

'Read Brave New World: This Is Soma'

This question was put to Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche at his Jan. 10 webcast, by a member of the LaRouche Youth Movement.

Q: Lyn, what do you think of this theory that's presented to my generation, at the behest of the Baby Boomers: That being irrational, or being unable to control mood swings, is some chemical function of the brain? It just can't be the case that my generation suffers from some kind of unique chemical imbalance. Yet, at least half of the people that we meet are on some kind of drug.

Now, it may be the case that this was also true with Baby Boomers. But they *chose* to do drugs. In my generation, we're *given* drugs, and we're given them very early on. We're given anti-depressants, anti-anxiety pills, and other kinds of medication, and are told that this is helpful and necessary. Can you please say something about this?

LaRouche: Well, this is simply brainwashing. Read Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World* Soma! This is Soma.

What's the purpose? It's to make you stupid. It's done deliberately. And in fact, it was done, it was also done to the Baby-Boomer generation. Soma was administered: It was called LSD. LSD was a synthetic drug, based on a naturally-produced substance, which is called a psychotomimetic drug; made out of this rust. So, this was done, to try to find a way of mass drugging people, to make them totally irrational, and non-creative.

The function, here, has always been—like empiricism, for example. Empiricism was designed to make people stupid, make them inhuman. Empiricism says, as like your $x^2=4$; that's empiricism. It means a person who does that, is stupefied: "Well, that's that. That's that! We agreed, it's that! It's a social contract."

That's stupidity! "I'm a cow, he's a cow, she's a cow, Mo-o-o-o!" It's the nature of the beast, shall we say.

The 'Life-Style' Generation

Now, what we have is the following problem. If you're in a society, which is organized by a bunch of drug addicts— and remember drug addicts you know; what do middle-class housewives take? Thorazine! Or similar kinds of drugs. Poppers of one kind or another. It was a society like that. And so, what happens is, they create a society, in which they brought this about. They brought about this drugging program, which hits the younger generation. They created it. You have parents destroying their children.

The significant part about this, is that, with the younger

generation now, the children who've been looking at what they're in, they say, "We have been dumped into a *no-future society*. We are not going to go along. Our parents are in that sense our *enemies*! You can't talk to our parents! They won't listen. They're stupid! They don't know what they're talking about! They're off in a hysterical cult. You tell them there's reality, and they scream. They say, 'That's interfering with my lifestyle!' "

They're life-style freaks. And they believe in this stuff. As a result of the people in their fifties, now entering their sixties, the younger generation has been stuck into a swamp of drug culture.

Now, what do you think you've got on television? Do you think anybody with a brain can watch the movies that are being produced now? They're boring! They're absolutely boring. There's no structure to them whatsoever. It's like one of these crazy rock video things. They're all like rock video.

You're in a society that has no meaning. You're in a nightmare, an existentialist nightmare. And you find around you, that the effect of the second generation of druggies—the first generation was your parents' generation, and don't let them kid you. Some of us were there! We saw it. A bunch of druggies.

Now you're the second generation—who have been victimized by the effects of the first *degeneration*. I do say "*degeneration*" advisedly.

How do we deal with it? *We have to deal with it*. We have to decide, as a layer of the population, we are not going to let this become a third generation which is all the way down to the bottom. We are going to try to have to find ways to heal those who are victimized by this drug culture.

Because, as I said in New Hampshire: The Baby Boomer generation has no idea what they're talking about, when they talk about the drug culture. None! You who are younger, have some sense of it. It's different! You're seeing the debris, as a result of the previous generation's drug culture, when they shove Ritalin into you in schools. When they shoved Prozac into you, which is a deadly thing. It turned people into actual, physical vegetables, with this crap. And they do it!

We say, "No! *We don't accept that*." And the human will, particularly when reinforced by a bunch of people getting together and agreeing, is a wonderfully powerful force. And you have to use that force, and get us free of that.

But, the generation that is victimized—which is adult, but has been victimized—is the best way of getting rid of the disease their parents' generation dumped on them.

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