

## The University Conservative

"Facts are stubborn things; and whatever our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."

John Adams

There is an absence of truth, intellectual honesty, Judeo-Christians values, and constitutionalism sweeping through the culture, current political landscape, media and perhaps most importantly, college campuses. Society has and will suffer further repercussions from the radical left, if people continue to be influenced by secularism, fakes news, and an abandonment of patriotism. It is evident that a lack of sincerity and truth in a society can lead to horrible evils, especially when the genocide of abortion continues to take millions of unborn lives. When moral relativism starts to penetrate society, objective morality vanishes and with it, much of the stability and good that could've been.

Upon realizing this and examining the cultural influences of the modern age, I felt compelled to give conservative thinkers an outlet. Much access to knowledge and potential wisdom have been impaired, due to the lack of sincerity and honesty from the media and major influencers of young people. The University Conservative aims to combat this. It is for students and recent graduates, who's views diverge from the orchestrated, mainstream narrative. My hope is that students continue to share articles about conservative ideas, philosophies, politics, economics and other topics. The University Conservative will continue to evolve and grow, hopefully, at an even faster rate than it already has. It is time for students at liberal universities, or who have been exposed to the institutional bias at any point, to help spread facts, reason, and truth. Encourage others do join The University Conservative movement, send in your articles, and continue to contribute to the ultimate incubator of ideas for the vibrant network of conservative-thinking students.

Chad P. Quigley, Founder

### 2018 Midterm Elections Analysis

Historically, the incumbent president's party performs poorly in the midterm elections following his inauguration. However, it is clearly evident that President Trump's unprecedented victory and presidency have yielded outcomes that would have been deemed improbable just two years

ago. Conversely, we must differentiate whether the midterm elections are a referendum on Trump, or truly races between candidates. Personally, I believe that the outcome of midterms will support the claim that the senate and house elections are all unique races, uninfluenced by The President.

For instance, moderate Democrat, Conor Lamb, narrowly bested his Republican opposer, Rick Saccone, in my Republican stronghold district of PA 18, making Lamb the third Democrat since 1879 to win the district in the March 13th special election.

Polls are the most accurate way of predicting elections, but were they wrong in the 2016 presidential election? Few, if any, polls had president trump winning the electoral college, but they were not wrong. Real Clear Politics averages copious credible polls to determine a more precise measure of how the country will vote. According to their 2016 average, Hillary Clinton was up three points in the popular vote and was predicted to win Pennsylvania and Michigan, which she lost. However, Secretary Clinton was not predicted to win Nevada, which she won. Pennsylvania, Michigan and Nevada were all within the 3% margin of error that the polls omit, so the only state that the polls truly got wrong was Wisconsin. In addition, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by 2%, not the 3% that Real Clear Politics' data predicted. To be clear, the polls predicted 46/50 states correctly, and of their four blunders, three states deemed as "lean" flipped, while only one was entirely wrong.

Now that we have determined that the polls are reliable within 3% of error and that midterms will be determined by the candidates, not the nation's attitude towards The President, let's predict the results. But before we delve in, the polls can change. Naturally some races will tighten, while others will essentially end between now and November 6. Key senate races include Texas, Florida, Tennessee, West Virginia, Indiana, Missouri, Nevada, Arizona, Montana, and North Dakota. All other states are out of reach for the losing party. In Texas, Beto O'Rourke is connecting with people and taking advantage of shifting demographics in the state, tightening the race. Incumbent Senator Ted Cruz's approval rating currently

