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The Importance of Becoming Better Informed

Though the media and politicians constantly harp on the importance of getting as many people to vote as possible, the truth is that a large turnout does not necessarily translate into better election results. One example of this is the July 31, 1932 German election in which the people, beguiled by Hitler, made his National Socialist party the most powerful party in the Reichstag with a plurality of the vote. The turnout in that election was 84 percent; the election results led to Hitler's tyranny and the Holocaust.

Of course, voting *is* important. But voting can result in something very different from what the voters hope for — unless they first take the time to become well informed. In fact, without becoming informed, it would actually be better not to vote — just as it would be better not to drive a car or handle a firearm without getting trained in their proper use. If this sounds like hyperbole, consider that casting uninformed ballots can result in the loss of liberty and the deaths of millions, as has occurred in Nazi Germany and so many other lands.

Getting reliable information to make informed decisions can be exceedingly difficult when relying solely on the major-media echo chamber. For example, consider how the fangs have recently come out against Senator J.D. Vance over his “childless cat ladies” comment in a resurfaced interview with Tucker Carlson from 2021. As spun by the opinion cartel, Vance is against women who do not have children, including women who are unable to do so. He has also, presumably, wrongly characterized Vice President Kamala Harris as a childless cat lady, since Harris has two step children.

But to reject and ridicule Vance's comment this way is to miss the point. “It's not a criticism of people who don't have children,” he said to Megyn Kelly in a recent interview. “I explicitly said in my remarks, despite the fact the media has lied about this, that this is not about criticizing people who for various reasons didn't have kids. This is about criticizing the Democratic Party for becoming anti-family and anti-child.” And not just the Democratic Party, but society as well. He elaborated that his comment “was actually motivated in part by a conversation I had with my wife ... about how she felt this incredible professional pressure to not have kids because it set back her professional advancement. And what a weird society that we've set up where moms who want to work — the thought that a lot of them are having is that I can't have more babies because it's going to be bad for my career.” Vance and his wife do not see it that way. “Having kids is good,” Vance told Kelly. “Being a parent changes your perspective on the world.”

Harris expressed a very different perspective when she commented at Reading Area Community College in September 2023: “I've heard young leaders talk with me about a term they've coined called ‘climate anxiety’ ... which is fear of the future and the unknown — of whether it makes sense to even think about having children.” Yes, let's think about that — what kind of world would a world without children be? When a video of this remark by Harris resurfaced recently, Elon Musk posted on X, “Shamala [sic] is an extinctionist. The natural extension of her philosophy would be a de facto holocaust for all of humanity!” In addition to Harris, there are others who hold similar beliefs who exercise considerable influence in the Democratic Party, and it is this anti-child, anti-family mindset that Vance's admittedly sarcastic “childless cat ladies” comment speaks to.

This issue of *The New American* features articles on Democratic Party presidential nominee Kamala Harris and Republican Party vice-presidential nominee J.D. Vance, by executive senior editor Steve Bonta and senior editor Paul Dragu, respectively. Both articles look beyond a smoke screen of



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obfuscation to better understand what their subjects are all about. We encourage you to become better informed by not only carefully reading these articles, but also delving much deeper, doing your own research. Much is at stake in this election, and it is vital to be well informed.



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