

People as a Commodity — vs. Individual Human Worth

*"It's a gulf you can't straddle; and there's no place to hide:
so where do you stand on*

"The Great Divide"

1 What do you mean by *Individual Human Worth* and why do my children need it?

Individual Human Worth indicates the absolute inner value found in each individual in virtue of being human. That inner worth engenders certain universal rights.

"The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened." – John F. Kennedy

2 Our Social Policies embrace the concept of **"People as a Commodity."**

The recognition of individual human worth has been replaced by labels and categories that facilitate discriminatory treatment on the basis of race, gender, and ethnicity.

"To add value to others, one must first value others." – John C. Maxwell

3 Social Policy categories and descriptions are **demeaning and arbitrary.**

Labels like "non-Hispanic" demean ethnicities by erasing their cultural heritage.

*"Just as a tree without roots is dead, a people without history or cultural roots also becomes a dead people."
– Malcolm X*

4 Social Policies deliberately leave out people who are poor marginalized and underserved.

Rural communities are denied Social Justice through the corrupt methodologies of Census Tracts and Rural Exclusion.

"As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest." – Nelson Mandela

5 Social Policies are **secretive and deceptive.**

They promote a Doctrine of privilege and hate whose actions are cloaked in secrecy and intimidation. Goodness does not need to hide — or threaten.

"It is certain, in any case, that ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have," – James Baldwin

6 **"You have to be carefully taught."**

Children are not being taught an "ethnic, racial, and gender mix." Differences are all-important – indoctrinating stereotypes are reinforced everywhere.

"Right is of no sex, truth is of no color" – Frederick Douglass

"Learn to see, listen, and think for yourself." – Malcolm X

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[Verse 1]

You've got to be taught to hate and fear
You've got to be taught in school each year
It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear
You've got to be carefully taught

[Verse 2]

You've got to be taught and be remade
Accept that their Doctrine must be obeyed
To think of each gender and race as portrayed
You've got to be carefully taught

[Verse 3]

You've got to be taught without debate
When you're five and six and seven and eight
To hate all the people your teachers hate
You've got to be carefully taught

"If you're not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing." – Malcolm X

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Social Policies directly contradict the lives and beliefs of Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., Frederick Douglass, Mother Teresa, Mahatma Gandhi, and Malcolm X.

If it's wrong to discriminate – then it's always wrong to discriminate.

"Important principles may, and must, be inflexible." – Abraham Lincoln

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Social Policies give authorities dangerous powers to oppress the people: The power to discriminate against whoever they want, whenever they want, for as long as they want, in secret.

"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed." – Martin Luther King Jr.

"Wherever the real power in a Government lies, there is the danger of oppression." – James Madison

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." – Mother Teresa

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If the Policies are the same: the policy makers are the same.

Today's Social Policies "do not unlawfully discriminate" in the same manner, and with the same purpose, as those of Selma, Alabama in 1965.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that." – Martin Luther King Jr.

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Let's Debate! Demand full disclosure – full exposure of all government policies and statistics.

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right." – Martin Luther King Jr.

"I have more respect for a man who lets me know where he stands, even if he's wrong, than the one who comes up like an angel and is nothing but a devil." – Malcolm X