

# America's rising tide of stupid people

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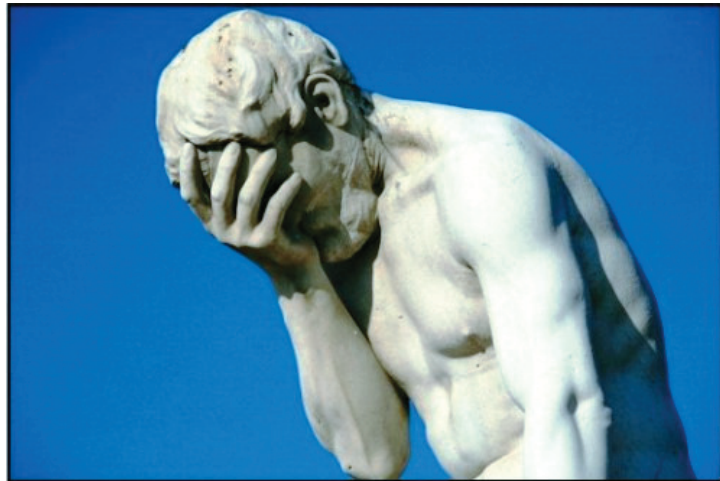
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Stupidity is on a wildfire rampage in America. Yes, the champions of what-won't-work are in the ascendancy.

Stupidity is not limited to unintelligent people. Plenty of educated folks sport decent or high IQs, yet they harbor dumb beliefs or devotion to causes that don't meet the test of common sense.

Where these people went wrong, it seems, is failing to apply critical thinking when forming their belief systems. Intelligence does not always bring wisdom. Most intelligent people know they're smart, but they may not know their judgment is fatally flawed.



Poor judgment sometimes flows from reliance on inaccurate or inadequate information. Most folks in the stupid category have no sense of history, are unwilling to learn the lessons of history, and are unschooled in civic responsibilities and the rule of law. Ignorance of economics is one telltale trademark of stupid political activists, although New York Times economist Paul Krugman has found a way to be both an economist and stupid at the same time.

For some serious fun, let's survey some categories of stupid people in America:

- *Bernie Sanders star-struck supporters.* These are people who support socialism – a destroyer of nations – because they are ignorant of how free enterprise creates vibrant economies and

jobs. Sanders believes the private sector role is to transfer revenue to the public coffers. But why would you embrace the judgment of a man who accomplished nothing worthwhile in life and who couldn't keep a good job until he reached his 40s? And who extolled the virtues of Ortega's communist regime in Nicaragua, while Ortega killed or tortured 15,000 people and practiced legalized theft?

- *Minimum wagers.* Among the prominent members of the Unintended Consequences Club sit the minimum wage backers. The people who push for minimum wages are too stupid to understand how it hurts more than it helps. It causes minority unemployment, "underground jobs" where people are hired off the books and no taxes are paid, people permanently priced out of jobs, stores closing. The real minimum wage is always zero, regardless of laws.
- *"Black Lives Matter".* Radical blacks are driving cops away from protecting innocent blacks and businesses in America's largest cities. The people being killed in inner city areas are young men of color – and it's not the police doing the killing. Black Lives Matter is fanning the flames, hastening the plunge. Only crooks, racists and political opportunists say BLM is credible.
- *Tax-the-rich socialists.* These people are killing the great job-creating mechanisms that fueled America's greatness and quality of life, a beacon in the world. If government is going to penalize the risk takers and investors by taxing away the fruits of successful capitalism, too few will expose their own capital to the risk of building innovative companies that employ large numbers of people.
- *"It Takes A Village" Multi-culturalists.* These people have barged their way into the ranks of the stupid in recent years by insisting that cultural diversity has no dark side and by denying the truths of human nature and its tribal ways. Powerful tribal coteries can rip a country apart, trampling on minority groups' rights and sometimes slaughtering religious or political opponents. Stupid multiculturalists are prattling on that there is no danger allowing 10,000 Syrian refugees into this country, relying on Obama's ineffective vetting system. Every single day, Islamists attack somewhere.

- *Spoiled brat college students.* Too many college students enter stupidity by taking college majors that offer little chance of good jobs that produce livable wages. Their participation-trophy childhoods push them toward wanting to be shielded from competition and "micro-aggressions". These naïve, pampered college students think it's more fun to play the victim and stage protests, than the hard work of solving problems. Well, you're not a victim, you're a psychological problem who wants to be handed a free education. Get over it.

Quibbles are possible, but these people afflict America. Mainstream media culprits often are reluctant to expose stupid and politically correct people, because they frequently espouse such media's political agenda. Worse, in too many instances the media won't reveal the facts that prove stupid people are stupid.

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