives like those about COVID-19 being so deadly, when the actual death rate in U. S. is 0.1% (14 times less than all other socially acceptable causes of death), or the insane notion that man-caused climate change will end life on the planet in 12 years.

By creating these fears, it gets more people to connect and with each connection comes a tag for selling something. They don't care about the content, just how many contacts they can make with their tailored fearful false narratives. And while each connection may only be worth pennies when sold to the advertiser, when it affects two billion people, it can add up over time to billions of dollars – which explains why these big tech owners are all billionaires.

Social media also prevents effective communications because it is just words, which is only 7% of how we communicate. Fifty-five percent of communications is body language and 38% is the tone of voice. And while these numbers are not true in every exchange, they certainly point out how much we are missing by not talking face to face. ²⁹

But it gets even worse because now social media, namely Twitter and Facebook are deliberately censored factual stories like the one by the New York Post regarding Hunter Biden's dealings with foreign companies using influence peddling. ³⁰ If the phone company cut off your service because they didn't like what you said, do you think that would violate your first amendment rights to say what you want to? This is exactly what the social media platforms are doing behind your back and now overtly by blocking important information entirely. More recently, they have silenced a competing social media site, Parlor, by shutting down their servers.

Social Media has the ability to bring out the worst in society and we can't do anything about it unless we speak up. Through this willful ignorance of how we are being manipulated, the authors of the documentary warn of civil war in the United States sometime in the next 20 years if we don't act. They also say Congress needs to take serious action now to outlaw these practices, or we are doomed.

I would hate to think that all the people who have fought and died for the freedoms and incredible living-conditions we enjoy in this country, will have died in vain because we are too stupid or lazy to sit by and let this happen. We need to stop this form of communications and resume talking face to face, where the subtle non-verbal signals are communicated in addition to the words spoken.

De-Evolution Complete

Given that our big cities and politicians have been taken over by psychopathic people whose purpose in life is to control others by feeding them mindless ideas and creating a Groupthink environment that does not tolerate dissent they capitalize on our natural ineffective thinking skills. ¹² And because of all the causes discussed so far, we have created a society that perpetuates this mindlessness by ignorant educators, liberal news media, psychopathic politicians, and the greed of Big Tech and Big Pharma, and it will continue to its natural end if we don't do something about it.

If we spend our lives focused on validating our perception of ineffective ideas, these ideas will indeed become valid – the truth. We are what we feed our minds and as long as we fail to teach our youth how we got here and how to think and communicate effectively, our experiment in representative government is over. By continuing to listen to politicians and others who are incapable of thinking causally, like the corrupt news media, we will go the way of all great human cultures that also failed, like Rome and the Egyptian Old Kingdom!

But there is more to this ineffective thinking. Whether you like it or not, we literally brainwash ourselves into a truth. With this belief in our own truth comes the strongest of all human characteristics – denial. Denial that there can be another truth re-enforces the conflict that we see today. When we continually rewrite the narratives that define our beliefs they become stronger and stronger – even if they are false. The synapses that are the biological basis of these beliefs are physically stronger and thus harder to be torn apart, so denial becomes part of the narrative. But denial ignores the reality and structure of humility, which is defined by the fact that when we reach our point of ignorance and don't know the answer to the next why question, we do know, from the principles of causation, that there will be at least two answers if we can find them. This is what defines the structure of humility and the progressive liberals are totally oblivious to this reality. See Figure 3 below for a glimpse of humility.



Figure 3: Structure of Humility

A Glimmer of Hope

I think there may be some hope based on the cycle of human history. From the beginning of time, our early ancestors lived in tribes and were very territorial, with a strong sense of “Them and Us.” But at some point, some of these small tribes, that historically fought one another, began to cooperate and work together sharing their knowledge and becoming more successful as a species,³¹ while other groups did not. This trend continues today, but with less frequency, meaning we see less conflict in the world, and that’s a good thing.

Neanderthal man is a classic example of similar humans who were notably reclusive tribal warriors who failed to survive as a species when their environment changed, while Homo sapiens who lived at the same time and places survived because they worked together for the common good of the community and survived the harsh living conditions. Cooperation is essential to success, and this is what distinguishes humans from all other animals. It's called the Golden Rule and those who follow it are much more successful than those who don't.

Cooperation also breeds respect and with respect, a trust is built that bonds the relationship, which makes this one of the most important principles we need to follow in order to maintain our humanity. If that trust is broken, the community begins to crumble.

While this report provides a very bleak outlook for humanity, there is hope in the human spirit. We have been going down this evolutionary trail of slowly breaking the bonds of tribalism and today there are more free people in the world than ever before. And while most, if not all great societies, have fallen victim to psychopathic leaders, they have eventually regained their moral values. Some societies stumbled and fell into the socialism trap, where many have died, but we as a species have continued to move forward, away from this stupidity. So, while I believe there will be many bad days ahead, we, as a species will come through it and maybe finally break the bonds of these Mindless Thoughts and Ideas.

To do this, we must understand that because Reality is so complicated, it is not knowable, and the best we can do is to create a Common Reality, where ALL players (experts or not) get to provide their perceptions of evidenced-based causal relationships. It may not be the absolute Truth or Reality, BUT, because ALL players are encouraged to participate in its creation they will all buy into it and the traditional conflict of "Them vs. Us" is avoided. But this will only work if we continue to understand, contrary to what the Mindless Thinkers are telling us, that all truths are conditional upon the discovery of new information or ideas, and must be pursued when brought to light, not buried by fiat.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr said it best with this line of thinking: "If you're a republican or democrat stop talking about that. Stop identifying yourself. The enemy is Big Tech, Big Data, Big Oil, Big Pharma, the medical cartel, the government totalitarian elements that are trying to oppress us, that are trying to rob us of our liberties, of our democracy, of our freedom of thought, of our freedom of expression, of our freedom of assembly and all of the freedoms that give dignity to humanity. And the last thing that all of us need to do is we need to stay educated and informed."³²

So, let's all do that! Let's all stay educated by questioning everything and try to create a common reality from everyone's personal reality. If we remain humble and kind to each other, we can win this fight.

A Final Thought:

From Nietzsche's *Beyond Good and Evil*, we learn that other animals do not think about death like humans do. In fact, humans worry so much about it they seek to live comfortably forever by going to heaven. The Democratic Socialist's purpose in life is to relieve man from the suffering of life by giving them everything and if you take this to its endpoint and all suffering is removed; i.e. no more worries about death, mankind will have reverted to the animal view of the world and that is exactly what these psychopaths want – a mindless lapdog!

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