Terrorized by "Tolerance"

Lately, accusations of "intolerance" have chilled free speech. Armed with baseless charges of "racism," "anti-Semitism," and "homophobia," the enforcers of "tolerance" intimidate civic and religious leaders, and the rest of us too, who tremble lest we violate its dictates.

But at Toward Tradition, a national coalition of Jews and Christians, we've taken a look at the Torah (Five Books of Moses) and found it isn't particularly "tolerant." Yes, the founding text of Judaism and Christianity calls for compassion toward all humanity—a lesson embraced by American culture with its generous, hospitable customs. But that's not what modern "tolerance" is about.

In 2001, tolerance means you can't say anything is "right" or "wrong" anymore – except for vaguely defined "intolerance," which is the ultimate evil. That's why the tolerance enforcers bristle at institutions based in tradition and the idea of hierarchy, like family and religion, which assume that some values are indeed right. So the enforcers support a drift to moral relativism and general chaos. This drift includes:

- Increasingly pornographic entertainment;
- Assaults on the dignity of human life, and the equation of humans with animals;
- Hostility to police officers and soldiers;
- Suburban public schools transformed into political-indoctrination centers, and urban schools into violent, education-free zones;
- A massive state bureaucracy hostile to faith, families, in fact all authority except state authority;
- Contempt for free enterprise and the hierarchies it produces.

These developments are especially ominous for Jews. A coarsened public life undercuts respect for all moral values, including respect for minorities. An ever-expanding government is more likely than a limited one to grow tyrannical. A demeaned police force and military can guarantee neither our safety nor our freedom, including freedom of religion. And continued national prosperity, including Jewish prosperity, requires a strong free market.

Toward Tradition calls on all Americans of good will to overturn the idol of "tolerance" and rally to the defense of our nation's core values: Biblical morality, Constitutional liberty, patriotism, and prosperity. For this, moral cowards among the cultural elite may call us "intolerant." Let them. We will no longer be terrorized by tolerance.

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