



Writer addresses ‘confusion’ about his views

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As I was watching the news over Thanksgiving, it occurred to me that one of the biggest challenges we seem to face in our political dialogue revolves around the growing tendency to make inconsistent claims without realizing our duplicity.

We can all fall victim to this; none of us is immune. Recently, for example, a friend pointed out how some of my positions could easily be interpreted as being contradictory.

So, in the interest of accuracy and transparency, I’d like to clear up any confusion that may exist regarding my various perspectives.

First, I do not believe the current convention of name-calling, which seems to be so popular with some of our politicians, serves any useful purpose. If we truly want to engage in civil discourse, all the dimwits and imbeciles out there need to stop this demeaning and condescending practice.

Second, I believe we need to base our discussions on facts and stop pulling stuff out of thin air just because it makes us sound more credible. This is especially true for conservatives, who are 96.75 percent more likely to lie than liberals.

Third, I believe we need to rein in the conspiracy theorists, who tend to see some sinister, governmental plot in virtually everything that happens these days. This is exactly what the Illuminati, Deep State and the extraterrestrials who control them want us to think. We must resist.

Fourth, I believe we need to stop using inflammatory, conflict-enhancing stereotypes – and this applies to both the undereducated, religious, rural zealots as well as the overeducated, godless, progressive professors.

Finally, I believe we really need to try harder to understand one another and stop being so quick to dismiss others simply because their viewpoints differ from our own. In fact, all judgmental people should go straight to hell.

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