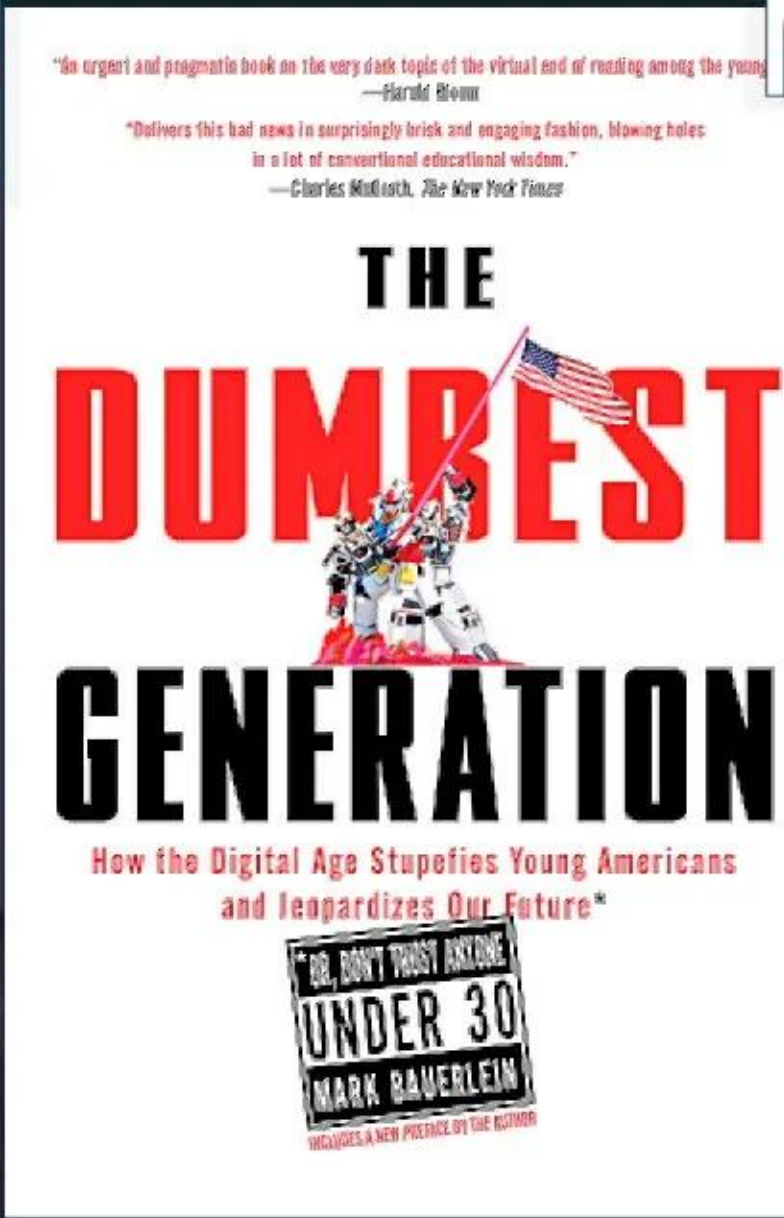


HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW WITH JIM BRESLO



MARK BAUERLEIN



1
00:00:05,510 --> 00:00:04,470
what's going on these kids because

2
00:00:06,710 --> 00:00:05,520
you're calling this the dumbest

3
00:00:09,270 --> 00:00:06,720
generation

4
00:00:11,430 --> 00:00:09,280
so something happened in their childhood

5
00:00:13,669 --> 00:00:11,440
basically there was the detachment

6
00:00:15,669 --> 00:00:13,679
between the child and the parent and it

7
00:00:17,830 --> 00:00:15,679
was replaced by essentially the the

8
00:00:20,150 --> 00:00:17,840
tablet or computer or screen

9
00:00:21,990 --> 00:00:20,160
think of what the 15 year old could do

10
00:00:24,870 --> 00:00:22,000
in 2007

11
00:00:26,710 --> 00:00:24,880
you know facebook had begun web 2.0

12
00:00:29,509 --> 00:00:26,720
was taking off

13
00:00:31,910 --> 00:00:29,519

uh so that we had a lot more interactive

14

00:00:34,069 --> 00:00:31,920

activity more behavior

15

00:00:36,389 --> 00:00:34,079

that could go through the screen

16

00:00:38,150 --> 00:00:36,399

than could happen in 1995.

