

intro Wow - Democracy - (A) The will of the people in its purest form leaves little room for the rule of law.

XVI you can't have decent democracy w/ equality for all without raising the general educational level, - Public Schools, - For That $\rightarrow$ progressive taxation

18 - There was always two, at least, contending camps. The Moderate Enlightenment and the Radical Enlightenment.

20 - The schism was over 1) The "Rights of man" 2) The optimal power structure and 3) governing principles.

25 - Before Renaissance 1000 years of Xian darkness, civilization destroyed

3 Themes 1) Faith & superstition 2) hereditary privilege 3) Brute Force

30 - There was a "domineering framework" of church/ state unity. over the individual

39 Most distinguishing feature of Enlightenment, its far reaching departure from the authority of Religion

42 Concept of the Autonomous Individual came - very potent

43 Enlightenment Themes - reason, science, virtue, benevolence, tolerance, and liberty.

48 Moderate Enlightenment Philosophers - Rejected Representative Democracy - Mob Rule No "Social Contract" but then big differences. 1) Rep. democracy

5-9 2) Radical Enl. needed firm separation of church & state

60 Radical Enlightenment Thinkers - either atheists or Deists - Spinoza - God & nature are the same

USA Based on Rejection of Religious Authority and the stress on universal & equal human rights.

Vital was a robust secular education
75 A national Secular Educational System. All Enlightenment philosophers knew any democratic republic had to be based on this.

74 Fear - Democracy - people become the slaves of perverse demagogues who flatter them, incite, become tyrants.

139 - Bill of Rights and Treaty of Tripoli - Clearly say USA was NOT Founded on the Christian Religion.

- 140 Historical Record Replaced with popular myth that the
Founding Fathers were religious, they were not.
- 141 - Moderate Enlightenment can take charge by playing the religion
card - call the radicals anti religion,
- 157 - The Counterenlightenment vastly complicated the picture,
- Post Revolution. And Now?
- 159 the Revolutionary Period - the most secular period in history
- 170 Dec. of Ind. - Radical Enlightenment Document - it's
elevation of "happiness" to a "sacred right" is a big deal.
- 173 "All men are created equal" Originally DID mean all human beings
- 187 - For the country to survive we needed educated citizens.
- 264 - 1970's (to subsequent) a revitalization of counter
enlightenment forces / influence
- 265 60's counterculture - "an unbridled shock to main
stream society."
- 270 Obama - was hope - Then reactionary & thundering crash
Back to the right / Economic Inequality Insecurity Immobility
- 275 Trump Mixed 1) Growing Inequality 2) Perceived
losses in the face of racial and Ethnic Diversity. 3) Global
Cause - The Brutal and relentless progression of Capitalism
- 278 Elite of Both Parties abandoned the white working class.
- 279 Palsters showed Rage is effective tool for voter mobilization
- 282 Election / Re-election of an African American gave
incendiary spark for a conflagration. Obama / Symbol
- 283 Top Down Populism with Counter Enlightenment themes
- 285 Xianity is under assault - Elect ME & Christianity
will have power.
- 288 - Gingrich - Told legislators to use filthy emotion laden
Words about Dems.
- 291 "Tribalism" was trumps Base Approach.
Merging with a group extremely satisfying and empowering
- 296 - T. established strong, profound connection using 3
"Bond Enablers" 1) Tribalism 2) Creation of an alternative
reality 3) Belief Validation.
- 307 - Yes - They are attacking democracy to protect
rule of the rich plutocracy

307 Without a Majority - A new minority could dominate government policies. Trumpism - small states

Attacking democracy to protect plutocracy. YES

308 The real threat is this counter majoritarianism

312 - Sacrifice Competence for cronyism and self interest.
Stop the putrefaction - Rebuild a USA interest.
That lives up to radical Enlightenment principles.

313 - Ben Franklin "A Republic if you can keep it."

316 We can have Rational Conversation OR the endorphin rush of defending the in group / bashing the out group.

326 Trumpism - represents PROFOUND toward counter enlightenment thinking. in modern USA.

327 Trumps sedition - is aided by the approval of the church - White Xian evangelical mainstream.

328 "Bold Structural Reforms" are required to regain "democracy".

329 Republicans "Rank Democracy" can threaten liberty, peace, prosperity.

336 - Social Media - Core Problem. They are based on a business model that encourages disinformation.

Tribal Outrage can be Business Model - profitable for social media, cable TV, Talk radio, Destroys Democracy
337 Deepest Systemic Attack ever on US Democracy Institutions
Abandoned Reality

Distained expertise and truth itself.
362 26 states can control the senate {18% of US pop.}

Senate & Electoral College are Moderate Enlightenment

363. Inequality of Talent, Ability, etc is a fact of nature vestiges

366 - F. Fathers intense interest, emphasis on importance of a broad secular education. Equal access to quality ed.

Without ample investment in education a democratic representative republic was simply not possible.

394 Public Trust in our country has severely declined.

NOW Democracy faces unparalleled challenges at all

398. Renew Civic Responsibility + do civic education renew

403 - Voting should be a requirement of citizenship.

405 - Corporate Speech is NOT constitutionally protected - They are NOT People.

412 Renew dedication to critical analysis and the humanities.

The diffusion of Knowledge - is the main method of getting a convergence of incomes.

413 - Education and Equality are inextricably linked.

414 - we obsess on Educ. within the family But Ignore Development of Collective Human Capital.

415 - Provide a "Baby Bond" to each baby - Average \$20,000.

- Progressive/Graduated - maybe from zero to 60,000.

Held till adulthood - used only for an asset enhancing opportunity. educ, home purchase

416 Fixing our Meritocracy will require (3) 1) Vast Education
2) Asset Ownership Programs 3) Progressive Taxation.

423 - Democracy - Requires a set of shared values

Battle unreason with Reason