

How I perceive the world as a young British male.

## Introduction

So, I am a 16-year-old, straight, white British male who has a light belief in Christ and is “conservative” in my belief system. I shall be going through how I view the world and how I think it may affect me and others. This is being done to provide a glimpse or insight into the younger population of this country who is a part of the male demographic. I will be delving into matters such as education, jobs, society in general, social media and politics/govt.

## Education

This one I can provide anecdotal accounts on as of course I partake in the UK education system. The school in which I attend is a public one, so of course the govt has a large hand in how it runs and what is taught. Our curriculum includes the following:

- Art and Photography
- Business
- Computer Science
- Construction
- English
- Food and DT
- Geography
- Health & Social Care
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- MFL
- Motor Vehicle
- Music
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Science
- Sociology

Now all of these subjects that we are either required to learn or get an option to learn are absolutely fine within themselves. The problem that I see however resides in some of the faculty and how they carry out some of these lessons. A key example would be our SMSC lessons (Spiritual, Moral, Social and cultural development), in this lesson we learn of things such as the UK law, govt, culture (both foreign and domestic), sociology and health (mental mostly). On paper this sounds fine, but in practise we are often force fed some of the teachers own views on things such as the government, their political views and so on. Now of course this would be fine as they're permitted to do so because of the human right to free speech, but teachers hold a responsibility to keep as much of that to themselves. Of course, the reason being is that most of us at this age are still developing our views on the world and we are still very easily swayed at this stage. Often, I find that lots of my fellow students just parrot the views that the teachers either directly or indirectly feed them,

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unable to develop their own thoughts on a situation. Granted this does not apply to all, as some are already stern in their beliefs, if I ever find myself in a debate then it's usually held with the people who think for themselves on matters as it actually leads to interesting outcomes and development of ideas and discussion. It doesn't only apply to this lesson however; it also comes in some of my other classes also. Teachers can be heard spouting their beliefs on to the often easily swayed and submissive students who absorb it in. Sometimes these views may be mild and other times they may be on the extreme side of things such as economics, religion and culture, the media and other political events going on.

A particular teacher I recall (who I shan't mention in name as will hold for anyone else I mention) was talking to the class about how men can be toxic and how toxic masculinity is a problem we face in our society, this teacher would also cite biased sources such as (in my opinion which is supported by many) the BBC, CNN, Telegraph and so on. They mentioned things which have been proven false or that have been shown to not be so black and white such as the "gender pay gap", but the way in which they spoke of it was as if it was gospel and not a matter which is complicated. This teacher as well as others also often like to mention that they support labour and they demonize anything right wing to varying extents. Fortunately, this is only a portion of the teachers, many teachers leave their beliefs ambiguous and others like to provide multiple perspectives which I believe is admirable and how teachers should act.

One final problem I find with schools happens from a much younger age and is more so related to boys specifically. They attempt to essentially root out masculinity from males and berate them for acting as boys naturally do. I know of one psychologist called Michael Thompson who said that girl's behaviour is the golden standard and boys are often treated as defective girls. As a result of this it makes them suffer more academically, boys on average are now getting lower grades, higher behavioural issues and are less likely to go and do further studies. One problem lies in the reading of young boys, it has been shown by studies that boys have a lower reading age than what girls do. A study from here in the UK showed generally girls like to read fiction, magazines and poetry whereas boys prefer comics, action and non-fiction. I know first-hand that in first school and playgroup boys don't really get a chance to read what they like. I recall in first school in particular that my reading was terrible, I also loathed the books I was reading, books which I was made to read just didn't interest me anywhere near as much as history books and ones with action. Later when in middle school and we had freedom to choose I remember not caring at first, but soon I discovered history books, Guinness World Records, encyclopaedias and horrible history comics. In fact, by the start of Middle school I started off in the lowest English set (even needing to take special English lessons), but after being allowed to read books which actually gauged my imagination and interests, I went to the top groups by the end of it and now I achieve grade 8 and 9 in English (equivalent to a grade A). I had to work hard on my own as the previous school had failed in the regard to reading, I also know that many in similar situations to me weren't as fortunate as their disdain for reading was greater due to what they used to have to read.