17

00:00:40,069 --> 00:00:38,160

you've got people talking to one another

18

00:00:41,350 --> 00:00:40,079

the eye the handheld devices as they

19

00:00:44,630 --> 00:00:41,360

were called them getting more

20

00:00:48,150 --> 00:00:44,640

sophisticated texting was coming along

21

00:00:50,229 --> 00:00:48,160

photos youtube you could as as youtube

22

00:00:52,549 --> 00:00:50,239

put it in its original motto which was

23

00:00:53,750 --> 00:00:52,559

in the upper left hand corner broadcast

24

00:00:55,189 --> 00:00:53,760

yourself

25

00:00:57,350 --> 00:00:55,199

you could take pictures and send them to

26

00:00:58,549 --> 00:00:57,360

people you could watch them

27

00:01:00,630 --> 00:00:58,559

and the

28

00:01:01,990 --> 00:01:00,640

15 year olds they were the digital

29

00:01:04,149 --> 00:01:02,000

natives

30

00:01:05,990 --> 00:01:04,159

they were the early adopters

31

00:01:08,550 --> 00:01:06,000

they were way ahead of the boomers like

32

00:01:11,590 --> 00:01:08,560

me in in taking these tools and playing

33

00:01:14,070 --> 00:01:11,600

with them innovating with them finding

34

00:01:16,469 --> 00:01:14,080

new you know i need my son to tell me

35

00:01:17,990 --> 00:01:16,479

how to how to do my iphone uh different

36

00:01:20,070 --> 00:01:18,000

different things and

37

00:01:21,190 --> 00:01:20,080

you know he's got the thumbs and that

38

00:01:24,070 --> 00:01:21,200

flexible

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00:01:26,070 --> 00:01:24,080

uh uh mind in front of a screen so they

40

00:01:27,109 --> 00:01:26,080

could go into their rooms with these

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00:01:29,429 --> 00:01:27,119

tools

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00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:29,439

the tv is still on they still watched a

43

00:01:35,030 --> 00:01:32,479

lot of tv with teen tv shows you know

44

00:01:37,510 --> 00:01:35,040

saved by the bell is on uh they have the

45

00:01:39,670 --> 00:01:37,520

music going they could have the game

46

00:01:41,749 --> 00:01:39,680

going they've got the laptop or or the

47

00:01:43,830 --> 00:01:41,759

or the the desktop open with a few

48

00:01:46,389 --> 00:01:43,840

windows there they could be have have

49

00:01:48,149 --> 00:01:46,399

the facebook going and and different

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00:01:50,789 --> 00:01:48,159

social media and they're texting about

51
00:01:52,550 --> 00:01:50,799
you know 3 000 texts a month but by by

52
00:01:55,910 --> 00:01:52,560
2010

53
00:01:57,990 --> 00:01:55,920
and this was a 15 year olds universe

54
00:01:59,510 --> 00:01:58,000
made up of other 15 year olds and 15

55
00:02:00,709 --> 00:01:59,520
year old stuff

56
00:02:03,670 --> 00:02:00,719
they could

57
00:02:06,870 --> 00:02:03,680
envelop themselves in youth

58
00:02:09,510 --> 00:02:06,880
culture peer culture peer pressure

59
00:02:10,309 --> 00:02:09,520
more than any time in human history

60
00:02:11,750 --> 00:02:10,319
i mean

61
00:02:13,990 --> 00:02:11,760
i i

62
00:02:16,470 --> 00:02:14,000
when i was 15 i didn't want to talk to

63
00:02:18,790 --> 00:02:16,480

my parents i didn't care about some

64

00:02:20,790 --> 00:02:18,800

walter cronkite guy you know talking

65

00:02:23,270 --> 00:02:20,800

about you know what watergate and who

66

00:02:24,229 --> 00:02:23,280

cares i got stuff you know that i'm that

67

00:02:25,830 --> 00:02:24,239

i'm doing

68

00:02:26,949 --> 00:02:25,840

but i couldn't go somewhere anywhere

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00:02:28,869 --> 00:02:26,959

else

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00:02:31,270 --> 00:02:28,879

