

A Short Discourse on Democratitis

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Democratitis: a psychological disorder.¹ Its symptoms include pervasive irritability, exaggerated feeling of self-righteousness, and fixed ideations of a political nature that border on delusional. Prognosis is poor; there is no known cure. If left unchecked, it can erode interpersonal relationships and lead to acts of violence. The prevalence of this disease is worldwide and every human being is susceptible to contracting it. WARNING: Do not confuse this disease with another common disorder, Stupidity. Although both conditions share many symptoms, democratitis is far more virulent and therefore much more difficult to contain and manage. Clinical studies have found that democratitis can produce permanent damage to the cerebrum.²

Many major historical figures are thought to have had democratitis. They include Joseph Stalin, Vladimir Lenin, Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Napoleon Bonaparte, Genghis Khan, Shih Huang-ti, Hideki Tojo and numerous other politicians and martinetts possessing the delusional belief that they are on a mission to save and reshape the world.

Anyone infected with democratitis can spread the disease to millions of other persons. The primary form of transmission is through the mass media which often itself is infected with the disease, thus magnifying the virulence of the disease exponentially, and making it virtually impervious to any efforts to quell the disease and prevent it from damaging society.

One of the most bizarre (and dangerous) symptoms of democratitis is the obsessive desire to vent anger at public statues and monuments. Initially, venting takes the form of attacking an edifice, such as a public monument or statue, with cans of paint and covering it with graffiti. However, the venting often escalates to pulling down statutes, akin to a lynching, and even dousing them with petrol and setting them on fire, and then preventing firefighters from extinguishing the flames.³ Another target for this rage is police cars which are often smashed, overturned and burnt, always to the sound of cheers.⁴ The etiology of this pattern of behavior is still unknown. However, one research study found that there was a

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relationship between exposure to liberal curricula and the onset of symptoms.⁵ Another research study postulated that the source of the rage is organic,

¹ The term "democratitis" is derived from "democratic," a word which is associated with political positions that to some are considered irrational and divorced from reality.

² Klevnosian, et al.

³ Covingsway, page 2.

⁴ Professor Anika Jones-Reilly, an award-winning neuroscientist at the University of the North Pacific Ocean, Winnipeg, Manitoba, discovered in a landmark study that the preoccupation with the police car is a function of a disturbance in the frontal lobe section of the cerebral cortex that controls the brain's intellectual functioning and the processing of visual inputs. Thus, due to this disturbance, the idle police car appears not as an inanimate metallic machine but a living monster of immense proportions that provokes irrational childlike reactions of fear and terror.

⁵ Garbotky et al.

possibly of a congenital nature which predisposes the patient to act out at the slightest provocation but otherwise is amenable to therapeutic intervention, provided there is early diagnosis. The most effective diagnostic tool is a thorough neuro-psychiatric examination. Unfortunately, in most cases, the patient is uncooperative which significantly reduces the likelihood of a clinically effective response.⁶

Another feature of *democratitus* is the fixation on race and gender. This creates a myopic perception of reality which in turn distorts all aspects of psychological functioning thus reducing the psyche into, in the words of a world-renowned researcher, “a festering cacophony of mush.”⁷ Under these conditions, any attempt at rational thought is rendered totally impossible, to the detriment of patient who is now trapped in the grips of a paranoid psychosis and places at risk all of society which becomes the target for subsequent acts of unrestrained rage. It should be noted that this preoccupation with race and gender is not fact-based or driven by deep-seeded principles or moral convictions but is part of a delusional syndrome, possibly caused by a neuro-chemical imbalance that erodes psychological functioning, destroys impulse control, and triggers a paranoid response. Researchers are still conducting studies to discover the etiology of this particular set of symptoms.⁸

The condition now known as *democratitis* was first identified in the year 20 AD by the Roman physician Plinius the Wise. In his now famous treatise on the treatment of mental disorders that afflicted the ancient Romans, Plinius describes how young men from patrician families would act out for no apparent reason, almost exclusively in public places which contained symbols of Roman authority.⁹ At the time, it was believed that such young men were possessed by

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an evil spirit, hence the prescribed treatment was a complicated and painful religious procedure which today would be known as an exorcism. This treatment almost always resulted in serious physical injury or death to the subject. According to Plinius, during the procedure the protesters would often become delirious and spew profanities denouncing the injustices committed by the emperor who was considered to be a god and therefore immune to criticism or attack. The more the protester denounced the emperor the greater was the effort

⁶ Mahoney et al.

⁷ O’Hara, page 93.

⁸ Korokovsky et al

⁹ At first, Roman authorities mistook these protesters for Jewish fanatics who were trying to incite rebellion, but soon discovered that they were the sons of some of the most prominent Roman families, all of whom had personal connections to the emperor. In fact, one protester was the emperor’s illegitimate son whose mother was a former Egyptian slave named Delphina. Capitalizing on her notoriety as the emperor’s favorite sex object, Delphina soon became the most famous prostitute in the Roman Empire. According to recently discovered records dating back to the 2nd century AD, at the height of her popularity Delphina claimed to have serviced every Senator in the Roman senate as well as seven royal horses, three noble dogs and a Persian camel named Samantha (which in Persian means beautiful or charming lady). She died at the age of 97 while in the process of servicing four members of the emperor’s praetorian guard who wanted to experience what it was like to “do” a living legend (that is, while she was still alive). After Delphina died, the Senate voted to declare a National Day of Mourning during which all the brothels were open to the public free of charge. According to available records, on that solemn day over two million men along with several hundred horses and other barnyard animals showed up at the brothels to pay their last respects to the memory of Rome’s finest, most proficient and most beloved whore.

