

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



In order for their structures to sustain themselves, Rosenberg states, people must be educated to be obedient and submissive. Citizens need to be disconnected from their own power (lack of access to quality education, economically disenfranchised, etc.) and so look outward to authority for guidance on how to live.

This simply requires a language that describes people as good/bad, right/wrong, Christian/Muslim, American/Mexican. To maintain domination structures, authoritarians use language that judges people according to their behavior, appearance, skin color, religious affiliation or sexual identity ("Crooked" Hillary, "Lying" Ted, etc.)

In addition to this language, the authoritarian leader practices what Rosenberg calls retributive justice. If you are judged as bad by the authorities, you deserve to be punished ("Lock her up"). If the authorities judge you positively, you deserve to be rewarded (recent obviously unqualified Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh, former Sheriff Arpaio, etc.)

Rosenberg believes that this combination — teaching people to think in terms of good/bad, right/wrong, and retributive justice based on punishment and reward — is at the heart of violence.

The current domination structure and language of judgment we are experiencing started long before Trump; he's just really good at it.

Kurt Jensen
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CRIMINALIZE THE HOMELESS

Bend doesn't have a homeless crisis because they don't allow vagrants to camp all over their vibrant little city — problem solved.

Like plenty of other places they tell transients they can either leave for Eugene or go to jail.

Obviously not everyone can afford to live here; must Oregon taxpayers underwrite everyone who shows up with a backpack or dilapidated motor home?

If you think yes, expect hundreds more. It's a fact: Transients are given "bus ticket ultimatums" all over the USA — their one way destination is ... downtown Eugene.

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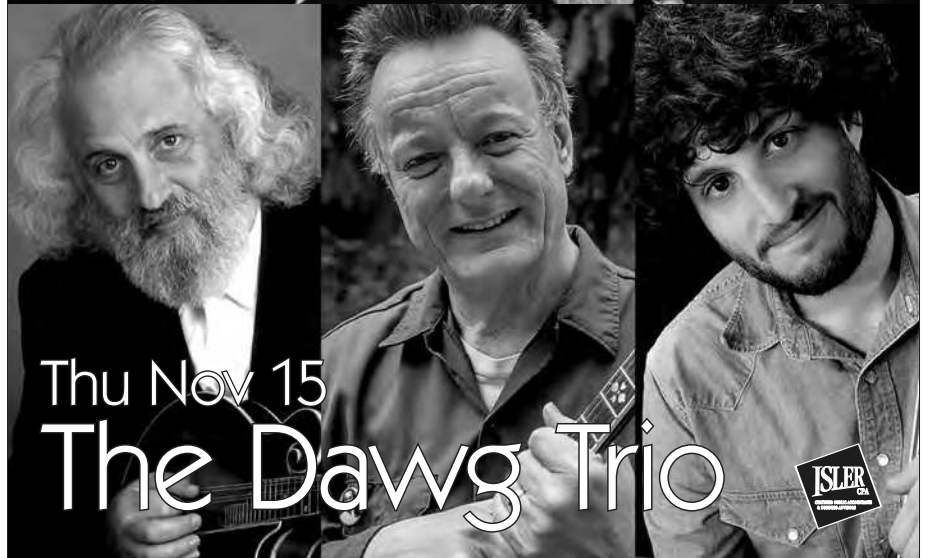
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