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Dear Mr. Lamb:

If the sign of an educated man is his ability to ask pertinent questions, then you, sir, should be President of all our Universities. My wife and I always learn a great deal from your interviews. We especially enjoyed, Tina Rosenberg.

For many years, I have written essays for family and friends. Now that I am retired and have more time I am seeking a Publisher or Broadcaster to purchase my work. Enclosed is a sample. If you would be so kind to read my work it would be appreciated. No need to comment. I know how busy you must be, however, if you think it has merit please feel free to pass this essay along to somebody who may have an interest in the subject. Thanks.

My wife and I send our best wishes for your continued success.

Cordially,

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE

Dear Mr. Greenspan:

Obviously, you and I agree that the best medicine for our sick economy is a large dose of good old Consumer Confidence. As great Americans like, P. T. Barnum, and Harry Houdini, said, "Americans want something in which they can believe." Instead of dilly dallying around with so called discount rates and other nefarious banking schemes that consumers can't pronounce let alone understand, I would like to suggest a sure fire confidence scheme, er, ah, confidence builder, that will unquestionably get us out of the economic doldrums. But first, some background.

In 1972 I bought a house in Mill Valley, California. About two months after we moved in, a station wagon pulled up and a woman and two little girls got out and began digging up my front yard. Their behavior seemed so unlikely that I went outside and asked them if they had lost something. The lady, who kept right on digging, said that my house had been on the market a long, long time and never sold. Then, the previous owner buried a statue of Saint Joseph and two weeks later I came along and bought the house. The lady went on to say she wanted to put her house on the market and since she knew "this statue works," she asked the previous owner for permission to dig it up.

Not being one to disappoint, I got my shovel from the garage and offered to lend a hand. I soon struck a cigar box sealed with masking tape. With the mother and her little girls excitedly peering over my shoulder, I tore open the box and we all peeked inside. The lady screamed "this isn't Saint Joseph,"! She steadied herself against a tree. Inside the box, wrapped in a tiny red velvet robe with a crucifix around its neck were the remains of my children's pet mouse. I dimly recalled the children conducting a funeral with lit candles and all, but until that moment the actual burial location had remained a mystery.

The lady was so distraught at having dug up a mouse instead of Saint Joseph that she and her girls got back in the station wagon and roared away. I reburied the mouse. Years later when we put the house up for sale I observed that it sold immediately. So, I dug up the mouse and reburied it in the garden of our new place. Does the buried mouse work? Let's put it this way, I am darned tired of complete strangers driving up at all hours and asking excitedly, "IS YOUR HOUSE FOR SALE,"?

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It is a proven fact that the buried mouse sells real estate. And real estate, according to any cocktail conversation I've ever overheard, is what makes the economy move. Besides, This is the sort of thing that the American consumer can understand. My plan is to bury threads from the mouse's robe (shroud?) in major markets across the U.S. As fast as those properties sell...and sell they will...we rebury the robe threads in other slow moving locations and so on. In no time at all the economy will be humming along and you will be a hero. I don't want any monetary reward for the "robe." It's my gift to the country I love.

Enclosed are a few threads to get you going. I suggest you start by casually dropping over to the Resolution Trust Corp. and burying the proven threads in the nearest potted palm. It's the least you can do for your country.

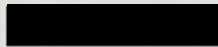
If this idea doesn't make as much sense as some of the other economic plans emanating from Washington or if you have a better idea, I'd sure like to hear about it.....and so would the President.

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POLITICALLY CORRECT-101

by



Here in Northern California, a hotbed of political correctness, local liberals often fail to discern the incongruity of their far left statements. Flagrant examples of political correctness pop up so often that this essay could easily be as long as the San Francisco phone book. Mercifully, space limits us to a more conservative list of fuzzy thinking examples.

Here is one of my favorites: It is politically correct not to cut down a Redwood tree. In the town I live, it is illegal to cut down a Redwood tree. However, it is perfectly acceptable to construct a 7,500 sq. ft. house of solid Redwood, inside and out, Redwood decks on all 3 floors, Redwood fence, benches and gazebo, all built with Redwood CUT SOMEPLACE ELSE!

Politically correct lady congressional representatives complain loudly to the media about human rights violations in China, however, you never hear a peep out of them about Israeli human rights violations against Palestinians.

Here in the socialist triangle, Berkeley, San Francisco and Mill Valley, it was politically correct to vote for Jesse Jackson (he carried the areas mentioned by over 70% in the last democratic primary) Jackson was called, "brilliant," by his politically correct boosters. These same folk thought Clarence Thomas, "a lightweight," despite a Yale law school education. The politically correct liberals thought Thomas may have looked at some pornography. . . . a right for which their beloved ACLU lawyers fought long and hard!

