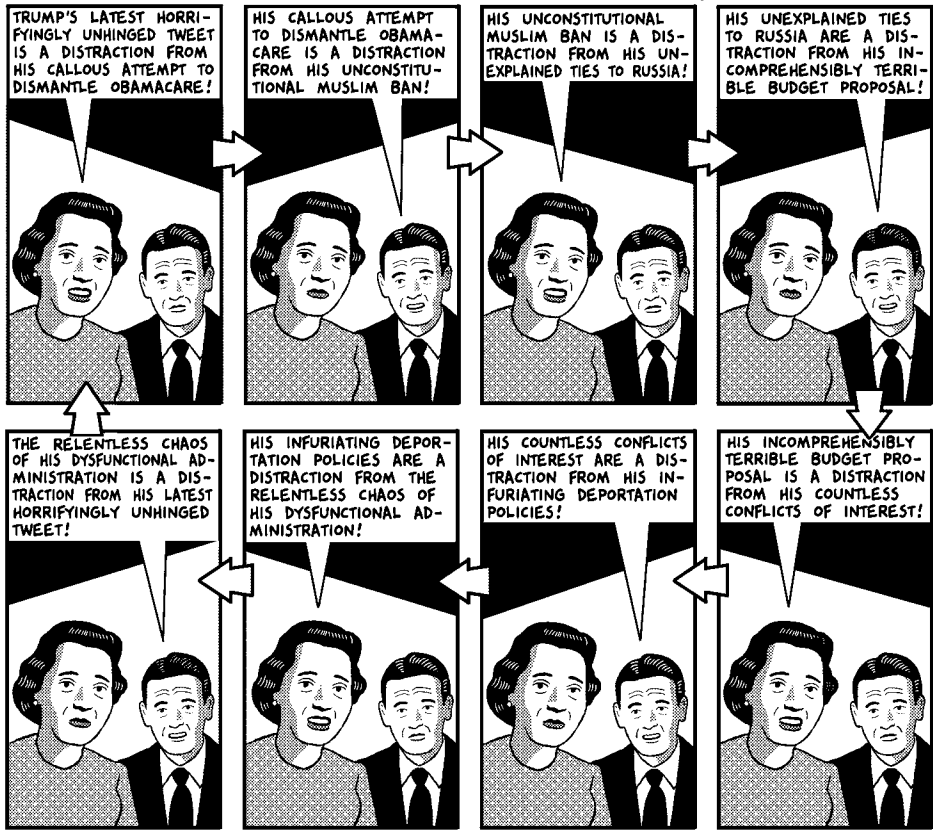


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



Americans value free speech. SJWs don't. Sadly, this is why SJWs are losing and are destroying the Left. This is not good.

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PROTEST ON THE TITANIC

Corporate and governmental climate denial is not rooted in failure to understand science, but recognition that our endless growth economy requires endless increase of resource use. As fossil fuels deplete, solar panels might keep society together but at a much lower consumption level. Solar panels and wind farms don't power airplanes and long distance truck networks. Relocalizing food production is more important than hoping for a techno-fix.

In the 1990s, Trump's advisor Steve Bannon was director of the Biosphere 2 project, an oil money funded effort to see if domed cities could shelter the super-rich while the rest of us succumb to eco-collapse. This is like the first class passengers on the Titanic getting in the lifeboats first, except we are all in the same boat of "Spaceship Earth" and there's no escape for anyone.

When energy rationing finally starts, due to geologic depletion, "stop drilling" groups may be popular scapegoats. Most people do not understand physical limits and may believe efforts to blame shortages on environmentalism. Protests do not substitute for the logistics of food distribution.

Instead of gimmicks for the billionaires or war preparations to grab remaining resources, we could implement large scale permaculture projects to improvise as many "lifeboats" as possible with the goal of rescuing everyone. Protesting systems that keep us fed and warm, without making practical efforts to create sufficient substitutes, seems counterproductive. Relocalizing through local and global cooperation might work better than protesting the navigator of our sinking ship of state.

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LEIGHTON FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Three competent professionals are running for the same seat on the Eugene 4J School Board in the May election. Two of these professionals are university professors and one is an educator with direct experience in public school teaching, school administration, teacher development programs and policy analysis of the effects of school reform programs.

Dr. Mary S. Leighton (Ph.D. in education from the University of Oregon) is the candidate with the most direct experience, training and involvement with the delivery and improvement of instruction in public schools. She has taught in public elementary and secondary schools in Illinois, California, Maryland and Oregon. She taught college teacher education courses in Maryland and Oregon; she currently leads a teacher education initiative with the Work Force Partnership and the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Leighton was the principal of the Network Charter School, which serves students in need of an alternative approach to education. She also has years of experience in education policy analysis, studying the effects of school reform programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Eugene 4J School Board is facing many practical instruction and administrative challenges that call for the kind of direct public school experience that Dr. Leighton can uniquely bring to deliberations.

In short, the Eugene community will be best served by electing a person with a deep and successful career in actual public school instruction, administration and assessment.

Elect Dr. Mary S. Leighton to the Eugene 4J School Board on May 16.

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