

## Re: The Politics of Clothes

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"jim blair" <[jeblair@XXXfacstaff.wisc.edu](mailto:jeblair@XXXfacstaff.wisc.edu)> wrote in  
[news:ccvhul\\$5oq\\$4@news.doit.wisc.edu](mailto:news:ccvhul$5oq$4@news.doit.wisc.edu):

- > *The recent article was concerned with where clothes are made and by*
- > *who. The lament*
- > *was that today shoppers can't find union-made-in America unless they*
- > *look long and hard*

<http://www.usstuff.com/index.htm> – pass it on.

- > *those clothes are cheap, because they are made in "sweatshops" by*
- > *people who are paid low*
- > *wages by US standards.*

I dont mind the low wages, its when I read our GREED causes a little girl in this sweatshop to get acid poured on her face because she is not working as hard as another little girl, if they would have some basic OSHA laws over there that were enforced that would be good. Working kids in that kind of fear just can't be good for anyone.

- > *FAIR TRADE label, but the selection of these is very limited.*

[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) – look under MADE in the USA – it is a bullshit claim with no real enforcement – anyone can basically say MADE in the USA.

- > *made was that hemp is the preferred cloth, because it can be grown*
- > *with less harm to the*
- > *environment.*

To hell with clothes, come to Land O Lakes florida and let me show you a life without clothes – skin is good, it is natural, and it doesn't take child slaves in china to make. Fatty women ashamed of thier looks will never jump on this trend, image has become too important. Such Vanity.

- > *the "energy crisis" and concern for the "environment" (remember*
- > *those?).*

I envy all you hippy's, all that peace and free love – I go up to a girl and say peace and free love and she calls the cops on me for attempted rape :-(

- > *And (if dryers are used) cotton consumes a lot more energy in the wash/dry cycle, as*
- > *compared to polyester, and the shirts wear out after fewer wash cycles.*

What about silk?

- > *If ideas about what constitutes "wearing your conscience" can change so much in*
- > *just 30 year, how can anyone predict what will be considered PC in 2035?*

I know they just built a new nudist colony in florida, more are in the planning stages, mommy and daddies taking kids to this new lifestyle free from clothing – The hilton bitch did a show on one colony here in florida. I just saw on TV where there are shirts with LCD panels built into the t shirt, someone walking behind you in the forest can watch tv on your shirt while they follow you, personally TRON was always my favorite type of clothing, but it burns energy to run all that lighted fiber in your clothes.

[http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0060186321/ref=pd\\_sim\\_books\\_1/103-0886781-4313407?v=glance&s=books](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0060186321/ref=pd_sim_books_1/103-0886781-4313407?v=glance&s=books)

What will be PC in 30 years though, first it was what was made, then who made it, maybe next will be how it is made, handmade or machinemade – like a jaguar and bentley cost more because they are handmade instead of mass produced like a honda. Who designed it – hilfiger or jaclyn smith. Who wears it, kobe bryant and tiger woods or bill gates. I saw a shirt that monitors your vital signs, has a tracking chip in it, maybe the orwells wont wear it, maybe if society gets more violent people will want to wear body armor shirts, maybe as tasers become more prolific people will want to wear anti taser clothing, maybe the cops will ban this clothing etc etc

Futureshock by toffler, possibly things will change faster and faster and to try and predict anything is a waste of time, the rate of change overwhelms many people. Forget about it, live for today, tomorrow will take care of itself.

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Government policy in interest rates, and on finance generally, has been marked by vacillation, wishful thinking, electoral expediency of the most shameful type towards the end of last year, contortions and contradictions, all to accommodate the redneck economics of the National Country Party. (Harsard Aug.27 1981)