

## Do You Believe This For a Second?

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I don't. From Crooks and Liars *Study: Oh Yes, We Can Change Conservative Minds* by Susie Madrak -

<http://crooksandliars.com/2015/02/study-oh-yes-we-can-change-conservative>

I've never seen it happen once. The article says it's possible. But ... the real question is ... Is It Probable?

Here's the problem:

Fariss Samarrai, author of the study, *American Liberals and Conservatives Think as if From Different Cultures* states, " ... *political thought was*

*somewhat malleable. They discovered that if they*

***trained***

*holistic thinkers to think analytically, for example, to match scarf with mitten, they would subsequently start viewing the world more liberally (though not on economic policy). Likewise, liberals, if trained to think holistically, would come to form more conservative opinions."*

What is the possibility the Right Wing Noise Machine and their minions are even *open* to training? Have you ever witnessed a FoxNews-viewing-Limbaugh-listening poltroon willing to consider for even one second to look at

*anything*

differently? Were not talking about house-breaking a dog here. Were talking about making someone change their world view which is

*much*

harder than training a dog to go pee outside.

This Crooks and Liars article embodies the core problem of the "liberal" attitude. Liberals believe that if somehow we could only get them to acknowledge *facts* then everything would be as right as rain. And too much time and energy is spent on trying to figure out the right approaches. Fat-Effing-Chance. Like it's up to

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*us*

to figure out the magic "somehow" over and over again that will finally

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jump start their thinking processes. Well guess what. The Conservative Mind can't help but suffer from a lifetime of consequent neglect.

These articles make me *crazy*. It's just another example of mushy-headed liberals trying *one more time*

to figure out how to get crazy stupid people to stop being crazy stupid people. The

*real*

studies nobody wants to talk about are how the actual

*brain structure*

of conservatives is different from liberals.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biology\\_and\\_political\\_orientation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biology_and_political_orientation)

" ... A 2011 study by cognitive neuroscientist Ryota Kanai's group at University College London published in *Current Biology*, found a correlation between differences in political views and differences in brain structures in a convenience sample of students from University College London."

More here:

*Differences in Conservative and Liberal Brains*

*16 peer-reviewed studies show liberals and conservatives **physiologically** different*

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<http://2012election.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=004818>

Loopy Digression Dept.

Smoking literally physically changes the brain. The brain develops *extra* receptors to accommodate the large doses of nicotine from tobacco. The more you smoke, the longer you smoke, the more nicotine receptors are created in the brain. The resulting expanded receptor pool contributes to the craving and agony of smoking withdrawal. Non-smokers don't "get" why smokers have such a hard time quitting because they don't have chunks of

*their*

brains

screaming for MORE NICOTINE. They don't understand that the

*real*

problem isn't a lack of desire to quit smoking, poor judgment, lack of will power or poor money management skills. The real problem is how to deal with a brain that has been

*physically*

re-structured to need nicotine. And how does one go about restructuring their brain? Sounds kinda hard doesn't it?

So ...

How the hell would a liberal go about getting a conservative to change his/her brain structure? It is tantamount to asking a conservative to levitate by next Thursday. Won't happen. Can't happen. It's one of those TWNH moments.

**That**

**Will**

***Never***

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Happen

And then theres this:

*Liberals and atheists smarter? Intelligent people have values novel in human evolutionary history, study finds*

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/02/100224132655.htm>

*... In the current study, Kanazawa argues that humans are evolutionarily designed to be conservative, caring mostly about their family and friends ...*

Zillions of years ago a "conservative" brain came in pretty handy. That helped the family/tribe unit to survive. The paleo-conservative did whatever it took to get whatever was needed to keep their DNA rolling down through the ages. The paleo-conservative took care of his/her own and told everybody else, "*I've got mine ... Screw You.*" That's being "evolutionarily familiar." Acquisitiveness is an evolutionarily familiar trait that kept the paleo-conservatives alive during the lean times. Millions of years later, completely over-the-top acquisitiveness is the hallmark of the out-of-control, voracious 1%.

Kanazawa continues, *... being liberal, caring about an indefinite number of genetically unrelated strangers they never meet or interact with, is evolutionarily novel.*

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So *empathy* is an evolutionarily novel trait. Above all it is the single trait that could lead to the survival of the planet and everything that lives on it. The evolutionarily novel human beings care about the survival of *their* DNA ... and everybody else's as well.

The gasbags talk about The Culture War. There is no culture war. There isn't even a war. The evolutionarily familiar human beings are driven on a *cellular* level to acquire and consume *every thing*

. They don't have an "off" switch. There's no such thing as ... Enough. There is only ... More. Their thermostat is broken and its getting really hot in here.

Guess who's winning? Better question ... Guess who's won?

Its not about a clash of cultures ... its a clash between *brains*. And from everything I've seen since I started paying attention, I'll bet the evolutionarily familiar crowd will soon be celebrating a Pyrrhic victory as the oceans rise. Theyll be chanting We're Number One ... We're Number Glub ... Glub Glubbitty Glub.

More Happy Bunny Thoughts ...