that was the only screen in the house

71

00:02:33,589 --> 00:02:31,280

and if it was on i couldn't i you know i

72

00:02:35,350 --> 00:02:33,599

was there i had to listen to it there

73

00:02:37,110 --> 00:02:35,360

were i didn't have my own phone there

74

00:02:38,790 --> 00:02:37,120

was one phone in the house it was in the

75

00:02:41,190 --> 00:02:38,800

kitchen you had to put your finger in a

76

00:02:42,949 --> 00:02:41,200

dial and turn it seven times to make a

77

00:02:45,110 --> 00:02:42,959

phone call and i didn't have the privacy

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00:02:48,229 --> 00:02:45,120

to talk to girls or something so social

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00:02:50,070 --> 00:02:48,239

life was effectively over

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00:02:51,509 --> 00:02:50,080

for the rest of the night and all night

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00:02:53,509 --> 00:02:51,519

long it didn't start again until i went

82

00:02:55,910 --> 00:02:53,519

went back to school

83

00:02:57,430 --> 00:02:55,920

so there was adult

84

00:02:59,030 --> 00:02:57,440

pressure coming in

85

00:03:04,550 --> 00:02:59,040

to my

86

00:03:06,390 --> 00:03:04,560

i got a little more politics there were

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00:03:08,949 --> 00:03:06,400

more conversation between my parents

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00:03:10,790 --> 00:03:08,959

that i would overhear because i i

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00:03:13,030 --> 00:03:10,800

couldn't you know go to my room and and

90

00:03:13,910 --> 00:03:13,040

get away from it and

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00:03:20,790 --> 00:03:13,920

the

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00:03:22,470 --> 00:03:20,800

wasn't so youth oriented i mean even

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00:03:24,789 --> 00:03:22,480

cartoons

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00:03:26,949 --> 00:03:24,799

would would have a lot of classical

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00:03:28,949 --> 00:03:26,959

music would be playing in them and you

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00:03:31,190 --> 00:03:28,959

get a lot of literary references going

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00:03:33,270 --> 00:03:31,200

on johnny carson would often end his

98

00:03:34,710 --> 00:03:33,280

show with an author

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00:03:37,030 --> 00:03:34,720

guy's written a book for the last 10

100

00:03:38,390 --> 00:03:37,040

minutes of the show it would be a writer

101
00:03:41,110 --> 00:03:38,400
on there you don't see that on the

102
00:03:42,550 --> 00:03:41,120
nighttime shows very much uh anymore

103
00:03:44,789 --> 00:03:42,560
with that i mean almost every single

104
00:03:46,630 --> 00:03:44,799
show he would end

105
00:03:47,750 --> 00:03:46,640
in that way so

106
00:03:50,149 --> 00:03:47,760
uh

107
00:03:51,830 --> 00:03:50,159
i just got an exposure i'm not better

108
00:03:53,670 --> 00:03:51,840
than the millennials

109
00:03:55,270 --> 00:03:53,680
i wasn't a better teenager than they

110
00:03:56,949 --> 00:03:55,280
were i got in trouble

111
00:03:57,830 --> 00:03:56,959
uh a lot

112
00:03:59,750 --> 00:03:57,840
but

113
00:04:02,229 --> 00:03:59,760

i i did get

114

00:04:04,630 --> 00:04:02,239

a i was in a world a little bit that

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00:04:06,070 --> 00:04:04,640

would counter the peer pressure

116

00:04:08,869 --> 00:04:06,080

with the adults up

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00:04:11,190 --> 00:04:08,879

the digital age it freed them up

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00:04:13,110 --> 00:04:11,200

and a lot of people cheered them on

119

00:04:14,630 --> 00:04:13,120

you know 60 minutes had an episode here

120

00:04:16,550 --> 00:04:14,640

come the millennials

121

00:04:18,870 --> 00:04:16,560

they're going to transform the workplace

122

00:04:20,150 --> 00:04:18,880

they're going to change the way we shop

123

00:04:22,069 --> 00:04:20,160

we're going they're going to change the

124

00:04:23,510 --> 00:04:22,079

way we communicate they're leading the

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00:04:25,189 --> 00:04:23,520

