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"The PC Gestapo Strikes Again"

Setting the record straight with Louis March

I'm a believer, but not particularly religious. I was taught that nice people didn't wear their faith on their sleeve, that living your beliefs mattered more than running your mouth about it. I'm also proud of my American heritage. My faith and heritage are shared by the vast majority of Americans, and naturally, we commemorate them. These are widely shared feelings in healthy societies, and reasonable people have no problem with that, especially in a place like Indiana.

Indiana is a beautiful state. I've been there many times. For the most part it is a wholesome place to live. Indiana is as American as apple pie – or so I thought.

Sadly, even Indiana is tainted by the toxicity of political correctness. The City of Bloomington is the latest victim. Bloomington is a nice place, but the local economy is dependent on the higher-education industry. It is the home of Indiana University (which has thus far been immune to outsourcing). Many in the higher-education industry hold well-paying, tenured jobs. Not only is it very difficult to get fired, there is scarcely any quantifiable standard of performance or productivity that would pass muster in the private sector.

People whose livelihood is provided by the state or philanthropy often consider themselves more enlightened than the rest of us, and tend to be more PC than the rest of us.

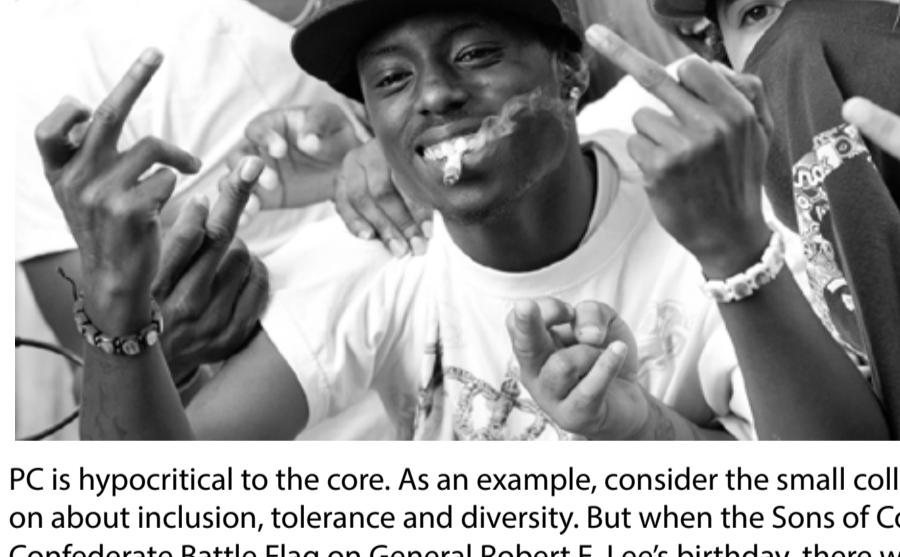
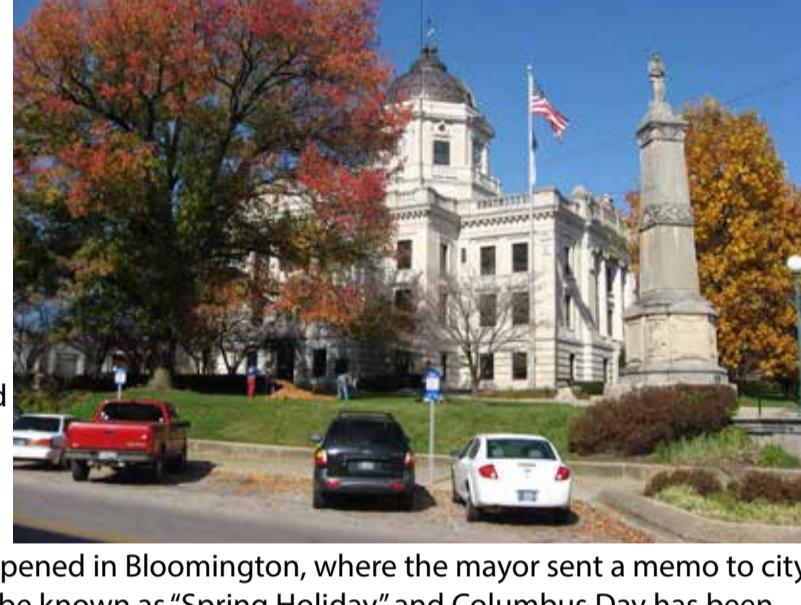
I have no problem if someone wants to be PC—until they try to impose it on others. But that is exactly what has happened in Bloomington, where the mayor sent a memo to city employees announcing that Good Friday is henceforth to be known as "Spring Holiday" and Columbus Day has been renamed "Fall Holiday."

Most people see nothing wrong with Good Friday or Columbus Day. But that is not good enough for Bloomington's Mayor John Hamilton, who wrote:

"We are terrifically proud of our diverse workforce at the city..."

"That diversity makes us stronger and more representative of the public we proudly serve. These updated names for two days of well-merited time off is another way we can demonstrate our commitment to inclusivity."

What a load of baloney. First, "diversity is our strength" is bogus from the get-go. Just ask the people in Bosnia about diversity. Also, it is not very inclusive to neuter the names of holidays which reflect the values of the majority. People on the ground in Bloomington tell ANP News there was no public clamor for doing away with Good Friday and Columbus Day, that the majority of folks had no problem leaving the holidays as they were. One lady summed it up when she tweeted: "The PC Gestapo Strikes Again."



But PC is not about majority rule. It is the dogma of cultural Marxism, an imported ideology cooked up to spread the elixir of leftism by dividing society into groups of "repressed" people, and condemning the rest of us with bogus notions of "white privilege" and "white guilt."

PC is religion to its apostles, and like the New England Puritans of old, if you don't go along with it, you'll be branded with a scarlet letter befitting the circumstances, such as "hurtful," "hateful," "insensitive," "intolerant," "racist," "xenophobic," "nativist" or "misogynist." Did I miss one? Maybe I should ask Donald Trump – the PC elite has called him every one of these.

PC is hypocritical to the core. As an example, consider the small college town of Lexington, VA. The "nice" people prattle on about inclusion, tolerance and diversity. But when the Sons of Confederate Veterans wanted to display the Confederate Battle Flag on General Robert E. Lee's birthday, there was no tolerance or inclusion for that! Apparently the good ol' boys of the SCV were not considered to be part of the community's much vaunted "diversity."

Whatever happened to live and let live?

PC is a form of repression that preaches "diversity" but demands conformity. It is practically a state religion these days. Another example: In many communities it has been a longstanding tradition to offer a devotional before a sporting event or at the beginning of the school day. But if one person deems it offensive, then it is banned, depriving everyone else of the right to participate. Leading a prayer at a public school function has been deemed "unconstitutional" by the PC U.S. Supreme Court. This is called "religious freedom" and has been imposed on our society by an elite long on book learning but short on practical skills and common sense.

So we are expected to be tolerant of whatever the PC crowd wants, and shut up about it if we don't agree. This reminds me of the old USSR where failure to follow the PC narrative was dangerous business. In America, people who actually work for a living are much less likely to indulge in such foolishness. But then again, these are the ones who voted for Trump. Guess we are just full of hate. We must be absolutely deplorable.

By Louis March