sits at 40%. This race will be tighter than a Texas senate race should be, but the strong conservative voices that encompass the state should turn out and re-elect Senator Cruz, as he leads by 4%. In Florida, the Governor, Rick Scott, is making a run at the US Senate and has a net approval of +27%, one of the highest in the country. The Governor narrowly leads Bill Nelson, the Democratic candidate, by 1.5%. Considering the fact that Florida net approves of the President by 4%--it seems to be leaning more conservative, making Rick Scott my pick for Florida. Tennessee is a state that Democrats love thinking will flip blue in November. The race will be tight, but as usual the liberals are reasoning more through their hearts than brains in the race. The last poll on August 11 gave Marsha Blackburn (Republican) a 4 point lead. The lead is narrow but this will be a difficult state for the Democrats to flip considering its history and that Marsha Blackburn is an important name in the house. West Virginia will prove to be wild and wonderful again. For conservatives, the state is a no-lose scenario. Democratic incumbent, Joe Manchin, has an "A" rating from the NRA (the highest it gives out), and votes with Republicans more times than not. Manchin certainly will secure all the Democratic votes in West Virginia and flip enough Republicans to maintain his seat, as he holds a seven point lead over Republican, Patrick Morrissey. Indiana is a state without much polling information, so a prediction will not be precise. However, Indiana is similar to its Great Lake neighbors like Ohio and Pennsylvania, but without Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus, or Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Since Indianapolis is the sole major metropolitan area in the state, it will likely vote like the other midwestern states but without the demographics of a second major hub: red. In contrast, Missouri is a troubling state for Republicans. The red state is currently locked in a tie between Republican, Josh Hawley, and Democrat, Claire

McCaskill. This is a state that I must pick to go red because of its history, but is truly a toss up. Nevada's another toss up, but considering that Secretary Clinton carried it in 2016, I will select it to vote blue. Arizona is another troubling state for Republicans. The Democratic candidate, Kyrsten Sinema, leads the state comfortably and will likely prevail, unless immigration becomes a more important issue to the Arizonans. Montana and North Dakota are shockingly both tossups, but I also must pick them to narrowly vote red because of their history. At the end of the night, I have the Republicans at 54 seats, and the Democrats at 45. In a nightmare scenario, the Democrats could end up with 50 seats and the Republicans with 49. In a red wave, the Republicans could hold up to 56 seats to the Democrats' 43.

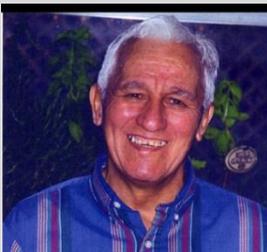
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## Economics of Immigration

Immigration is today's hot topic. While the dreamers and DACA seem to be at the center of this discussion in the USA, people from many middle-eastern countries seem to be at the heart of it in Europe. I believe that there are principles that are applicable to both.

While I'm a third-generation immigrant with many friends and relatives that are immigrants, both legal and illegal, I will be taking my own feeling out of this and examining the economics of immigration.



Finally, In the house, the Republicans will firmly hold 193 seats, while the Democrats will trounce their opposition in 199 seats. This leaves 43 tossups. The democrats hold a six point lead nationally, which is misleading. Each race is unique, but of the 43 tossups, 41 have an incumbent Republican and two have an incumbent Democrat running. It would be unreasonable to believe that the Democrats will best Republican incumbents in the 17 races necessary for them to regain a majority. In summation, after November 6, the Republicans will still maintain control in all three branches of government, including the house and senate.

My grandpa Tony (FISH) Aguirre

DACA as an Incentive Creator:

DACA (Differed Action for Childhood Arrivals) was put into place in June of 2012 by the Presidential Executive Order of Barack Obama. This program was intended to give some children whose parents immigrated illegally a sense of security through temporary amnesty. (More about the program.) The program created incentives to those who met the criteria to be in the program. It also created the incentive not to pursue citizenship by other means. One unintended incentive created was more people who would consider illegal immigration. This type of program lowers the risk of illegal behavior. A basic economic principal is lower prices lead to a higher demand. You can see that principal applied to immigration, the lower the risk, the higher the incidence of illegal immigration.

European Counterparts:

The value of multiculturalism has taken front and center in some European countries. I will be using Sweden as an example, because it is the most striking. There is a government video displayed here, asking the people of Sweden to consider adapting to the culture of immigrants they have welcomed into their land. What Islam could not do in the middle ages through war they are quickly accomplishing in some European cities by playing to the needs of the virtue signalers. No one can point out the elephant on the room because they will be labeled as unaccepting or non-virtuous.