way they're going to lead the way into

126

00:04:26,790 --> 00:04:25,199

the 21st century

127

00:04:28,390 --> 00:04:26,800

that was the the cheering going on and

128

00:04:29,749 --> 00:04:28,400

so i wrote this first book the dumbest

129

00:04:31,430 --> 00:04:29,759

generation

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00:04:33,590 --> 00:04:31,440

how the digital age stupefies young

131

00:04:35,430 --> 00:04:33,600

americans and jeopardizes our future or

132

00:04:36,629 --> 00:04:35,440

don't trust anyone under 30. that was

133

00:04:37,830 --> 00:04:36,639

the joke

134

00:04:40,390 --> 00:04:37,840

in the title

135

00:04:42,550 --> 00:04:40,400

at the end and

136

00:04:45,510 --> 00:04:42,560

in 2008 because i said this is this is

137

00:04:46,870 --> 00:04:45,520

not good it's not good for 15 year olds

138

00:04:49,909 --> 00:04:46,880

to be you know taking pictures

139

00:04:53,189 --> 00:04:49,919

themselves all the time it just

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00:04:54,790 --> 00:04:53,199

it feeds into youth narcissism too much

141

00:04:57,110 --> 00:04:54,800

it's not good for them to be texting all

142

00:04:59,510 --> 00:04:57,120

night long uh we got to get them away

143

00:05:01,670 --> 00:04:59,520

get them out of that circuit

144

00:05:03,670 --> 00:05:01,680

and so that book came out and a lot of

145

00:05:05,909 --> 00:05:03,680

people said you're a luddite you know

146

00:05:07,670 --> 00:05:05,919

your get off my lawn we've heard this

147

00:05:10,230 --> 00:05:07,680

before about elvis and everything i said

148

00:05:12,310 --> 00:05:10,240

no look first of all i'm happy to play

149

00:05:14,310 --> 00:05:12,320

the stern elder role i have i wish i had

150

00:05:15,270 --> 00:05:14,320

more of that when i was a teenager

151

00:05:18,390 --> 00:05:15,280

but

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00:05:22,230 --> 00:05:18,400

look this is a radical change in life

153

00:05:24,469 --> 00:05:22,240

here this digital age it's a revolution

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00:05:25,670 --> 00:05:24,479

going on and and

155

00:05:27,270 --> 00:05:25,680

don't be so

156

00:05:29,510 --> 00:05:27,280

blive

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00:05:32,150 --> 00:05:29,520

about the possible effects especially on

158

00:05:33,670 --> 00:05:32,160

the young who are diving into it they're

159

00:05:35,830 --> 00:05:33,680

reading fewer books they're learning

160

00:05:37,110 --> 00:05:35,840

less history they're they're not getting

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00:05:38,469 --> 00:05:37,120

politics because they're not listening

162

00:05:40,390 --> 00:05:38,479

to the news with with their parents

163

00:05:43,270 --> 00:05:40,400

they're not reading newspapers

164

00:05:45,510 --> 00:05:43,280

uh the web offers so many things i mean

165

00:05:48,070 --> 00:05:45,520

i i there's great stuff on youtube you

166

00:05:50,070 --> 00:05:48,080

know old clips that i brought into class

167

00:05:50,950 --> 00:05:50,080

before but that's not where they're

168

00:05:55,350 --> 00:05:50,960

going

169

00:05:57,909 --> 00:05:55,360

bad well now we're 15 years past and the

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00:05:59,670 --> 00:05:57,919

