

When the Woke Reawaken

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The existential political and philosophical crisis now underway in the United States has no lack of real and manufactured flash points. Most recently on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial occurred a minor event that became a bitter national controversy due to the extraordinary influence of social media and the extreme bias of “news” outlets, their viewers, readers, and fellow travelers.

The Washington Post

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The weaponization of news and the hyper-partisanship of many journalists are not new phenomena. Placing the

visit of the Covington Catholic School boys to Washington in an historical context will illuminate the current American philosophical/political crisis and help to explain the hatred from those on the American left toward those in the center and right. Fake news and rush to judgement can have [catastrophic consequences](#).

Reflecting these recent events off the distant, shattered mirror of history will bring another consequence—it will bring hope.

In the now infamous video showing the young men from Covington, Kentucky waiting at the base of the Jefferson Memorial for their bus transportation after attending the March for Life on Friday, January 18, apparent boorish and intolerant behavior *appeared* to be on display from members of their group. That some of them were wearing “MAGA” hats (Make America Great Again), made popular during Donald Trump’s campaign for president in 2016 and continue to be associated with supporters of the president, made jumping to conclusions about what had happened all the easier for many Americans awash in hatred, bias, and anti-intellectualism.

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