DACA as an Entitlement Program:

The problem with entitlement programs are not in the programs themselves but the incentives that they can create. Many entitlement programs subsidize various things like rent or food leading to the end consumer not paying the full price as she or he would in a free market. This may lead to higher demand. But by far the biggest obstacle is that many times there is no incentive to get off of the program.

What are entitlement programs?

a government program that guarantees certain benefits to a particular group or segment of the population.

While many people would be uncomfortable saying DACA is an entitlement program, some of those under the program certainly have acted like it, when President Trump talks of rescinding it.



At the same time, one could argue that the incentives it creates are to stay in it indefinitely.

A Major Problem with Immigration and Multiculturalism:

Multiculturalism is something that has and is highly celebrated. It does have potential downsides though, which we will be examining.

What is multiculturalism?

the presence of, or support for the presence of, several distinct cultural or ethnic groups within a society.

There is nothing as sexy as a city square that is vibrant with restaurants from different cultures and people from other countries interacting in a positive way. There can be a dark side though, and that is when there are major worldview differences. Cultures are based on worldviews and traditions, which can be far apart from other's values. When cultures collide, it is vital that there is a common set of values or the collision will be anything other than peaceful. Western values are sprouted from the Judeo-Christian worldview. Values that are contrary to that can be extremely harmful and can result in conflict.

What can we do? As Christ followers we are called to love the people regardless of their actions. At the same time, we do not want to create an environment that rewards illegal or dangerous behavior. The risk from the illegal

act should be high enough that the reward isn't worthy of any attempt. A guiding principle that we should follow is that if you know someone who is in this position, love them while encouraging them to obey the law.

If you have the ability to help them do so, then do it.

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## Why Radical Progressivism is Oppressive

These days, I find myself asking the questions: "what is Canada?" and "what does the Canadian identity mean to me?". My entire life, I would think of Canada as being this safe haven for the protection of human rights, a country that would always safeguard democracy, and a country that would always protect and honour our history. In recent years, Canada has been plagued by this form of radical progressivism, whereby, our "leaders" and the radical liberals are seeking to revise, edit, and censor our history, at all costs; and, this has manifested in several ways. Lately, there has been the removal of "white", "colonial", and "problematic" statues of predominant figures in Canadian history, such as the founder of one of our major cities, and our first Prime Minister. Without a doubt, Canada has had troubling and dare I say, problematic, moments in our history, and I am not attempting to justify, support, or condone this. BUT, looking through a completely objective lens, history is history, regardless of the good, the great, the bad, the brutal, or the horrendous. We have to be able to analyze and interpret it, as this is what historians are trained to do. I am by no means a professional historian, as I would label myself as an amateur, but I have this adoration, respect, and love for history, and the pluralistic nature of it. They often say that history is told by the victor, and I agree with this interpretation to a point, but it all depends

on who you ask and what their narratives are. If you take the time to listen, you will be amazed at the different perspectives that you will learn, and this is important when it comes to getting a well-rounded view of events.

I used to love my country. I used to be proud to be Canadian. I am trying to find my way back to this, but during my time in the radical liberal cult, my entire being was shaken, including how I would grow to feel about my own citizenship and my identity in relation to my country. Under radical liberalism, I would be indoctrinated to believe that Canada was just simply a "settler-colonial state", that had nothing to be proud of when it comes to our 151 official years of nationhood. I would be lead to believe that Canada is overrun with blood-thirsty white people seeking to destroy Indigenous lands and profit off of their suffering; I would believe that by celebrating Canada Day, I was perpetuating Indigenous genocide. If I even thought about honouring my flag, I would be accused of participating in the ongoing diaspora of Indigenous folks from their Traditional Territories. I would believe that Canada would only celebrate and honour white people. I would believe that Canada would be an illegitimate sovereign upon Indigenous land. I would believe that by honouring my Canadian citizenship, that I would be celebrating colonization, the exploitation of the Earth, and I would

constantly remind myself that this is not MY home and native land, but that my home is ON native land (\*look at the Canadian national anthem). I would believe that being a settler was problematic, even though my family has been in Canada, a century prior to Confederation, which was in 1867.