millennials are now 33 years old they're

171

00:06:01,670 --> 00:05:59,680

entering middle age

172

00:06:05,350 --> 00:06:01,680

and the thrill is gone

173

00:06:08,710 --> 00:06:05,360

you know the the millennialist

174

00:06:10,790 --> 00:06:08,720

dreams for them seems to have seemed to

175

00:06:11,909 --> 00:06:10,800

have

176
00:06:13,189 --> 00:06:11,919
popped

177
00:06:16,390 --> 00:06:13,199
they're bitter

178
00:06:18,950 --> 00:06:16,400
a lot of them are depressed anxiety

179
00:06:20,390 --> 00:06:18,960
uh most of them don't have any religion

180
00:06:22,790 --> 00:06:20,400
you know they don't they don't go to

181
00:06:23,990 --> 00:06:22,800
church or temple or have any real

182
00:06:25,590 --> 00:06:24,000
transcendent

183
00:06:27,110 --> 00:06:25,600
orientation

184
00:06:28,230 --> 00:06:27,120
in their lives they don't think much of

185
00:06:29,590 --> 00:06:28,240
their country

186
00:06:32,230 --> 00:06:29,600
only about a third of them consider

187
00:06:34,870 --> 00:06:32,240
themselves patriots

188
00:06:36,390 --> 00:06:34,880

and patriotism is a good feeling

189

00:06:38,790 --> 00:06:36,400

you know it's good to feel

190

00:06:40,550 --> 00:06:38,800

good about your home

191

00:06:42,150 --> 00:06:40,560

this is who you're you're a citizen of

192

00:06:44,950 --> 00:06:42,160

this place do you want to

193

00:06:48,150 --> 00:06:44,960

be ashamed feel guilty america's bad

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00:06:50,710 --> 00:06:48,160

america's done bad things

195

00:06:53,110 --> 00:06:50,720

yeah let me ask this question how do you

196

00:06:55,110 --> 00:06:53,120

connect if you do and i think you do

197

00:06:56,710 --> 00:06:55,120

this digital age and what all the things

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00:06:58,629 --> 00:06:56,720

you just been explaining as far as how

199

00:07:01,350 --> 00:06:58,639

millennials were raised

200

00:07:03,830 --> 00:07:01,360

and the fact that they overwhelmingly

201
00:07:05,270 --> 00:07:03,840
support somebody like bernie sanders who

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00:07:07,670 --> 00:07:05,280
is a devout

203
00:07:09,270 --> 00:07:07,680
socialist democrat socialist what's the

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00:07:11,749 --> 00:07:09,280
connection there

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00:07:13,270 --> 00:07:11,759
a couple of things one bernie sanders

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00:07:15,350 --> 00:07:13,280
tapped into their disappointment and

207
00:07:16,790 --> 00:07:15,360
bitterness and he gave them some people

208
00:07:19,350 --> 00:07:16,800
to blame

209
00:07:21,189 --> 00:07:19,360
right the the fat cats and and the

210
00:07:21,909 --> 00:07:21,199
corporations

211
00:07:24,469 --> 00:07:21,919
and

212
00:07:26,070 --> 00:07:24,479
when you're disappointed in life it

213
00:07:29,029 --> 00:07:26,080

feels better

214

00:07:30,710 --> 00:07:29,039

when you can identify a culprit

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00:07:32,070 --> 00:07:30,720

you find a villain

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00:07:34,230 --> 00:07:32,080

and that's that's one thing that bernie

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00:07:35,670 --> 00:07:34,240

sanders gave them now the socialism side

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00:07:40,230 --> 00:07:35,680

is

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00:07:41,990 --> 00:07:40,240

like a very good idea i mean we take

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00:07:44,950 --> 00:07:42,000

care of everybody

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00:07:47,110 --> 00:07:44,960

we appreciate everybody you know we have

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00:07:49,990 --> 00:07:47,120

a more shared sense of things we don't

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00:07:51,909 --> 00:07:50,000

have these obscenely wealthy people and

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00:07:54,469 --> 00:07:51,919

all these poor people

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00:07:57,110 --> 00:07:54,479

out there socialism just sounds so nice

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00:07:59,430 --> 00:07:57,120

and if you've never read george orwell

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00:08:03,189 --> 00:07:59,440

if you don't know anything about the

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00:08:05,350 --> 00:08:03,199

totalitarian society of the 20th century

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00:08:07,589 --> 00:08:05,360

if you don't

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00:08:09,990 --> 00:08:07,599

understand that revolutions

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00:08:12,150 --> 00:08:10,000

most of the time go badly

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00:08:14,309 --> 00:08:12,160

the american revolution was very much of

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00:08:15,670 --> 00:08:14,319

an exception the french revolution

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00:08:17,909 --> 00:08:15,680

became a bloodbath the russian

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00:08:21,270 --> 00:08:17,919

revolution became a bloodbath mao's

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00:08:23,990 --> 00:08:21,280

revolution massive starvation horrible

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00:08:26,390 --> 00:08:24,000

displacement the cambodian revolution

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00:08:28,550 --> 00:08:26,400

gave us the killing fields they don't

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00:08:30,869 --> 00:08:28,560

