

A Passing Thought



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A **background cause of our** current political divide is that a greater and greater percentage of the population is leading institutionalized lives through schools, non-profits, government, and other huge organizational actors. For the institutionalized, achievement depends upon pleasing one's superiors and not being stained by unacceptable behaviors. Status and credibility are measured by grades and organizational hierarchy by way of titles. When these Elites argue, their priority is to either increase or to maintain their status.

For the Deplorables who live rather independent existences, merit is given to those ablest to pull value from a rather obstinate reality. Likewise is their debating. The winning argument is that which wrenches the most value from a situation.

It should be clear why these two sorts can rarely agree. Right

off the mark, Deplorables often posit unacceptable questions and solutions which it would be career suicide for the Elite to consider.