In January 2018, the City of Halifax voted to remove a statue of Edward Cornwallis, who was a British military officer who had founded Halifax in 1749. More recently, Cornwallis has become a controversial figure in Canadian history. There has been inquiry into his actions, and it was determined that he was responsible for initiating a brutal scalping campaign upon the Mi'kmaq (pronounced: mick-mac). They are the Indigenous people on our East Coast (where Halifax is located). It is said that he would offer a reward (a bounty) to anyone who brought back to scalp(s) of a Mi'kmaq person(s). I think that we can all agree that this is atrocious, racist, and hateful, but at the same time, I feel the need to remind you that this occurred almost 289 years ago. I do believe that it goes without saying that times have definitely changed, and I am aware of the fact that there are echoes of this legacy (as well as many other racist legacies) that live on in Canadian legislation and societal attitudes. This can especially be seen with the infamous Indian Act, being at the forefront of Canadian consciousness, which continues to govern the relationship between Indigenous nations and the Canadian government to this day. This statue was removed, as spectators celebrated the decimation of the history of English Canada. This statue was enacted in 1931 and was a historical landmark.

But wait! There is more! In August 2018, the City of Victoria, in British Columbia, removed a statue of John A. Macdonald outside their City Hall. For those who are not

familiar with John A. Macdonald, he was Canada's first Prime Minister. John A. is looked upon in undesirable light these days, as he is the one who is blamed for the "Clearing of the Plains", as he was the prime minister in power at the time of national policies that had been developed that would intentionally (and maliciously) lead to the death of thousands of Indigenous people through starvation and disease. This system was established to force First Nations onto reserves. Again, I think that we can all agree that this was brutal, relentless, and racist. This also occurred over 150 years ago. Though, I do recognize echoes when it comes to the reserve system today, and this is why history is important, but I temporarily digress. Well, I do think it is important to tell you some things about John A., to give you a balance of perspective. John A. was the Prime Minister during the early years of the Dominion of Canada. He was a lawyer, born in Scotland. He was also a Conservative (which is always pretty cool), and he was one of the predominant figures that would help push for the Canadian Pacific Railway (which would give unprecedented mobility around Canada). This project was not developed without its challenges, with some racist policies (directed especially at the Chinese labourers), but the railway would completely revolutionize Canada. This would be apparent when it came to the transportation of settlers, and goods, and would help to expand the reach of the possibilities for agriculture, and other natural resources that would enable the continuity of the natural resource economy that Canada still thrives off of to this day. On a more personal level, what does John A. Macdonald mean to me? Well, as a Canadian, I have given this considerable thought, as I have some unpopular opinions on this statue removal. John A. reminds me of the importance of history. His policies have echoed throughout our history, but I find that it is important to always look to your roots to understand where you come from, or how

you got to a particular place. I have been on my own journey of self-discovery, and a significant portion of my DNA is Scottish (which I am VERY proud of). MacDonald is also my clan (in Scotland). I am uncertain as to whether or not I have any ancestral connections to John A., but I do feel connected, and this has been important in reclaiming my own identity after escaping the radical liberal cult. John A. is also symbolic, as he reminds me of Canada's strong (and proud) history and connections to the UK. I am unsettled by this statue removal, as to me, it feels as if we are intentionally erasing parts of our history. The statue was removed to provide a basis for actions of "reconciliation" with local Indigenous nations, but by taking down statues because they are a reminder of the dark stains in Canadian history does not acknowledge that history; it just covers it, or in this case, completely removes it. Why are we erasing these narratives? Is reconciliation not about knowing about the past, what happened from all perspectives, and then trying to find common ground in which we can ALL move forward in an effective and proficient way? BUT WAIT! THERE IS EVEN MORE. There have been cases around the country, where vandals have attempted to destroy the statues of predominant figures, by using red paint to send a message. This did not only symbolize the blood on the hands of the first prime minister, but it also sends a message that Indigenous folks have survived the attempted genocide against their way of life, and now, many are rallying behind this call to dismantle the white history in and of Canada. There was a case in Regina, Saskatchewan, against a statue of John A. MacDonald, and another case in Montreal, Quebec, where John A. was splattered with red paint. Correct me if I am wrong, but I am 100 percent sure that vandalism is a crime, regardless of your message.

