



Charlotte's Now Unrestful Rest Rooms: Today's Activists and the Cowards Who Follow Them.

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So progressive pundit Bill Press thinks we are "haters". Los Angeles mayor Eric Garcetti appears to feel the same. We want to make sure women are safe in public restrooms, and girls are safe in school locker rooms; these "progressives" assume we are haters.

That wise state legislation has been presented to assure women's safety has no bearing in their terming us "haters". Indeed, this legislation, recently passed in North Carolina at the behest of women, seems to whet their political grandstanding appetites.

In the early 1960s, the thought that a male who "feels" female could be allowed to enter women's private areas, stare at them, and perhaps expose himself would be laughable, EVEN IN SAN FRANCISCO. No mayor would allow this; no syndicated columnist who wanted to keep his job would applaud.

Today's progressive leaders have taken a long, dreamy, hallucinogenic road from there. Leftism's promulgators get more attention and solidify themselves with the angry followers by throwing out the comfort of every female for the narcissistic desires of a scant few men. The progressive agenda is fueled by people who don't think. They FEEL. Somebody whines "racism", or "homophobia", and others who've been told they are "victims" then feel a remote pain. Then the government-industrial-grievance complex ramps up. In this case it is officials who now want to punish the states that elected these "haters". Mayor Garcetti's method is economic, forbidding government employee "non-essential" travel to the offensive Tar Heel state. (Why City of Los Angeles employees are expected to travel to North Carolina for anything, essential or non-essential, is a puzzle for another time.)

There are very few LGBT Activists* . But they effectively use the establishment. They know that the government-media establishment makes the most for citizens' qualms, and the LGBT Activists have a direct line to media.

So in one way, I am a hater. I hate militant groups. The most strident LGBT Activists are moving into the militant category. They don't carry guns themselves, but they are enlisting government to do their bidding. Government officers DO carry guns.

North Carolina's legislators saved the City of Charlotte. The inevitable lawsuit for assault that would come from letting the locker room ordinance stand would have cost the city millions. It saved at least some women their dignity, and may have saved someone from undergoing a rape. That Bill Press, Eric Garcetti, and progressives like them care more about the political alliances with virulent LGBT Activists than the actual safety of women tells you they are not good feminists.

Sensible women living in or visiting these insensible cities will simply no longer use these "rest" rooms. So much for female-friendly councilmen. Charlotte could have expected a loss in female convention-goers and female patrons at sporting events. Few of us can hold out for 2.5 hours of a basketball game without visiting the rest room (especially when there's beer). Charlotte would have incurred multiple lawsuits, from the women made to feel uncomfortable in restrooms and from girls in school locker rooms. Every parent of a Charlotte secondary school female would have a reasonable civil rights suit against the city for depriving their schoolgirls of privacy, equal protection, and use of facilities their taxes paid for. And if there were assaults, say hello to insurance premiums that rocket higher for decades, and a looming city bankruptcy.

Charlotte should not have meddled**. Aggrieved people have more rights in America than anywhere else, at any time in history. The scant few men who feel they should be in a woman's bathroom should never override the privacy protections we expect from municipalities.

* I use the term "LGBT Activists" to separate the political agitators from the LGBT members they supposedly represent. As I've written elsewhere, I favor expanding the economic and civil rights of lesbians, gays, bi-sexuals, and transgendered citizens. But "LGBT Activists" are a different breed. Not content to accept the sympathies of people like most of us, they will ultimately cause backlash. When LGBTers truly need help, it will be harder to separate their plaintive calls from their Activists' political posturing.

** Ironically, Charlotte is named for a classic NON-meddler: Charlotte of Mecklenburg Strelitz. She became Queen Charlotte in 1761 when at age 17 she married King George III of England. She was known for NOT trying to involve herself in George's affairs, a good thing for all the American Colonists who took advantage of George's bumbling stubbornness to break away. (Charlotte may not have had time to rein in her husband anyways -- she gave birth to 15 children). 255 years later, the elders in Charlotte seem no more astute than George III.