

# Today's Brief Thought

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Playwright Peter Weiss, of *Marat/Sade* fame had this to say about the “righteously” oppressed taking their revenge. The words belong to the Marquis de Sade as he views the future of revolution.

“Now I see where  
this revolution is leading  
To the withering of the individual  
man  
and a slow merging into  
uniformity...

in a state

which has no contact with

individuals

but which is impregnable.”

Weiss may be talking about the French Revolution or, more likely, the Soviet Communist disaster. However, Russian friend assures me that millions of Russians still love Stalin.

Methinks what Weiss is saying could describe the dreadful arc of what we now call “Cancel Culture” and the tyranny of online engine sites. I have just been told that I must post a “disclaimer” on some/all of my pieces to indicate that my views are mine alone. And, I cannot boost many of my articles to obtain a larger readership if my subject is Islamic gender and religious apartheid, Israel, or the transgender issue.

As Weiss said: Conformity, uniformity, and the “withering of the individual.”