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Subject: Re:

Cultures unfortunately can be swept by craziness. Na=ism for example. Or the Great Awakening. We're in one of those phases now. If there's a charge, it's true, in fact True= Any response is "mansplaining," another power play, reinforcing the charge. You've seen I'm sure what happened to Lawr=nce. Full and complete response, amounts to zero. Isn't even considered. It's like trying to discuss rationally with religi=us fanatics.

Noam

On Sat, Dec 29, 2018 at 10:41 AM J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

As the stories get wilder and the writers make the girls younger. =AO prostitution is a tabloid's dream . . I wonder= if having something out in the cyber world that let some people =AO point to rational arguments might allow some to defend themselves from =heir wives . " how could you " etc. =AO

I have bee= exploring the AI world with the cutting edge people. I remind=them of your comments re machines thinking :)/ =AO I thought that culture was the consciousness of a society. tribes were like self. . med=a approx transmitters. . It provided constraints a=d rules for some underlying interactions.

It doesn't exist in a physical sense but either does consciousness. =AO which it appears to me as an evolutionary advantage and provides the brain with rules memories. (culture again) . =nd constraints. . tribes when attacked , act like a sel= . . compete like selves. etc. The world we call physi=I . follows rules that we have created, most unknowingly. =AO I assume language acts like an effective transmittier. . =C2 some language like adrenaline. some like dopamine. =AO . do some extent the hormones of the culture. ? =AO

On Sat, Dec 29, 2018 at 7:20 AM Noam Chomsky [REDACTED] wrote:

It's a powerful and convincing statement, but my feeling=is that it would not be wise to submit it for publication. Taking the stance of a reader who comes to the matter from afresh, perhaps having heard some rumors but knowing nothing, the reaction I suspect will be of the "where there's smoke there's fire" kind. Few are willing to think through the arguments and factual details or to try to adjudicate conflicting claims. I've seen this happen over and over on other matters -- many years of having been accused of Holocaust denial, for=example.. Ugly and bitter as it is, I suspect the best course now is=not to stir the pot by raising the issue publicly, opening the door to charges and accusations that can no doubt be answered in the court of logic and= fairness -- but that's not the public domain, where innuendo and suspicion and accusation reign.

Anyway, for what it's worth, that's the way it looks to me, in part on the basis of experience.=/div>

The great work that you have been doing speaks for itself. My feeling is that you should keep at it, and simply develop a thick skin to fend off whatever ugliness breaks through now and then, diminishing over time.

Noam

On Sat, Dec 29, 2018 at 8:33 AM J << href="mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com" target="_blank">jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

Im considering submitting this to the oped of the wash pos= id like your thoughts

Sweetheart deal!"= So goes the attack on the resolution of the more than a decade ago federal investigation involving our client Jeffrey Epstein. The attack is p=ofoundly misplaced, supported neither by the law nor the facts. Nor is it =supported by the structure of our constitutional republic. To the contrary,=Jeffrey was subjected to an extremely aggressive federal intrusion into wh=t would typically be considered a quintessentially local criminal matter i= south Florida. The offense investigated =94 at its core, sexual favors for hire — has long b=en treated as a matter entrusted to laws of the several States, not the fe=eral government. The conduct — for which Jeffrey t=ok full responsibility — was a classic state offens= and was treated exactly that way by able, honest prosecutors in Palm Beac= County. Nevertheless, without a request from the state pr=secutors, the federal government intervened. For their own opportuni=tic reasons, many are now criticizing the federal decision-makers at the t=me, including now-Secretary of Labor Alex Acosta (then-United States Attor=ey in south Florida), for not going far enough.

The critics are wrong on the facts and the la=. They also ignore a fact going to the heart of fundamental fairness: =A0 In the decade since paying his debt to society, Jeffrey Epstein ha= led a life characterized by responsible citizenship, numerous acts of gen=rosity and good deeds.

Here are the true key facts: Jeffrey Epstein, a successful =elf-made businessman with no prior criminal history whatsoever, engaged in=illegal conduct that amounted to solicitation of prostitution. =C2 That conduct was wrong and a violation of Florida state law. =A0 Although no coercion, violence, alcohol, drugs or the like were involve=, some of the women he paid were under the age of 18. Those =A0facts were carefully assessed by experienced state sex crime prosecutors=who aggressively enforce state criminal laws. No one turned a blind =ye to potential offenses to the public order. To the contrary, the P=Im Beach State Attorney's Office conducted an extensive fifteen-month =nvestigation, led by the chief of the Sex Crimes Division. Mr. Epste=n was then indicted by the state grand jury on a single felony count of so=licitation of prostitution.

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During that intense investigati=n, the state prosecutors extensively gathered and analyzed the eviden=e, met face-to-face with many of the asserted victims, considered their cr=dibility — or lack thereof — and considered the extent of =exculpatory evidence, including sworn testimony from many th=t they lied about being eighteen years old to be allowed into Mr. Epstein=E2 s home. After months of negotiations, the state prosecutors =believed they had reached a reasoned resolution of the matter that vindicat=d the public interest — a resolution entirely consistent with that=of cases involving other similarly-situated defendants. The system w=rked as it should have.

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Then, in came the feds. The United States Attorney's =ffice extensively and aggressively investigated whether Mr. Epstein had en=aged in a commercial human trafficking ring, targeted minors, or used=the internet or traveled interstate in the process. But that =99s not what this was and that's not what happened. =A0 That is precisely why the federal authorities' ultimate de=ision to defer prosecution to the state was the right one. =/span>

However, the federally-demanded resolution was not without conditions. The federal prosecutor insisted on various unorthodox requirements that Mr. Epstein's experienced defense team had never seen imposed on any defendant anywhere. Under the federally-forced deal, Jeffrey was required to request that the state prosecutors demand the imposition of a thirty-month sentence that included both jail time and the strictest conditions of probation: lifetime sex-offender registration. Those draconian measures were far more than warranted by the state grand jury's indictment and would not have otherwise been required under the previously agreed-upon state disposition. As part of this highly unusual deal, the government required Jeffrey to pay for a highly experienced group of attorneys to bring claims against him on behalf of a government list of asserted victims. Jeffrey was required to waive the right to challenge those claims without being provided the asserted victim's identities by the government until after he was incarcerated. Importantly, the feds' decision to decline prosecution in deference to the state in exchange for these extraordinary requirements was reviewed and approved at the multiple levels of the U.S. Department of Justice. Jeffrey took full responsibility, complied with the feds' demands, served his sentence, and in the process was treated exactly the same (including his time served) as any other state-incarcerated individuals. His conduct while in custody was exemplary, and so characterized by the state custodial authorities. </>

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Jeffrey Epstein has paid his debt to society. The challenges to his Agreement with the Government must also be understood as challenges to the millions Mr. Epstein paid to the asserted victims and their lawyers pursuant to that agreement. Amongst the beneficiaries of the Epstein-Federal Government Agreement were the many victims who collectively received many millions as a result of the conditions imposed on Mr. Epstein that prevented him from meaningfully contesting civil liability — moneys that would be at issue if requests to invalidate the agreement were granted.</>

Our nation faces vitally important challenges, many involving the treatment of women and basic human dignity. Voices are rightly being raised speaking truth to power, especially about women in the workplace. But Jeffrey's offenses of yesteryear, which were entirely outside of the workplace, have long since been redressed by the criminal justice system. He fully and faithfully has performed every promise and obligation required of him by state and federal authorities. In the spirit of the bedrock American belief in second chances and fundamental fairness, that chapter in Jeffrey's otherwise-productive and charitable life should be allowed to close once and for all.

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