

Power Line's Lexicon of Leftist Terms, Update 2

Some new definitions of popular lefty terms have reached us, and I thought it is high time to update the whole list, since it is such a handy reference. We've got new definitions for "woke" and "nationalism," among others. Herewith:

Populism: When the wrong person or cause wins a free election, like Brexit or Trump.

[Alternative: John Gray's definition—"Populism is a term used by centrist liberals to describe political blowback from the disruption of society produced by their policies." (In *The New Statesman*.)

Nationalism: Patriotism that liberals don't like.

The Administrative State: Rule by an overwhelming minority.

Woke (1): The belief that (1) all of society is currently and intentionally structured to oppress, (2) all gaps in performance between large groups illustrate this, and (3) the solution is 'equity'—proportional representation without regard to performance. (From Wilfred Reilly)

Woke (2): A state of awareness only achieved by those dumb enough to find injustice in everything except their own behavior.

Racism: Any kind of resistance, conscious or unconscious, to the political program of the left.

Democracy: Any institutional design or voting system that enables the left to get what it wants. [**Updated version:** "Our democracy™"—democracy as the left defines it]

"Threat to democracy": When Republicans win an election.

Diversity: Where everyone looks different, but thinks the same thing, and speaks in identical cliches.

Equity: The phrase leftists use when they reach for your wallet.

Inclusion: The deliberate exclusion of white males.

Disinformation: Anything a conservative says.

Holistic: Leftist adjective for “we have no idea what to do about a problem and want to change the subject”

“Investment”: Democrat-speak for “spending money on our favorite constituency groups”

Root causes: Method of deflecting attention from solutions that can relieve a problem immediately (like locking up criminals instead of playing catch and release).

Property: Theft. (See Marx, Karl, & Proudhon, Joseph.)

Social justice: Alternative phrase leftists use when reaching for your wallet. (See “equity,” above.)

Neoliberalism: Anything the left doesn’t like. (Often a synonym for “racism.”)

“Structural oppression”: Synonym for “we hate capitalism.”

“Hate speech”: Any statement that challenges the dogmas of the left. Usually deployed whenever a conservative is about to win an argument. (See also, “Racism,” above.)

Free speech: The firebombing of public buildings by Leftists.

Violence: The expression of conservative ideas.

Child: A legal adult under 21 who wants to own a gun

Adult: A 12-year-old who wants to have his or her genitalia removed

Inflation: the consequence of the federal government spending an insufficient amount of money. Alternative definition: something caused by Vladimir Putin.

“We need to have a conversation about. . .”: You shut up and agree with the left.

Dialogue: A monologue where the Left explains and the Right agrees.

Living Constitution: The written Constitution is dead.

Compromise: Moving left to the position the left wants.

Public-Private Partnership: A half-baked feel-good proposal doomed to inevitable failure resulting from inept management by government officials with no business experience. Syn: “urban renewal”.

Latinx: What comes before Latiny and Latinz. (Or it’s a long-lost sixth declension.)

Meritocracy: Created originally by liberals, now means racism/white supremacy.

Voter Suppression: Elimination of Democrat election fraud.

Divisive: Any opinion the left doesn’t like.

Advocate: People without real jobs who live to complain.

The left: How dare men make law about abortion!

Also the left: Men can get pregnant.

Re-Imagine: A term conservatives don’t use.

Denier: Label for anyone who dissents from leftist positions that can’t be successfully defended (or who didn’t vote for Liz Cheney)

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