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A few definitions

Conservative. Liberal. What do these two terms mean and how are they related? All too often they are used to slander others. All too often they are used to describe what is right, or what is wrong with the country, the state, or the University.

Very few people understand, or are willing to understand the relationship and the meaning of these two words.

If anything can be said about people as a whole, it is that they want to see change in society that will result in a better society as they perceive it. Traditionally, it has been the function of the liberal to provide ideas for this change.

What factor makes a person a liberal or a conservative no one knows. Conservatives and liberals exist in every facet of society; the state, religion, the schools, music and all other fields. These distinctions have existed from the beginning of time, and they will be with us till the end of time.

Naturally, when one sees something wrong, he wants to set it right. Unfortunately, the liberal, who recognizes his gift to see what is wrong with society, refuses to see, in most cases, his lack of ability to work out practical and efficient answers to these problems which will be acceptable to all elements of

society. Too often, he is impatient, not realizing that the problems which have taken years to form, will take years to undo. Here the role of the conservative enters.

At this point, we must define what a "conservative" is. Too often we hear people saying, "As conservatives we are opposed to this and that,



etc., for these reasons..." A true conservative is not one who attempts to preserve the status quo or return to the "good old days." This is a reactionary. A conservative in the true meaning of the word, is not one who blocks and resists change, or tries to undo the advances of society, but one who seeks orderly and careful change.

Unlike the rashness and generality of the liberal, he is slow and demands that specific details be looked at, that programs be drawn up and implemented carefully, that all the implications be studied before action is taken. It is a mistake to interpret this as

being opposed to progress.

When a conservative sees something in the liberal idea that displeases him, he will present his arguments and offer an alternate plan of action. The reactionary will come out against the liberal idea or plan and state the reasons for his opposition, but he will offer no alternate plan of action.

The tradition in American society has been to elect the liberals when the people want change, and then to elect the conservatives when the advancement is handled hurriedly and inefficiently. The conservative slows down the pace and makes the liberal program pragmatic in practice, not merely idealistic in intent.

When either the conservative or the liberal stays in power too long or runs an institution for too long, society suffers. It is the healthy ideological competition which keeps our society keen. Things are not moving forward and then backward, but always steadily forward, only at different paces.

The conservative and the liberal must view their own role in society as well as appreciate the role of their counterpart. They must perceive their intertwined relationship. They must realize that together they are working for a better society, nation and University.



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Is China scrutable?

Scene: The Red Room in The People's Great Hall of 100 Blooming Flowers, Peking, China. Seated at one end of a wicker couch is the U.S. Presidential advance man, Mr. Hughes Kissinger. Seated at the other end, as far away as possible, is the Chinese Director of Tourism, Mr. Tsing En-pei. Both are smiling. Grimly.

Kissinger: Now, then I'm afraid the only dates the President has open for his trip to China are between the Viking-Pakers game and the Rams-49er game or between the Rose Bowl and the Super Bowl. Which would you prefer?

Tsing: A moment, please. While we are happy your President will honor us with a visit, we must again protest your two-China policy. You must choose whether to recognize them or us.

Kissinger: We'd like to, Tsing. But it's our policy, frankly, that all you Chinas look alike to us. Now about the crowd at the airport...

Tsing: What crowd? What airport?

Kissinger: Peking Airport. The President can't fly into an airport without a crowd to greet him. It would look like

he's losing his drawing power. I'd say you should turn out about a 100,000. They can wave the usual signs. You know, "Nixon's the One!" or "Dick's Our Boy!" Do you think "Nixon for President!" would be suitable?

Tsing: No.

Kissinger: Yes, I suppose it's too early. Now, of course the six jumbo jets carrying the 1342 members of the press will land first so the President can be photographed stepping from Air Force One. Then on to the motorcade...

Tsing: Motorcade?

Kissinger: We can't have him sneaking into town like a common criminal, can we? Let's see, I'd suggest about half a million lining the route. Is the Peking police chief friendly? Maybe we can get him to double his crowd estimate. As I see it, they're waving American flags and...

Tsing: American flags?

Kissinger: ...and shouting, "Give 'em hell, Dick!" Could you get them to shout it in English? No offense, but back home the Chinese vote isn't worth a hill of beans. Now at the hotel, we'll need first a Press Hospitality Room. Let's see, 1342 times a fifth a day is. **Tsing:** Give who hell?

Kissinger: Now for his personal use, the President will require five pounds of cottage cheese, two bottles of catsup and a television set. Say, do you have pro football?

Tsing: Only Ping-Pong and gymnastics.

Kissinger: Then you better throw in a bowling alley. Now his big speech will come from the hotel balcony. We're billing it as a major prime-time tee-vee address. You know, something about "stemming the rising tide of Communism." Then on the motorcade back to the airport...

Tsing: Wait a minute. What about the talks with our leaders?

Kissinger: Sure, sure. The President always likes to squeeze in a private chat with the local pols whenever his busy schedule permits. But on the motorcade back to the airport...

Tsing (frowning): The trip is off!

Kissinger: But look at all the trouble the President's taking to bring his campaign to your fair city. Surely, after all that, you're not still afraid he won't recognize the place?

Tsing: No, we're afraid WE won't. (Copyright Chronicle Publishing Co. 1971)

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