What you need to understand, is that, in Canada, we have a man-child (Justin Trudeau) leading our country. He claims to be progressive, but what our "progressive" liberal government has created is an environment in which it is okay to edit history. To them, and their followers, it is okay to remove white people from these narratives because of mistakes that they [we] made centuries ago. They have cemented that they are going to give into the demands of the radical left and that it is not only encouraged, but welcomed to censor the past and to rewrite it into a narrative that is accepting for the radical liberals. To me, there are limitations to progressive ideals. I am all in favour of making sure that we are telling history from different perspectives, but why are these active hate campaigns being launched against our roots, traditions, and history (predominantly for white people)? I now ask, what does this mass campaign to remove the statues of "problematic" politicians mean for Canada? Well, I find it quite suspect that only Conservative politicians have been targeted thus far, and I have thoughts about this that I will get to. Is this simply an act of reconciliation, or is this an attempt to erase, forget, and celebrate the destruction of "colonial" and "white" history in Canada? What do you think? Does reconciliation mean erasing my history, my roots, my traditions, and my nation? In MY OPINION, I believe this is oppressive. This revisionist history is oppressive to English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, French, Belgian, German, etc. perspectives, actions, and narratives that would help to build who we are. I find this disgraceful and disrespectful, and quite frankly, I believe that this is divisive. But, then again, maybe that is the nature of progressivism. To divide, to shop for votes, and to secure one's [liberal] political supremacy. It is shameful Justin Trudeau, downright shameful. Canada was built by many nations, including hundreds of

Indigenous nations, and this erasure of Indigenous narratives needs to end, but we should not have to erase our history in order to empower another version of the same history. How do we honour our founders, whilst still respecting Indigenous voices and narratives?

On that note, I have a proposition for the radical left. How about we petition to change the name of Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport in Montreal? Pierre is not only the father of our very own Justin Trudeau, but he was also a liberal that was responsible for putting forward what is known as the "White Paper" in 1969. This proposition would suggest that Indigenous nations would need to assimilate by removing the conceptualization and privileges attached to having Indigenous "status" in Canada. I am sure this can be interpreted as a genocidal attempt to assimilate First Nations, but the radical liberals are only hell-bent on taking down Conservatism throughout our history. Politics aside, what is next for this riptide of progressive ideals? How about we remove John A. from the grounds of Parliament Hill? Oh, I know what we can do. We can remove the statues of the Famous Five (which were five white women who would lead the charge to show the legislative body in Canada that women were legally people - look at the "Persons Case", 1929 for more information). OR, how about we petition to rename our provinces? We had better say goodbye to Nova Scotia (literally translating to 'New Scotland') and British Columbia, because you know, they have colonial names and white, British history attached to them. We might as well brace for the change when it comes to the renaming of hundreds of streets, parks, waterways, institutions, and towns because they are named after white, colonial figures or places in history. We should also abolish Remembrance Day while we are at it, because this day commemorates colonial and white

