The Quiet Resistence

from Victor Davis Hanson at National Review, Two Resistances

> *Yet in contrast to the media-driven "Resistance," there is a more authentic ongoing resistance that Trump himself capitalized on, but hardly originated. It is a pushback against the corporate and government conglomerate of identity-politics McCarthyism, and elite coastal globalism, in which everything from going to a football game and hearing the national anthem, to watching a tennis match, to visiting a cemetery or park, to keeping up with the news of horrific weather devastation is calibrated by politics. Or rather what bothers most Americans is politics now defined as nonstop sermonizing in which a rich athlete, a Pajama Boy activist, a demagogic politician, or a quarter-educated billionaire movie star lectures less fortunate Americans on the various deplorable racists, sexists, homophobes, and Islamophobes among them.*
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> *There is a populist and growing resistance to the Orwellian idea that free speech is hate speech, that equality of opportunity is defined only by equality of result, and that identity politics determines the degree of government-mandated penance and reparations.*
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> *Sometimes, millions of viewers flip the channel when jocks at ESPN lecture as if they were wizened philosophers.*
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> *Sometimes when multimillionaire athletes claim victimhood and won't stand for the national anthem, viewers of NFL games never view again.*
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> *The quiet resistance is far larger than the loud Resistance and far more revolutionary. Its nature is still not fully understood by the elite Left, especially the growing wrath at two-dimensional traditional politics, dreary social-science platitudes, and economic orthodoxy.*

Millions of the resistance, as the nation learned in 2016, apparently can express misgivings about Trump while expressing their greater misgivings about the alternatives to him – especially those candidates of both parties whom they have both voted for and against in the past. And they have become sorely disappointed for having done either.