Pedal power is IN here in Northern California. Bicycles are politically correct because they don't require fossil fuels (except to build). Mountain Bikes are very popular despite the fact, their knobby tires grind up the soft backcountry trails on nearby Mt. Tam. Despite being banned in the back country of our National Parks, local politicians stick with the politically correct position of allowing unlimited numbers of bicycles (over a million users last year) on the fragile trails. Not so in the National Parks where environmentalism is more than a political buzzword. The National Parks have a maximum fine of \$500.00 and six months in jail.

Among liberal landlords here, it is politically correct to be for rent control in Berkeley but not in OUR town! (We don't want anybody interfferring with our property rights) Besides there are students in Berkeley. The Berkeley rent law does not differentiate between students and non students but , what the hell, you get the idea.

Here, it is politically correct to complain about the terrible U.S. trade deficit brought on by REPUBLICAN Presidents, meanwhile, the politically correct continue buying expensive foreign cars. In some years as much as 70% of the new cars sold in this county are foreign.

This goodie is unbelievable but true. It is still politically correct to be a Communist because", WHAT RUSSIA HAD WASN'T COMMUNISM. " Capitalism on the other hand is condemned because it is ", TOO GREEDY. "

In my town you seldom see a flag flying even in a parade! It is politically correct not to fly the American flag. As one leftist lady explained," we don't believe in flying flags of individual nations. " So, not even a U.N. flag?

At Christmas, it is politically correct to side with liberal ACLU lawyers who rail against simple Nativity scenes because Nativity scenes promote Christianity. O.K to pay millions of Federal workers to stay home and celebrate the religious holiday called Christmas. O.K. to give billions of taxpayers dollars to religious and socialist state of Israel.

It is politically correct to bemoan air pollution here in this county....but no mass transit bill has ever passed because the politically correct don't want to get out of their expensive foreign cars and...(whisper)...." we don't want THEM coming into our county. "

It is politically correct to be pro animal rights and pro abortion. Politically correct say it should be illegal to test abortion drug on pregnant dogs thereby aborting puppies . Same people say O.K. to abort human babies!

It is politically correct to be pro women's rights . eg' Wrong to sexually harrass women. Same liberals say it's O.K. for Senator Kennedy to sexually harass women because 'he is a sexual person. " and besides, "he has done so much for the country, HIS behavior should be excused. "

Laughing at fundamentalist Christian religions is politically correct. Yet this area spawned such religious cults as the Breatharians(not necessary to take food-only air) and the infamous Bubba Free John. This is the same politically correct area that psycho babble ,former used car salesman, Jack Rosenberg, sold on the idea of EST. He changed his name to Werner Erhard, and the rest is history. Where is he NOW? Answer. Out of the country avoiding the IRS and others.

Northern California has a left wing congress lady with Senate aspirations who complained bitterly to the media about high defense budgets. This same lady screamed bloody murder when the defense dept. tried to close a local military base.

It's politically correct to be FOR higher taxes! Especially higher capital gains taxes! Before liberals changed the 1987 law, a low income retired Californian could sell his house and move to a smaller place and pay 19% federal & state capital gains taxes. After our liberal congresspeople got through with the tax law , we pay a 39% federal and state tax. And, get this, the liberals love their Congressfolk for the NEW tax law!!! They keep voting for them and urging them on to higher office!

Politically correct to use water to control growth. Despite a 5 year drought local liberal water district politicians took down an emergency pipeline and put residents on a 50 gal per day rationing program. In 25 years the liberals have been unable to come up with a sane water plan.

Politically correct to rag against conservative fascism . Yet, local liberal politicians use local police depts. as major revenue producers....this County has over 300 drunk driving arrests every month at a fine of \$1,000 each. God(sorry ACLU) help us if we are falsely accused. Defending yourself is expensive, even if you are innocent!

Politically correct to support Golden Gate Bridge District politicians. This is a training ground for liberals with higher political aspirations(besides, receiving \$50,000 per annum in gratuities is pretty good for a part time job.) These characters inherited a PAID UP GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE with no debt. 20 years ago. Today the Bridge is heavily in debt. and the toll fee has increased from 50¢ to \$3.00. Liberals love it! Helps cut down traffic on the bridge!

By now, you got the idea. Right? What is fashionable? What is the latest buzzword that will show you are politically astute? What cause can you adopt? For openers, you can adopt the cause of educating yourself so you employ your mind to solve problems.....and you don't move with the herd.. The politically correct herd seen grazing away on lush greenback hills of YOUR tax dollars.

So, next time one of your politically correct liberal friends issues one of those pompous statements , stop, and think about what was said. Think for yourself ! If you do think for yourself, you should at the very least. come back at the speaker with". but that doesn't make any sense. "This remark will start you off on your long journey as a free thinker . Also, such a comment will often enliven an otherwise dull dinnertime conversation. Go for it!

Puh-leeze help eliminate politically correct lists like this.

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