

## SARAH PALIN, POLITICAL CONSERVATISM AND THE AXIS OF VIOLENCE

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The essay on my BLOG, titled *Sarah Palin Stokes The Fire Of The U.S. Culture of Violence* describes how the dimension of Political Conservatism becomes aligned with Violence and Political Liberalism with Non-Violence. <http://tffuture.org/blog/1181> and at [http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/Palin\\_Culture\\_of\\_Violence\\_1.10.11.pdf](http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/Palin_Culture_of_Violence_1.10.11.pdf)

Paul Krugman has noted that there are Two Public Moralities, which reflect the Two Americas that have existed since the days of our Founding Fathers.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/14/opinion/14krugman.html?pagewanted=print>

These Two Public Moralities are rooted in the Pain and Pleasure experiences that form the biopsychological forces that have polarized humanity ever since the beginning of the evolution of *Homo sapiens*. It was Pythagoras (c.582-c.507 B.C.) who provided the sex gender equivalents of Morality: maleness with goodness; and femaleness with evil:

“There is a good principle which has created order, light and man; and a bad principle which has created chaos, darkness and woman.”[Quoted in Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, 2010/1953]. Women have been equated with evil in this formulation of good and evil, which has cast a violent cloud upon humanity over the past several millennia (Prescott, 1995).

How culture answers the question: “What is the morality of pain and pleasure in human relationships” determines the life path of Peace or Violence that will be followed. Pain and Pleasure are in reciprocal inhibitory relationship with one another and provide the biological substrate for the polarization of humanity.

<http://www.violence.de/prescott/truthseeker/genpl.html>

These relationships are discussed in my BLOG, particularly how the Approval of Violence and the Rejection of Pleasure in Human Relationships define Political Conservatism.

The political symbols employed by Sarah Palin—guns and their crosshairs, which reflect Pain and Death—inflame the Culture of Violence that America has become and she must be held accountable for contributing to our Culture of Violence.

Pain and Death are reflected in our scandalous infant mortality rates where America ranks 30<sup>th</sup> compared to European nations for the year 2005 (MacDorman and Matthews, 2009); and ranks 46<sup>th</sup> among the nations of the world by the CIA Book of Facts, estimated for 2010.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db23.htm>

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/rankorder/2091rank.html>

These statistics do not support the wrongful claim that the United States has the best health care system in the world and someone should ask what Sarah Palin and the Republicans intend to do to reduce the agony, pain and suffering associated with infant and child mortality of this nation.

In other programs on my BLOG, I have identified how Breastfeeding Bonding prevents infant mortality and later depression and suicide for those cultures that breastfeed for 2.5 years or longer, as recommended by WHO and UNICEF in they're 1990 Innocenti Declaration.

[http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/WHO\\_Innocenti\\_Declaration.pdf](http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/WHO_Innocenti_Declaration.pdf)

It is well known that breastfeeding mothers are rarely violent toward the infants and young children that they are nursing, which offers a solution to our scandalous infant/child mortality rates. It is also well known that infant mortality rates are highly correlated with homicide rates and child abuse (Prescott, 1979, 2010).

[http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/IM\\_BF\\_H.pdf](http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/IM_BF_H.pdf)

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/126/3/592>

<http://www.violence.de/archive.shtml#infantmortality-homicide-suicide-breastfeeding>

Prescott (2001) reported that for the 5-14 year old age group, suicide rates, as a percent of homicide rates, have systematically increased from 1979 to 1998: 1979--**36** percent; 1994--**60** percent; 1998--**73** percent; and later 2000--**89** percent; 2006—**50** percent.

No explanation was given for the sudden drop to **50%** by Heron, et. al (2009). What cultural factors could possibly account for this dramatic change of increasing suicide rates compared to homicide rates, as a national statistic for the year 2006?

America is a Culture of Violence, as evidenced by these statistics and SUICIDE is an increasing threat to our youth, national health and safety that calls for immediate intervention. The alarming increase of school shooting/massacres is a testament to this reality.

It will not be easy, if at all possible, to change the patrilineal/patrilocal cultures that are the conveyors of violence, chaos and authoritarian relationships, in contrast to the matrilineal/matrilocal cultures that are the conveyors of peace, harmony and egalitarian relationships—now virtually extinct on this Planet Earth.

WE must act to Prevent Violence as our First National Priority and this cannot be accomplished by WORDS alone.

Not those who die, but those who die before they must  
and want to die, those who die in agony and pain  
are the great indictments against civilization.

Eros and Civilization (1962)  
Herbert Marcuse

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