

Absurd Immunity. Can We Achieve It Again? *by Robert D. Smith*

As we hope for Herd Immunity from COVID (COrona VIRus Disease), we shouldn't neglect another pandemic today, ABVID (ABSurdity VIRus Disease), the acceptance of absurd propositions, ideas, messages, and judgments. Huge numbers of Americans, especially the "mainstream" media, academia, celebrities, young people, and much of the Democratic party are believing, even practicing things almost all of us, just a decade or two ago, would have considered absolutely absurd. We might say we had Absurd Immunity then.

A few examples of today's absurdities. More below.

- Gender is a social construct, not a biological reality.
Boys claiming to be girls should be free to compete in girls' sports.
A "man" can get pregnant—that is, a woman who claims she's a man now.
- Crime will be reduced by freeing those arrested.
Cash bail is discriminatory.
The police are criminals, so must be reduced by defunding law enforcement budgets.
- Freedom of speech must be limited when some are offended—but it's still "free."
Censorship by powerful media doesn't violate freedom of speech.
People must be punished for stupid things they said or did as teenagers.

ABVID infection produces immunity only if the person recovers, which is rare and becoming rarer. That is, infection does not produce antibodies. Quite the opposite. When an absurd proposition is accepted into the brain, the immune system is weakened, and it's nearly destroyed if five or six are accepted—commonly referred to as being "woke."

There are known vaccines, but—as with polio, smallpox, and DPT—they must be given at an early age, with boosters through adolescence, including parental discussion of current absurdities, careful school selection—especially college—social media and television monitoring and dialogue about absurdities presented there.

Abstinence is effective, though peer pressure is often against it. A simple resistance when urged to accept an absurdity is to say with a chuckle, "Sorry, I've developed Absurd Immunity." If asked what that means, answer, "My mind automatically rejects clearly absurd things like that," and move on.

Therapeutics also exist, though generally disparaged by the "experts" in academia, media, and politics, who stand to lose too much if people recover and resist their guidance. If the society achieved Absurd Immunity, they'd have to revert to studying, teaching, and advocating those old boring things: common sense, verifiable science, time-honored principles, and actual "critical thinking." That would be too much for many of them, for it would cost them popularity, tenure, influence, control of institutions, or political power.

In fact, those old things are the main therapeutics, and there are means of administering them. But we need to strengthen those and create many more. That will mean joining, contributing money to, and otherwise supporting churches and synagogues, traditional schools, and organizations fighting absurdity: Campus Reform, Prager U, and many others.

We also need to attack the super spreaders, especially Critical Race Theory, revisionist history, disguised Marxist ideologies, and post-modernism in general. This will require really understanding what our children are being taught, learning the counterarguments, and physical presence at school board meetings, local government fora, and, of course, the voting booth.

More examples—unfortunately a rapidly growing list:

- America is fundamentally, "systemically" racist.
Race, not effort or merit, should determine most decisions about persons and allocations of resources.
Judging, appointing, hiring, promoting, and allocating resources by race will reduce racism, not increase it.
Those who believe in America's founding principles and Constitution are extremists.
Limiting immigration is racist.
- Abortion is "health care."
A heart-beating unborn child is not yet a human being.
A child whose father was a rapist or a relative shouldn't be allowed to live.
- Socialism is a workable system that can promote human flourishing.
Fascism is an ultra-conservative ideology, not leftist.
Hitler and Mussolini were ultra-conservative, not socialists.
- Religion is a force for evil, not good, nor the foundation of most free societies.
- A company's taxes are paid by management and shareholders, not its customers.
Companies have revenue from (unspecified) sources other than their customers' buying products or paying for services, i.e., the people.
Economic growth is accelerated more by government "investment" and regulation than by free enterprise and risk taking.
- Equality, now "equity," comes before Justice and Liberty.
Justice now means equality of outcomes. All economic inequality is unjust.
- Word redefinitions—"Newspeak" in Orwell's *1984*.
"Birthing persons" for "mothers"
"Chest feeding" for "breast feeding"
- Colorado is less "voter suppressive" than Georgia.
Asking voters to identify themselves is "voter suppression."

Have fun adding others you hear. And don't fail to tell others you've developed Absurd Immunity!

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