

MAGA SHAKEDOWN COMES TO AMITY

It is not altogether shocking that Dominick J. Lombardi has libeled DEI as “discriminatory” in his letter to the Amity Board of Education. This is not the first time he has taken on the subject of race in Amity’s public schools.

Back in the September 3, 2021 issue of Orange Town News he libeled CRT (Critical Race Theory) as “anti-American” and a “threat,” falsely claiming that it is “...not an education, but a radical indoctrination” full of “half-truths and falsehoods” that teach our children “to hate our country.” I wonder what experiences he had as a student at Trumbull High led him to conclude that “Most lessons taught under CRT are more divisive and filled with hate than the topic of racism itself.” In his recent letter threatening the Amity School District with “financial and legal consequences” for non-compliance with an unconstitutional presidential order, Lombardi has been consistent with his similar attitude toward DEI.

This time he argues that “opportunity should be based on merit, not race,” as if his hero’s- Trump’s- latest appointments of mostly white, privileged, ultra-rich and remarkably unqualified yes-men and women were the very model of meritocracy. I can’t imagine how anyone can be less qualified than a worm-addled anti-vaxxer Secretary of Health, a bigoted, drunken, misogynistic, Russo-centric Secretary of Defense, a Secretary of Education who lied about having a teaching degree, etc., all appointments based strictly on immense donations and a willingness to bend a knee to the convicted felon/admitted sexual predator who demands fealty and financial gain above any other qualification, would “terminate” the Constitution, and has no respect for the balance of powers that has always prevented our democracy from becoming an autocracy. Yet Lombardi’s greatest concern seems to be that learning about other people and giving them a fair shot at opportunity will cheat him and weaken the nation. If he suffered more “hate than the topic of racism itself” at Trumbull High, I’d like to know how CRT or a DEI coach or an Educator Diversity Plan was responsible.

Americans need a strong Republican party willing to cooperate respectfully with its opposition. MAGA adherents continue to extinguish traditional conservatism. But there will come a time when most citizens understand that just as no alt-math can justify $1+1=11$, no amount of lies and misrepresentations can force truth out of alt-truth. The irony is that MAGA’s decapitation of traditional Republican values, not the supposed excesses of liberalism, is crippling America. The ORTC’s attempted shakedown of the Amity School District is one more sad instance of MAGA folly and ineptitude.

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