to expel the demon. Measures employed included flagellations with a whip, dousing in cold water, pummeling with fists and clubs, forced feeding to induce vomiting, covering the body with leeches, insertion of needles into various body parts, forced sexual stimulations to produce orgasm (on the belief that the evil spirit may have become lodged in the subject's genitals) and other similar techniques intended to purge the protester of the evil spirit and restore his sanity, these procedures performed to the accompaniment of chants and prayers imploring the intervention of the gods. What today would be considered cruel and inhumane punishment was considered to be a legitimate and acceptable method to save a human being from damnation. That the protester often died was considered an act of mercy. After death, the priests would cut open the body, thus releasing the demon and allowing the remains to be buried without contaminating the earth. Not all protesters succumbed. Plinias records one case in which a protester was exorcised five times. He later died in the arena where, in front of thousands of cheering and drunk spectators, he was chained to a post and became food for a hungry lion. There is no record of what became of the lion.¹⁰

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Twenty centuries later democratitis continues to prove an intractable problem. Efforts to contain the disorder meet with limited success. Researchers are working feverishly to find a cure, but to date their herculean efforts have yielded no useful results. As a result, democratitis continues to pose a direct threat to the stability of society. It transforms the most innocent group of protesters into a bloodthirsty mob, impervious to reason and bent on committing mayhem and inflicting harm. Some locales have declared democratitis a threat to public safety and have initiated efforts to stamp it out by any means possible, including measures that some may consider extreme. Those measures include the imposition of curfews enforced by a massive police and military presence. These measures, when relentlessly applied, often succeed in restoring order, but the results are at best temporary while democratitis remains remission. Peace is achieved, but with no guarantee that there will not be another flare up.

Civic managers and social planners have identified democratitis as the top threat to the survival of Western Civilization.¹¹ Democratitis causes the patient to hate everything Western. This hatred takes the form of a mania that transforms the patient into raving maniac, almost identical to the syndrome of behavior exhibited by a rabid dog. The mere mention of the words Western Civilization

¹⁰ Plinias was a soldier, athlete, scholar, playwright, and landowner. However, his greatest claim to fame was his creation of a chain of public urinals and toilets that gave Roman citizens direct access to the famous Roman sewers which soon became clogged with all matters of materials, both organic and inorganic, especially after indulgence in sexual orgies, which occurred on an almost daily basis throughout the empire. The largest of these orgies involved upwards of ten thousand people and often degenerated into drunken free-for-alls as Romans, including women, slaves, gladiators, soldiers, sailors, comedians, pantomimists, cartoonists, satirists, patricians, plebians, weight-lifters, cock-fighters, dog catchers, cooks, chefs, doormen, foreigners, actors, dancers, writers, bureaucrats, democrats, plutocrats, athletes, patriots, rebels, transvestites, cross-dressers, swimmers, knuckleheads, midgets, giants, chimney-sweeps, janitors, seamstresses, grooms, warmongers, fishmongers, hatemongers, counterfeiterers, gamblers, trespassers, murderers, rapists, thieves, slugs, pugs, mugs, butlers, judges, lawyers, blacksmiths, coppersmiths, sculptors, masons, priests, artists, virgins, politicians, physicians, nurses, psychos, wackos, philosophers, chariot-drivers, mechanics, maidens, whores, pimps, thumb suckers, financial counselors, bigots, charlatans, acrobats, journalists, travelers, explorers, and fools fought over who would have the sex with the emperor's horse, Marcus Solonicus, who was admired for the immense size and girth of his sexual organs and the depth of his intellect and soon became revered as a god and was assigned a place of honor in the Senate where he served as Senate Pro Temp for fourteen years.

¹¹ Sapponelli.

produces an immediate spasm of rage which quickly transforms a peaceful group of protesters into mob that is bent on destruction. These violent episodes of maniacal anger are terrifying and can destroy entire communities and nations, leaving them smoldering ruins. History contains numerous examples of communities and nations that have succumbed to democratitis. They include the western Roman Empire, the Russian Empire, the Prussian Empire, the French empire, and the German Weimar Republic as well as many inner cities in the United States.

If left unchecked, democratitis could lead to the extinction of the entire human race. Thus, it is incumbent for society to take immediate and decisive action to defend itself from the number one threat to human survival: democratitis. It is no longer a question of if, but only of when and where democratitis will strike again. Efforts to blunt the effects of democratitis through strategies such as benign neglect, rational negotiations, and outright appeasement have proved ineffective. Hence, society has no choice but to employ radical measures to finally rid the world of the scourge of democratitis which today is the eleventh plague and the number one threat to the survival of the world.¹²

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hamburger deluxe won first prize at the 2006 international hamburger festival held in Warsaw, Poland and attended by over two million visitors who consumed over five million hamburgers and produced enough bodily gas to power the entire continent of Europe for five years and an odiferous cloud that engulfed the entire world, thus precipitating a climate crisis and a worldwide epidemic of nausea that almost brought civilization to a halt.

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