



What One Was, What One Is (What One Imagines Oneself to Be, What One is Imagined to Be, and) What One Becomes

Part Three – Forcing Belief

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When seen objectively without the blinders of *liberal bleeding heart, do-good, touchy feely, can't-we-all-get-along* attitudes, and having to worry about someone's *radical* pomposity being punctured, it would seem that much of what is taking place on the political change front, with only a few notable exceptions, is nothing more than cheap recycled personal grandstanding and aggrandizement or at its best, mainstream reformism.¹ Oftentimes, this activism is unashamedly contradictory, reactionary, and sycophantic even if in most cases it should attempt to look sincere and committed.

The dismal reality is that it all ultimately falls within the system-encouraged opposition-lite that the middle-of-the-roaders require to keep its partisan party game in play. Too many community self-appointed representatives, still in

transit through the tunnel of eventual disillusionment, continue responding to the environment of deceit by jumping from one political party or movement to another to show their “*dismay*” at being constantly ignored.

Fatally stuck in a colonized mentality, it will never cross their minds that the mainstream political processes have never been created for the benefit of people that have been conquered and occupied. Moreover, if it does, they find it an *inconvenient* truth. Contrary to mainstream opinion, this truth is either assimilated or rejected - there is no middle ground. I believe it was Winston Churchill that said that

individuals “*occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened*”.

This fact has now begun to be realized and is haunting even the Euro-American worker population that up to now has considered race privilege as their immunity from political alienation and betrayal. Yet, everyone should have seen it coming when a half-white man, sold as



¹ Needless to say that we here will not even mention the ignorant, insane, opportunist, and alienated activity to supposedly benefit the community, the likes as recently reported, of the proposed tours of so-called gang areas by rehabilitated Raza former gang members.



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Black, was *allowed* to be elected president; it was not equality that was being practiced but mockery.² Nonetheless, the faithful lined up to march in lock step to elect their would-be savior. Even Raza has now begun to see the folly of allowing itself to be carried by the hype that in most cases was fed by the gullibility of this current brand of activism that runs on false *hope*. Yes, obstinate believers, Obama is worse than Bush and a bigger jive – he even gets a Nobel Peace prize for waging two wars.

Without even mentioning how the current president's implementation of *immigration* policy is affecting Raza families, many actually believed that the end of militarism and corruption had come with this past election. As has been made clear with a continued military maintenance in Iraq, escalations in Afghanistan and Pakistan, preparations in Columbia and Honduras, increasing drum beating on Iran, and multiplied amounts of bailouts, now only fools, opportunists, and the proverbial brown nosers will believe this.³ If measured in approval ratings, 50% of the overall population still approves of the handling of deception. These, it would seem, do not bother to look behind the visible first-string politicians for which they vote.

² This individual cannot even claim to be a descendent of slaves, which would have given him at least a semblance of relevancy in the color argument.

³ The latter is mentioned not to be facetious but because these are the ones in our community that seem to always get in the way of genuine militancy, and we notice, they always seem to be the same usual suspects.

Little noticed is the dangerous infestation of parasites that have gone by many names throughout history, currently called neo-cons, the likes of Paul Wolfowitz (former Deputy Secretary of Defense, ex World Bank President, and called *the turd that doesn't flush* because he keeps coming back) and Richard Perle (former chairman of the Defense Policy Board), et.al. that have been replaced with new hidden ones under more liberal labels, the likes of Obama's Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and his brother Ezekiel. Simply put, the old reptilians have remained and slithered back to hide behind the curtain while others waiting in the wings took their place in front of it.

However, this is only the backdrop to the imperceptive environment that brings us to how this manifests itself in activity that gives the semblance of progressiveness due to one being in the process of *radicalization*,⁴ having reached that point, or for any number of reasons, in subsequent retrogression to a mainstream centrist or reactionary position while encouraging for him or herself a misleading flattering label identifier.

⁴ The term *Radicalization* is used here due to a lack of a better word. It attempts to describe the process of many in the so-called progressive community that have gone from tapado to right-on radical community activist in Chicano/Mexicano organizations, to member of so-called Third World associations or collectives, to outright members in white-owned Marxist, Socialist, Anarchist, or Communist-leaning organizations, then coming back into the barrios under these last banners as apologists for the Democratic or Republican Parties, trying to convince Raza to do their bidding AND wanting respect and accolades.

