The 1964 Plan

The year was 1964, and it was the exact moment in time when if we had been thinking critically, the United States was set to run the metaphorical pool table. The ***Civil Rights Act*** *had passed* ***outlawing discrimination*** *once and for all in America.* Jim Crow was dead, and black people despite it had already made huge economic progress. Since the end of the Second World War, blacks had reduced poverty in their community by over 40% and almost all black children (86%) were born into traditional two-parent families. The future for all previously discriminated against minorities was bright now that all legal obstacles had been cleared away. Oh, there would still be struggle, but nothing against which ultimate victory wasn't assured.

America was safe everywhere. It was routine to leave your keys in the visor of your unlocked car in the driveway even in big cities like where I grew up, Pittsburgh and Miami. My ex-wife's family in small town Iowa would go away on vacation and not bother to lock the doors of their home.

The words school and shooting never appeared in the same sentence.

On Halloween, the best treats were the homemade ones like candy apples and caramel corn. Nobody put candy and poison/razorblade in the same sentence.

If you weren't the Lindbergh heir, the chances of your child being kidnapped was zero. Child and snatch never appeared in the same sentence.

Drug abuse was pretty much confined to the poorest communities, musicians, actors, and bored housewives. It wasn't center stage and the "Controlled Substances Act" wasn't yet even a consideration. There was no

DEA or ATF, and the FBI concentrated on interstate crime once LBJ told J. Edgar Hoover to leave Dr. King alone and do his damn job, pretty much in those words.

People's image of gangs was from *West Side Story*. There were no cartels. The Mafia was only killing each other and the feds were hot on their trail. The public was captivated by gangsters but not afraid of ever being caught in the crossfire. Drugs weren't their main business, and they still controlled Vegas when it was the most fun to go there. They ran the Numbers until the government took it over and changed the name to the Lottery. People won more with the Mafia.

The economy overall was great. The dollar was rock solid. Two parents never had to work to support their family, own a nice home, and have two cars in the driveway. Gasoline was under 50 cents per gallon and inflation was negligible. Any teenager who wanted a summer job could get one.

Of course, the world was far from perfect. Gays were still in the closet let alone allowed to marry. Pollution was awful. Cleveland's river had caught fire more than once. Littering was pretty much not even noticed and trash was everywhere along America's highways. Blacks though having made huge progress still had a long way to go with 31% living below the poverty line compared to less than 10% of whites. There were still restricted neighborhoods where Jews, Blacks, Latinos, and Asians weren't welcome. We forgot the lessons of Korea and were enmeshing ourselves in Vietnam.

The thing was though, from 1964 forward all the discrimination was doomed, thank God. It was only a matter of time before all barriers were gone. Oh, racism existed and exists, but it was and is a thought, not an action, and so long as the bigots kept their mouths shut and their stupidity private, the road ahead for minorities was clear in every sphere: jobs, education, homeownership, and advancement. Minds would change, we all knew, because so many already had. The reasonable had momentum. Logic and decency were the mainstream, and nobody even thought about using federal coercion. Divorce and family breakup was considered by

everyone a disgrace. It almost never happened. Until 1980, there had never been a divorced president.

All we had to do was not screw it up. Paraphrasing Lao Tzu (The founder of Taoism) over 600 years B.C., all we had to do was nothing. Things would work themselves out naturally and with no unintended consequences. *Doing nothing is far better than to be busy doing nothing.* Of course and as we all know, we did a lot and most of it was wrong.

Three largely unrecognized by the public factors destroyed the traditional nuclear family, and along with that came increased crime, addiction, and the still accelerating decline of urban America. We have pretty much constantly been in a de facto state of war since then, at home and abroad. Society is tribalized. Religion has waned. Children aren't safe in school and none of us are safe at church, mosque, synagogue, or temple. Nor are we safe at malls, where we work, at a big box store, shopping for groceries, and yes, worst of all in terms of body count, concerts and nightclubs. What happened?

Our politics have descended into a pit of obsequious gladhanding weasels without a single vertebrae, and they have spent us to the brink of destruction. How do they plan to make us safe? Why, by the same old tune they've been repeating since 1964, either *let them loose* or *lock them up*. I haven't heard any alternative plan let alone an original idea in my lifetime. Have you? Every time a new horror erupts, the cries go up from the left to ban guns and the right to fill the prisons and build more. We already incarcerate 25% of the ENTIRE PLANET'S prison population with 4.25% of the world's population. We have more of our people locked up in terms of numbers and percentage of our population than Russia, China, or North Korea. And guns are an inanimate tool. They don't cause crime. Touching one doesn't addict you to violence. They correlate. Both sides are frozen in their own willful ignorance and outright stupidity. Their feelings are mistaken by both for the truth, the very definition of postmodernism, *your feelings are your truth and society must accommodate even by coercion when necessary.*

The enemy of good is perfect, but that accepted we can return to decency and still keep the progress that we have made racially and culturally. We can turn the clock back in effect and recreate that kind of safety in both public and private. We can let our kids run through our neighborhoods free and without supervision again. We can restore manners and civility to our public discourse. We can elevate our culture and the kind of people who represent us. The dissenters will be fringe outliers. Imagine the peace of it.

As Ronald Reagan famously said back in 1982, *I am not trying to go back to the past. I just want to go back to the way we faced the future in the past.* Courage, Justice, Moderation, and above all, Wisdom.

The 1964 Plan addresses the three primary causes of our societal decay:

1. The Destruction of the Nuclear Family
2. The Drug War
3. The Prisons

We put forth in detail a course of action that is entirely based upon objective reality. It doesn't make the mistake made so often by our government in Washington of letting policy create so-called "facts" rather than let objective reality/facts drive policy. Therefore, our plan will work. Our goal is simply to explain it to you, gain your support financially, and if you feel it, volunteer, and then use our resources to make the **1964 Plan** a political imperative.

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