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## No, ignorance is not strength

You may think that I have taken leave of my senses, but no, I have not. For those of you who remember George Orwell's book, 1984, you will remember that it was his warning to us of the coming totalitarian government that was taking over this country. In the book, double speak was pointed to as evidence. Double speak is one of a totalitarian's tools to confuse and destroy people's understanding of their world. One of the examples of double speak in the book is "Ignorance is Strength".

And that is precisely the shell game that the left is playing with us. Their control of the education systems in this country allow them to actually teach that ignorance is strength. They start as early as they possibly can with the children.

They are teaching things like the [1619 Project](#) and [Critical Race Theory](#). In essence, they are teaching ignorance. They tell kids that math is a racist subject (really!) because it requires a single, precise answer. Their belief is that a math problem should encompass many answers, so more kids can pass the exams.

This disease starts as soon as they can get their hands on kids, and continues through all college levels. It is now moving into employers, including the US Military. Even Coke is telling their employees they need to be '[less white](#)'.

There is, however, one bastion of real intelligence left in the education universe. It is a school in Michigan called [Hillsdale College](#). Hillsdale is a fully accredited, residential four year school. And it believes in America. It teaches real history, real civics, real everything. It completely refuses to capitulate to the left, and does not heed the demands of our federal government. It can do this because it takes no money from any governmental body, so it can legally ignore all of Washington's demands.

And here is some really great news. If you want to learn about your country, and its government, you can take internet classes from Hillsdale FOR FREE!

To explore their offerings, go to [hillsdale.edu](#). The menu at the top of the home page has two items you will find interesting. The first is [On-Line Courses](#). Most, if not all of the offerings in here are absolutely free. I have taken a number of the courses, including one of the constitutional classes. First rate and very informative.

Also of interest should be the menu choice titled [Imprimis](#). This section includes a number of articles on topics of current interest. All are covered intelligently, and from the perspective of a conservative mind.

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The world is a dangerous place. Not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who do nothing about it.

Albert Einstein

#### Where to get knowledge

1. Hillsdale.edu
2. Newsmax.com
3. Oann.com
4. ConventionOfStates.com
5. WesternJournal.com
6. Solari.com
7. TheEpochTimes.com
8. Conservative.org
9. AmericanThinker.com

#### **Humor is the best medicine**

Always remember: One President took out ISIS. The other took out Dr Seuss and Mr Potatohead.

And...

If people go to jail for lying to Congress, shouldn't Congress go to jail for lying to the people?

Here is a story you should read. It's about a **California Business** fighting for its life, and putting up a darn fine fight.

## **Are electric cars the path to a cleaner, greener future?**

The left has been selling this for a long time. And, in interest of full disclosure, I drive a Prius, which is a petro-electric hybrid. Gets 44 mpg overall, and with a 10 gallon tank, my fill-ups used to be around \$20. But it is not a plug in, and this story is about those cars you need to plug into the grid to charge the battery.

So the question is: Are electric cars going to save the earth? I am indebted to Larry Alton, who wrote or researched much of the information presented here.

The pro-electric crowd points to the pollution-free running of electrics. But we need to ask, where does the electricity come from? **When the answer is coal**, the gain is not so clear. Sourcing electricity from coal **causes 4 times more pollution related deaths than gas**. In addition to that, the processes required to make battery driven cars is more polluting than that of petro-cars. Making the batteries requires higher polluting processes and materials (like lithium).

And then there is the question of what will we do with hundreds of millions of batteries that have run out of life. These are very toxic, and cannot be disposed of by merely dumping them in a landfill. There is no good technology for safe disposal.

Electric cars are catching fire, and the fire from a battery is both highly toxic and very violent. It would be bad enough outside, but if your car burns while in your garage, your whole house will be gone in minutes. There are lots of videos on the internet showing EVs catching fire.

And lastly, it takes 75 kWh (75,000 Watts) to charge one car. Two cars will take 150 kWh. By contrast, charging your phone takes 5 watts. If every house is trying to charge two cars overnight, the drain on the grid will be enormous.

The idea of EVs is enticing, but the technologies are still not mature.

And a final thought from George Washington:

**Firearms are second only to the constitution. They are the people's liberty teeth.**