

Preface

It had finally arrived. The 2020's was the decade that my predetermined destiny's ultimate finish line would present itself, and then some. A journey which started for me decades ago with the choices I knew I had to make when deciding what to do for a living. It seemed simple enough to me. One's choice of paths towards income generation had a lot to do with working hard in tandem with playing hard, and not losing balance between the two. Or at the minimum, never losing balance between the two for too long. My born into middle class status was far from permanent. Pretty simple.

Along the way, upon entering the dating scene, it was also apparent that here was another decision set in terms of getting married and/or having children, or to cruise through life unmarried and childless. One of life's decisions which has a lot of weight on how the future unfolds. Like anything else, if you keep doing it, you get better at it, and I did as a non-married, childless human. This chosen path empowered me to realize the inner workings of all levels of sexual partnerships and sexuality in general, which hands down is definitely defined at birth.

Building up to breaking down the third sphere of human life then became an effortless exercise. The exercise of following politics in the United States of America (USA). Similarly, to grasping one's class and sexuality-related paths, it became just as easy to see through any distortions of the USA's political state. It couldn't be clearer early on how there were distinct and prominent political factions within the USA and that their worldview differences were also not close to being random. This became so obvious to me once I started to pay attention.

The evolving clear-cut political factions are so easy to define, especially the two who are competing for control of the USA's future. The first such faction only cares to see what is directly in front of them, on every political issue. This is directly due to their not just empathy-heavy group thinking, but in many cases, their 100% empathic-only mindset. Accurately, I call them the Mind Blind, given how it is as if they literally have blinders on regarding every political position. The Mind Blind who endlessly identify with and can only see life through the lens of victimized groups in society and the obvious villains who forever oppress them.

The opposing political faction vying to maintain control comes from a completely different perspective via individually forming their own opinions

and assessing whatever facts and circumstances are in front of them. Especially when it comes to anything and everything economically and socially political. A faction which has so many indicators which point to how both empathy *and* logic play a major role in their individual thinking and position on each political issue presented to them. It's why I refer to them as the Mind Balanced.

What you are about to read is as unique as you could possibly encounter. To make it easier to take in and absorb, a human element will be introduced as follows. But first, the vision found in *Last Call Manifesto* needs to be said now—one which is long overdue. This is a last call to finally break up the USA and permit the now named Mind Blind and Mind Balanced to permanently thrive within their respective political orientations without having to deal with each other. Now for a helpful reality-based connection.

This is a modern-day story of two twins born on the 4th of July in 2000 and upon reaching age 20 in 2020, could not be more different in their early adulthood mindsets. Tellingly named “Finite” and “Future”, they have literally grown up to embolden their family's long ago shorten surname of EO. Upon entering high school, the EO Twins were early on acknowledged by how their last name ironically represented their individually attained political beliefs. That is, Finite was all for an “Equal Outcomes” progressive socialist formulation of government while Future strongly was behind the merits of an “Equal Opportunities” capitalist-driven economy.

It turns out that by age 20, their mindsets could not have diverged more. So much so that those who came to know both within the same circle of friends had forged and assigned the nicknames “Empy” [em·pee] for Finite and “Baly” [bal·ee] for Future.

Empy because Finite always seemed to think empathically and was consistently in unchallenged alignment with what are now in modern terms essentially Progressive Socialists and their latest talking points and approved narratives. An incredibly loyal type of group think posturing which at every turn insisted that the USA's economy and its potential for individual advancement was limited if not finite. So finite that it could only be redistributed to make it less unequal for the masses deemed as the less fortunate. Those who could not advance economically and/or socially on their own due to the USA's greedy and selfish capitalist structure and “the wealthy” who control it.

On the other hand, Baly was short for “Balanced”, which very accurately described Future's mindset in every way. Balanced in terms of individual

thinking and formulation of one's own opinions. Completely opposite to Finite, Future embraced the ideals and opportunities which are revered as the American Dream. One where anyone of any background could excel and reap the resulting benefits of future success under a solid set of individualized priorities and principles. The USA's proverbial pie was baked with unlimited potential for growth for any and all that are willing to work their way up the class ladder.

As the election results of 2020 panned out in front of them, it had become obvious that there were no longer any ground rules in terms of politeness or at times, decency. So much so that Finite and Future could barely be in the same room alone together. With every single economic and social political issue now forever under the microscope, it became blatantly obvious that their attained to-date respective mindset and worldview could never meet in the middle ever again. There was no longer any common ground to speak of or room for compromise.

Call it what we may, it is not a stretch that "A Tale of Two Visions" or closer to home, "A Tale of Two Twins" is what this story boils down to. However, informally the *Last Call Manifesto* is likely destined to become known as "A Tale of 20 / 20." The vision and worldview differences between the Mind Blind and Mind Balanced circa the 2020s for Equal Outcomes vs. Equal Opportunities and the government's role in delivering such couldn't be more opposite and clearly defined. Please now join me.