Campus Pro-Hamas Encampments: An Omen of Western Societal Demise

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Since the October 7 Hamas massacre, rape and kidnapping of nearly 2,000 Israelis, Western democracies have been engulfed in what are commonly called "pro-Palestinian protests." Aided and abetted by a leftist legacy media, naïve and ignorant university students, and spineless politicians at all levels, our city streets and university campuses have become battlegrounds. But battlegrounds for what? Is this really about Israel and Gaza, or is something more insidious going on?

An answer to this question lies in events that took place in Hamburg, Germany at the end of April, where more than 1,000 Muslims marched through the streets demanding that the country transform itself into an Islamic caliphate.

In recent weeks, the focus has been on encampments which have sprouted like toadstools on university campuses. An examination of what goes on in these tent cities might provide us with a glimpse of what the future could hold.

These insurrections are not about Israel, or Palestine, or even Gaza. The end game is anarchy, chaos, and finally a nation defined by Sharia. The methodology is simple — intimidation. We see it weekly in the marches that shut down our streets, take over the public spaces, and overrun our universities.

Therefore, it is not surprising that any attempt to counter the hateful propaganda embedded in infantile slogans, with facts, is met with howls that the "freedom of speech" is under threat. Yet, how much "freedom of speech" really exists in the encampments? . . . Tight control over what is said and by whom is the order of the day. Freedom of speech for some, but not for others.



Everything is supplied to the campers: brightly colored pup tents, banners and signage, facilities, and food, and anything that might easily be transformed

into a weapon. There is big money behind this.

Police who have entered the encampments tell us that the majority of campers are not university staff or students, but well-trained and well-financed outside agitators, who are training the compliant students in civil disobedience tactics. How did this happen?

As someone who spent 28 collective years teaching at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and the University of Toronto (UT), I watched with growing alarm as these institutions began their transformation from places of serious learning and research into purveyors of political correctness,

A UT instructor with many years' experience was called out by outraged students when she demonstrated the use of an Indigenous "rain stick" for calming students and getting their attention in the classroom. Rain sticks, I was told, were for sale all along Bloor Street, not limited to Indigenous people. More recently, a music instructor conducted a class in African drumming. Angry students confronted her, saying that as a non-

African, she had no business teaching African drumming. In both cases, the hapless instructors received no support from the administration, and were subjected to disciplinary interviews.

Few, if any, understand that the ultimate goal of the organizers is the dissolution of Western democracy.

Like the university administrators, a dearth of our elected officials at any level of government seems to have the stomach and moral clarity to put a halt to these tactics. Mindful of a quickly growing Muslim demographic, politicians are hesitant to act. When votes are at stake, morals and ethics go out the window, and the comfort and safety of Canada's Jewish community is the currency with which they are willing to buy Muslim votes. History, however, has shown us that what starts with the Jews never ends with the Jews.

In short, America, Canada and the West are now in a struggle for its ongoing existence as free societies, which parallels Israel's struggle for its existence as a Jewish state. Given the cowardice of our politicians and the seeming ignorance of much of the citizenry, the future looks grim.

The West needs insist on a return to order and integrity at all levels and in all our institutions, and most importantly, we need to promote our values and insist they be respected. A hopeful sign is that the Germans protested against the Muslim caliphate rally.

To turn a blind eye is to gamble on our future and that of our children and grandchildren.

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