15 things everyone would know

if there were a liberal media

by akadjian

*#4. The number of people in prison.*

*Which country in the world has the most people in prison?*

*You might think it would be China, with over a billion people and a restrictive government, or former Soviets still imprisoned in Russia.*

*Wrong. The United States has the most people in prison, by far, of any country in the world. With five percent of the world’s population, we have 25% of the world’s prisoners – 2.3 million criminals. China, with a population four times our size, is second with 1.6 million people in prison.*

*In 1972, 350,000 Americans were in imprisoned. In 2010, this number had grown to 2.3 million. Yet from 1988 – 2008, crime rates have declined by 25 percent.*

Akadjian, it is stunning that you could quote those statistics and not have it enter into your mind that they might be correlated. It apparently never occurred to you, at least you don't mention it, that the reason why crime has decreased so much is *because* America can afford to lock up its crooks, and keep them incarcerated. In fact, if you had law enforcement experience you would already know that. If you want to see crime skyrocket, simply open the prisons, and watch what happens.

*Isn’t anyone in the liberal media interested in why so many people are in prison when crime has dropped?*

Akadjian, I'm more interested in why you can't see what should be obvious to anyone. Those statistics strongly indicate that incarceration works to keep crime down.

*#5. The number of black people in prison.*

*In 2009, non-Hispanic blacks, while only 13.6 percent of the population, accounted for 39.4 percent of the total prison and jail population. In 2011, according to FBI statistics, whites accounted for 69.2 percent of arrests. Numbers like these suggest a racial bias in our justice system.*

Akadjian, that isn't the only thing those numbers suggest. But it is the only thing that you mentioned. Since you don't seem big on presenting the other side, allow me to do it for you. The numbers also suggest that non-Hispanic blacks commit more crime. Again, if you had law enforcement experience you would know that this position is supported by statistics. Yet you ignored this possibility, possibly out of fear of being labeled racist, and assumed that it could only be accounted for by racial bias.

*To me, this is a much bigger story than any single incident like Travyon Martin. Or, at the very least, why didn’t the “liberal media” ever mention this while covering the Martin story?*

Akadjian, that one's easy: they too did not want to appear racist. Our culture now sacrifices truth and facts for political correctness. But that's what political correctness means, doesn't it? It means that something is wrong, but for political reasons, we are going to pretend it is correct.

What a screwy world.

Conclusion

You might have gotten the impression that I was displeased with Akadjian's story ... I was not. Out of 15 items, these were the only 2 that I strongly disagreed with. I would recommend that you read the article which hits on many very important topics that support his premise very well. That premise being: that the media is not slanted in favor of Liberalism.

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