

Personal vs. Public Fantasy

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Consider: The right of personal private fantasy. Freedom to fantasize naturally includes the freedom to embrace absurd ideas, so long as other people are not thereby harmed. Personally, privately entertaining the idea that "Down is up." & "Up is down." should be, literally, nothing to be ashamed of. Meanwhile secret ballots make voting for one's candidate(s) of choice a personal private right.

On the other hand, demanding public embrace of personal viewpoints is unreasonable. Nonsense public rallying cries sabotage both clarity of thought and human progress. A pushback option is one of the vital remedies; an example:

"Christian Right" public support of President Trump is a political, traditional, & ethical oxymoron* .

Oxymoron #1 – Political: A core value of America's political "Right" is the right to own personal property. In the New Testament Jesus instructed people to enthusiastically give away personal property that other people want, which is far left-of-center in the liberal vs. conservative American political debate. Hence Christian Right is a self-contradiction.

Oxymoron #2 – Traditional: President, as his job title, is not an oxymoron. However most of Donald Trump's executive actions are unrecognizable as presidential in style and/or substance; hence his non-presidential conduct is contradictory to his job title.

Oxymoron #3 – Ethical: The Ten Commandments are the central component of biblical Earthly ethics & are embraced in our Pledge of Allegiance phrase: "...one nation, under God,..." . President Trump tweets & flaunts his breaking of commandments - the ethical contradictions abound.

Let's peacefully enjoy personal private fantasies and personal religious views, while pushing back against publicly expressed absurdities. Consider voting for leaders willing and able to nurture & invent constructive public ideas that advance peaceful human progress - here & now.

* Def.: oxymoron - a miserably failed attempt to unify two contradictory words or phrases.
(Hence, as defined here, oxymorons are compact absurdities.)

When considering idea(s), ask: "Do the public benefits outweigh the risks?"