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In fact, the idea of imagination in boys is an interesting topic. I remember hearing of a writing instructor who said that many teachers take the “Confessional poet” approach, this is in which stories say about emotions and self-disclosure are celebrated. Anything action packed and things that boys like is often looked down upon. I also recall hearing of a child in America who had an interest in sci-fi, pirates and fighting who drew a picture of a fight scene and the teacher called his parents in disgusted at what he had drawn, the father simply laughed. I also recall hearing about a woman who tried to ban gun games and toys like that, but the kid ended up using a toilet roll as a gun. Schools try and stop this behaviour, which leads to boys getting punished and in the long term can lead to boys who will now always misbehave because they couldn't use their imagination for the things they enjoyed. Boys also get it harder when it comes to tolerance and punishment, you'll often find in almost all years in school that boy's behaviour is picked up on most and even minor things can lead to harsh punishment. Like a child in pre-school in the US who made a pop tart look like a gun got suspended. Final point here is much loved games such as red rover, bull dog or other competitive games are waning because they're either too violent or promote a competitive behaviour. I find it incredibly annoying for example when participation medals are handed out, it just undermines many boy values.

I realise this may be a tad long and ranty so I'll also write a summary.

What the government sets out for us is fine, however I don't think all the teachers really uphold their responsibility some of whom teach a lot of students. I believe them providing their views to children is immoral as most are easy to influence and it also spawns partisan beliefs and not really thinking for one's self about matters. Also, they often promote mainstream media which in the last few decades has become more and more tabloid and yellow, very biased on both sides of politics right and left. Also, in school boy behaviours and interests are treated as inferior or brutal which can lead to them lacking both academically, mentally or behaviourally. Some of this I have seen, some has happened to me directly and others I have heard or read about.

## Jobs

I'll try and keep this one a little shorter than the education one.

When I look at many companies now, I see lots of pandering to these “woke” ideals which often the company doesn't truly care about other than their reputation to the woke masses. Most prevalent is this in job employment, large tech companies such as Google, Apple, Blizzard entertainment and the film industry are notorious for hiring people based on skin colour and gender. Sometimes a certain individual may be taken over a more qualified individual purely because that more qualified individual is a straight male. They like to try and meet diversity quotas even when its harming people who are more suited to the job. I see it in entertainment as well, historical dramas may hire say a black woman for a role in a setting where that wouldn't make any sense, again it's to meet these “woke” ideals.

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Although some historically based films will also hire say a white person in a setting where again that wouldn't make sense, but they may be a very famous individual so it gets them more money. This just goes to show how little they care for being "woke". Recently one of the businesses I mentioned have actually come out and said that this kind of policy is failing as they're not hiring skilled individuals. I once heard a few years ago of a man who was perfectly qualified for his job who was denied based on his allegiance with UKIP. He was slandered and called a "racist". This doesn't only happen in jobs themselves, but the universities which are often required for many jobs. There was a famous case in which Elizabeth Warren a well-known US politician had claimed she was native American as it increased her likely hood of getting into uni. They often actually deny Asians and white people because they either aren't a minority or perform better academically on average. Or how in some unis they hold black only class rooms or "safe spaces". They do this to combat racism but in a turn of irony they're making it based on race. When interviewed a Grand wizard of the KKK (yes that's his title) actually agreed with it, now when you are attempting to combat racism and white supremacy only for a leader of the KKK to agree with you tells you that you are doing something majorly wrong. Its scarily becoming like apartheid and US Jim Crow laws when they had separate seats, classes and sinks. Recently there was a case with the Disney Star Wars series in which they had fired one of the main characters because she dared express her views and go against this "cancel culture" (this notion I will go onto more later).

In summary many large companies are hiring now based on your victim card points such as race, gender and sexuality. They are dismissing the people who are far more qualified if they don't meet their quota and places such as Universities are degrading back to the times before Civil Rights.