know any of these things

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00:08:32,550 --> 00:08:30,879

they live remember that

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00:08:34,790 --> 00:08:32,560

it's almost better to call them utopians

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00:08:36,469 --> 00:08:34,800

this in the in the new book the dumbest

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00:08:38,630 --> 00:08:36,479

generation grows up

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00:08:40,149 --> 00:08:38,640

from stupefied youth to dangerous adults

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00:08:41,909 --> 00:08:40,159

i call them i say it's really better to

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00:08:43,990 --> 00:08:41,919

call them utopians

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00:08:46,310 --> 00:08:44,000

than socialists i know what people are

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00:08:48,470 --> 00:08:46,320

getting at when they say socialist but

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00:08:50,710 --> 00:08:48,480

they don't know anything about

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00:08:51,670 --> 00:08:50,720

you know state-owned

251

00:08:56,710 --> 00:08:51,680

uh

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00:08:58,710 --> 00:08:56,720

they don't know the economics of social

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00:09:00,230 --> 00:08:58,720

they haven't read any socialist thinkers

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00:09:03,750 --> 00:09:00,240

or karl marx

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00:09:04,630 --> 00:09:03,760

uh but they just have an idea

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00:09:07,430 --> 00:09:04,640

you know

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00:09:09,829 --> 00:09:07,440

everyone deserves to be happy

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00:09:11,750 --> 00:09:09,839

love is love you should love anybody you

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00:09:13,670 --> 00:09:11,760

want to love and everyone should respect

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00:09:15,750 --> 00:09:13,680

you for that you should be whatever you

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want to be that's their idea of

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socialism what socialism would do is

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00:09:23,829 --> 00:09:22,000

give them the material basis to become

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00:09:26,310 --> 00:09:23,839

a wonderful life

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00:09:27,430 --> 00:09:26,320

that that that's what it means

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00:09:29,670 --> 00:09:27,440

now

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00:09:32,550 --> 00:09:29,680

what does a utopian do when he's

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00:09:34,870 --> 00:09:32,560

disappointed at age 30

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00:09:37,990 --> 00:09:34,880

he says you know

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00:09:40,550 --> 00:09:38,000

we deserve a better society

271

00:09:42,310 --> 00:09:40,560

and we don't have that better society

272

00:09:44,550 --> 00:09:42,320

because there are some bad people out

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00:09:45,670 --> 00:09:44,560

there and if we just get rid of the bad

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00:09:46,949 --> 00:09:45,680

people

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00:09:48,710 --> 00:09:46,959

we will

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00:09:50,550 --> 00:09:48,720

have a place where everyone

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00:09:52,389 --> 00:09:50,560

can be happy

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00:09:54,230 --> 00:09:52,399

this is why they are the leaders on

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00:09:56,790 --> 00:09:54,240

cancel culture they actually have a

280

00:09:59,670 --> 00:09:56,800

vindictive philosophy of life and this

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00:10:02,150 --> 00:09:59,680

is recording in in surveys

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00:10:04,470 --> 00:10:02,160

if they see an injustice being done

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00:10:07,670 --> 00:10:04,480

and it could be a microaggression

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00:10:10,389 --> 00:10:07,680

injustice small small little thing

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00:10:13,190 --> 00:10:10,399

they want that villain punished

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00:10:15,190 --> 00:10:13,200

the culprit is going to pay

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00:10:17,269 --> 00:10:15,200

for that so they'll sign a petition with

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00:10:19,030 --> 00:10:17,279

2 000 other people to get a stranger

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00:10:20,310 --> 00:10:19,040

fired from a job

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00:10:22,389 --> 00:10:20,320

thank you again to our guest mark

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00:10:23,829 --> 00:10:22,399

bowerline check out his book that has

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00:10:26,310 --> 00:10:23,839

just been released the dumbest

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00:10:27,670 --> 00:10:26,320

generation grows up

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00:10:28,949 --> 00:10:27,680

thank you to our producer michael parker

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00:10:30,630 --> 00:10:28,959

thank you all for listening we'll be

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00:10:33,210 --> 00:10:30,640

back soon with another episode of the

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00:10:37,990 --> 00:10:33,220

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00:10:41,190 --> 00:10:39,430

thank you for listening to the truth

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