

Re: The Pendulum Swings yet again....

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Tom Potter wrote:

"Edward Green" makes a good point ...

Somehow, I feel this is not going to signal agreement.

... when he points out
"It would <be> criminally negligent
for the FBI not to <watch potential war instigators carefully.>

Wrong gloss. Try "potential terrorists and their supporters".

As can be seen, after FDR died, and Truman became president,
Americas did a 180 and began to watch the Jews
who had been actively instigating the Class Wars ...

You've just lost my interest.

I do see some parallels between this era and the McCarthy era. Now, of course we all know, McCarthy was a bad man. In truth, I would not say he was a good man, and probably, by his excesses, he actually eventually weakened rather than strengthened the country. But if the US were not under an credible threat by a foreign power whose aim was to undermine, weaken and destroy us (as us them, no doubt), McCarthy would never have gotten a start. In fact, there is an inconvenient truth: complete peacetime freedoms are incompatible with fighting a war. The US is fighting a war now; a protracted war, which resembles the Cold War more than any hot conflict. Iraq_is_ Vietnam -- the localized nexus of shooting -- but only a glowing crack in the slag.

The Parable of the Tribes is: when confronted by the violent tribe, the peaceful tribe, as a meme, will at least temporarily be wiped out: either physically, or they will be forced to adopt aggression and the

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habits of the aggressors. If the peaceful tribe has an ideal of letting its citizens along to do as they like, then, the violent tribe, failing in outright assault, will begin using the peaceful tribe's very virtues against it -- their agents and sympathizers can work freely from within to undermine and weaken their adversary. Once again the open tribe will be at least temporarily defeated as a meme: either the hostile tribe will achieve from within what they could not by external assault, or the open tribe will be forced to act against its ideals to defend itself.

<snip rest>

Mayfield was not "silenced" as an enemy of the administration -- he is anything but silent, \$2 million dollars in hand to assuage his hurt -- he was arrested based on strong circumstantial evidence tending to focus attention on him as a possible sympathizer _and_ faulty identification of a piece of physical evidence. Following his release -- showing that the government is not the Junta, or he would simply have remained disappeared -- he continues to capitalize on his legal upper hand to do as much damage to his country's defense as possible -- indicating, apart from the misidentified print, that the FBI wasn't so wrong about him after all.

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