



Reader ‘deeply offended’ at story

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Am I the only one deeply offended by the outlandish comments made by Sandra Ardrey, Head of the Political Science Department at WKU, in the August 23 paper?

“Ardrey believes that getting students out of their comfort zones and exposing them to ideas they’re not used to results in learning and change,” Aaron Mudd wrote in a piece highlighting the professor’s ongoing battle against so-called ‘political correctness.’

“She’s taken great strides to push her students out of their comfort zones,” he continues. “Too often these days, students come to college to get a job instead of an education in life-long critical thinking.”

How can Ardrey be so out of touch with the contemporary educational mainstream?

If students are offended by something, then that something should obviously be off limits in the conversation. They are not paying thousands of dollars to be harangued by some professor ostensibly concerned about helping them achieve a more cogent worldview.

We have got to get away from this quaint notion that some people are more insightful than others. As everyone knows, all viewpoints are equally valid; any effort to distinguish the enlightened from the uninformed must be fiercely denounced.

Look, if I wanted to push my son outside his comfort zone, I’d simply accompany him to the mall on a Saturday night dressed in an Air Supply t-shirt and a Speedo. That should do it.

Ardrey’s pie-in-the-sky rhetoric may have made sense back in the distant past when the faces populating our classes were indeed “students.” But since they became “consumers” a couple of decades ago, all bets are off.

Personally, I am deeply offended by anyone who is deeply offended by anything. As such, I expect those around me to be hypersensitive to my feelings and not say anything that might cause me any undue anxiety.

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