wars. And, we should get rid of Christmas, too, as historically, Christianity has been used as a force of genocide, assimilation, and brutality. We might as well just completely petition to change all of our currency; we would need to remove the Queen, John A., and Robert Borden, as they epitomize Conservatism. But, we can keep Wilfred Laurier and William Lyon Mackenzie King because they were liberals. We should begin the process of removing any cenotaphs, memorials, and monuments that commemorate the incredible and selfless sacrifice of millions because of the colonial undertones and echoes of warfare in the twentieth century. We might as well petition for Canada to become a tyranny of liberalism. We should just abolish the Conservative Party and give the liberals supremacy. Maybe Canada should launch a revolution to gain independence from Britain. As for my final idea, maybe we should just abolish Canada because Canada is just the worst country in the world because of the mistakes that we have made in the past. If being proud to be Canadian means that I am perpetuating Indigenous genocide, land theft, and resource exploitation, then all white Canadians should just go back to where their ancestors came from, and we can completely dismantle Canada on the world stage. Well, if I have learned anything from these ridiculous displays of "reconciliation", it is that we, as white people, are trying to reconcile. So, take that for what it is worth. Any of these actions would fundamentally change Canada, and I do not believe that it would be for the better. I hope that if this paragraph has communicated anything, it is that this entire idea of radical progressivism is ridiculous.

I also believe that it is unfair to look back on historical injustice with a contemporary lens, as they did not know what we know today, and vice versa in the sense that we do not know what they knew back then. Again, this

does not justify, support, or condone any of these brutal or racist actions, but why are we paying of it today? There is definitely something to be said about intergenerational trauma and epigenetics, passed through generations, BUT, no one alive today, was alive back then, at least at the time of Confederation. We are unable to change the past, but does this mean that we should erase our history? My brother had the perfect way of describing this, and it is controversial, so bare with me. He and I were talking about this statue removal, and paraphrasing, he said: "what is this white-washing of history? It is more like washing whites out of history". He has a valid point, as no matter how disputed Canadian history is, white people were (and are) integral to the development of Canada, and do have actions, politics, and narratives to be proud of. I would like to remind everyone that the Canadian identity, at least to me, is this identification with the North, with peacekeeping, human rights, and multiculturalism. But, it should also be noted that the Canadian identity is contentious and ambiguous. Canada is the only country in the world, to my knowledge, that has official legislation in relation to multiculturalism, and we seem to have forgotten that even English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, and other predominantly white countries (and populations) STILL fall under the realm of multiculturalism, despite the perception that this only applies to racialized or minority cultures or populations. Diversity is something that is cherished in Canada, but this does not seem to apply to white people. This is just an observation, based on my experience. I write this article, as I not only felt like it would be cathartic, but also, because in the United States, you have similar experiences. The loss of John A. Macdonald Victoria Belbin, victoriabelbin@trentu.ca

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and Edward Cornwallis is just the beginning, but comparable actions can be seen with the ever-growing and contentious debate over the use of and flying of the Confederate Flag or the removal of Confederate-era statues. I am not an American, so I am not going to appropriate how many must feel about this erasure of history, but I feel like I can connect to you on an emotional level when it comes to the decimation of your history, regardless of what it may or may not represent. Overall, I am crushed by these series of events in Canada, and I find that I am mourning the loss of not only who I am, but Canada as I knew it. I guess I will have to move back to the land of my ancestors in order to connect to who I am. Additionally, I have also decided that if Canada makes the decision to remove the Queen and our Constitutional Monarchy, I am leaving and never coming back, as if we get to a point where this happens, we will have completely lost who we are. So, I ask again, are we truly in an "era of reconciliation"? Or, alternatively, perhaps we are in an era of revenge and revisionism. I will leave you with some wise words from good ol' John A.: "If I had influence over the minds of

the people of Canada, any power over their intellect, I would leave them this legacy: whatever you do, adhere to the Union. We are a great country, and shall become one of the greatest in the universe if we preserve it; we shall sink into insignificance and adversity if we suffer it to be broken". If you are to take anything from this, in summary, remember that Conservatism seeks to honour, express, and celebrate our history, whereby liberalism seeks to rewrite, censor, and ultimately destroy it.

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