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# The silent majority?

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I have four minutes to write this post. Sorry, all of these things will be discussed in greater detail in future books, but this is the water overflowing the dam at the moment.

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Today in a class I asked people to define "reality." About five people gave some version of "what we perceive." I don't usually say, "anyone else" five times, but I was very curious to see if anyone believed it was what is, not what is perceived. Finally, I gave up, and described what it would be like if reality were what is, not merely what is perceived.

I asked if anyone in the class had already thought that it might be that way before this class. About five hands went up. How interesting that there were equal numbers of people willing to publicly admit they believed one or the other, but the five who believed that reality is transcendent did not do so until they first saw it was safe to do so.

I have watched for years as people responded to

case after case of overstepping of some "red line" that was thought untouchable with some version of "the silent majority will only stay silent for so long!"

Just now, I realized something. The silent majority will never say or do anything. Almost all of them will assimilate into the cause they claim to oppose. It always happens this way. It always will happen this way.

Those who have not said or done anything yet will not say or do anything unless they have a massive change of heart. They think that the change of heart will come when some future red line is crossed. But when that red line is crossed--and it always is--they do nothing.

Just today I came across this quote, written by a

German who experienced the rise of the Nazis  
as an adult:

“But the one great shocking occasion, when tens  
or hundreds or thousands will join with you,  
never comes. That’s the difficulty. If the last and  
worst act of the whole regime had come  
immediately after the first and smallest,  
thousands, yes, millions would have been  
sufficiently shocked—if, let us say, the gassing of  
the Jews in ’43 had come immediately after the  
‘German Firm’ stickers on the windows of non-  
Jewish shops in ’33. But of course this isn’t the  
way it happens. In between come all the  
hundreds of little steps, some of them  
imperceptible, each of them preparing you not  
to be shocked by the next. Step C is not so much  
worse than Step B, and, if you did not make a

stand at Step B, why should you at Step C? And so on to Step D.

"And one day, too late, your principles, if you were ever sensible of them, all rush in upon you. The burden of self-deception has grown too heavy, and some minor incident, in my case my little boy, hardly more than a baby, saying 'Jewish swine,' collapses it all at once, and you see that everything, everything, has changed and changed completely under your nose. The world you live in—your nation, your people—is not the world you were born in at all. The forms are all there, all untouched, all reassuring, the houses, the shops, the jobs, the mealtimes, the visits, the concerts, the cinema, the holidays. But the spirit, which you never noticed because you made the lifelong mistake of identifying it with

the forms, is changed." (Milton Sanford Mayer, They Thought They Were Free: The Germans 1933-45)

There will be a great separation as the wedge of truth drives into the heart of each person. It will manifest at the societal level, across the globe, but it will happen within the individual.

If the silent majority were going to do something, they would have already done so.

I have seen countless examples of this: from workplace harassment, where the loudest complainers became party to exactly what they had complained against when their convenience required it, to churches (where red line after red line has been and is and will be crossed), and on and on.

The silent majority of today *is* the oppressive majority of tomorrow. They just don't know it yet.

Well, it took ten minutes, not four.

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