## Society/social media

In truth every time I go onto YouTube or some other kind of social media on the internet I am met with disappointment in our society and people. In the last 10-15 years I'd say there has been a rise in this phenomenon called "Cancel culture". This mostly takes place on social media apps such as Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. I'm sure whoever takes to reading this is familiar with the term, but for those who aren't its essentially when a group of people call out someone else for something they've done (be it controversial or not) and attempt to get them removed/de platformed from that app. Often this is done via smear tactics, lies and a lot of big tantrums from the individual cancelling. I have seen multiple reasons as for why they do this, mostly its politically based and I almost always find it's directed towards conservative leaning people online as they don't hold as much power in that domain and are easy to get removed as they're already censored as it is. To give an example I mentioned earlier about Disney firing one of its actors, well this actor called Gina Carano had been cancelled online for some comments she had made about cancel culture itself, equating it to 1930s Germany and how Hitler and the Nazi party before the Holocaust had set their goal to demonise the Jews and other peoples, they aimed to persecute first before actually taking full action. It's the start of all genocides as she pointed out that the people are tricked into

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hating the people being harmed or killed. Carano was saying how eerily similar this culture is to that, in return people got angry as they so often do when they see the truth and called for Disney to fire her. Its bullying pure and simple, it happens to famous people just as it does your average man and woman. Another thing from social media is just the sheer amount of hate you'll get from these so called "keyboard warriors", constantly arguing and insulting any who disagree with them online. Some people will berate you for things you say, even a joke. Others for your skin colour, wealth or sexual preference. Often, I find that it's directed at "cis white males" as people call them inherently racist, or a part of the problem.

This type of behaviour often stems from 2 sources, the 2 party system countries in the West have become accustomed to and tribalism bred from the mainstream media. What you'll often find now in the mainstream media is that they report on situations with an incredible bias, not showing all the details and attempting to make a narrative. This is tabloid and dangerous as I said it makes people act against one another in tribal politics, the left vs the right. You have companies such as BBC, CNN or Fox news who are to blame for this. However, this wasn't simply done overnight, this took time as people from what is now deemed the left side of politics slowly gained control over the media and sought out favours from them to wield it as a weapon. An example of this I know of was from the Canadian election which saw Justin Trudeau come to power, his opponent had said what he would set out in the budget he would give for what I believe was the CBC (Canadian equivalent to the BBC) and shortly afterword's Trudeau had said that the budget he would give would exceed that of his opponents. Shortly after this the media was praising him and putting him in a good light so that voters who are easy to sway to either side would vote for him. Well, it worked out for him, even when he was found to have done blackface the media protected him. There's also Jen Psaki the white house press secretary under Bidens regime, she has worked in government since she was 19 including her husband. She was a part of the democratic party and had a fairly cushy job, until Trump took office she left to go and work as a writer for a one of these media outlets (the exact one escapes me however), when in this job the only thing she achieved was slandering the president and when being called out for doing so simply doubled down. She only got that job as the democratic party and the media are in league with each other and recently after becoming Press Secretary she's been going to her old friends to give her the questions in advance. Also, a rather important and large case that was swept under the rug was with Hunter Biden and his elusive laptop, Hunter had been found doing some very illicit deals with unsavoury individuals with the help of his father. However due to the media supporting Biden they hid that story until after the election and still did a poor job of reporting it. I recall seeing a questionnaire being held saying that about 10% of Biden voters would've changed their vote to either Trump or 3<sup>rd</sup> party if they knew about this beforehand.

In summary the mainstream media and large social media companies are corrupt and in the pocket of many powerful political figures who use it to maintain the masses as they absorb all the false narrative in. It leads to tribalism and divide amongst the people; this was seen in great effect in America and Britain during the BLM riots or from left vs right online. Cancel

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culture is becoming a dangerous tool to silence individuals based on their beliefs. Essentially, it's the start (at least how I see it) of the infamous book 1984 by Orwell.

In fact, I'm keeping my name and any people I know in this write up anonymous mostly due to the fear of this being dug up in a few years' time and used against me as someone finds a way to twist my words and diminish my reputation. I have seen so many lose their jobs, get beaten up, bullied to suicide because of things people have written in the past or for their values. I don't want to end up this way.

## Final note

I understand this may appear as a rant, but I was asked for how as a young male I view things, so I have attempted to deliver. True it could've probably been presented better, but I tried to the best of my abilities in the time frame I had. Also know that this isn't the most comprehensive view into how I perceive things and that you'll be able to find out a lot more with a discussion and questions directed specifically, however I hope this still proves useful to whomever reads it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this