

Dear Kathleen,

I picked up a copy of the "Free Press" recently. The first thing I read was your column. I had to laugh because you so reminded me of *myself* thirty years ago. Girl, you are green as a gourd! You don't have a *clue* what the real world is like!

Like all people with minds still languishing in adolescence, you see life in terms of black and white. Kathleen, eventually all people with enough self-respect to also respect the opinions of others, realize that life is not a debate not about black vs. white, but rather about distinctions between shades of gray, with some legitimate points to made on both sides. Honestly, my dear, your unreasoned, (and actually rather hysterical) commentary reminds me of the results of a survey done at my graduate school that revealed of all possible college majors, journalism majors had the lowest IQs!

As a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology I can tell you that the nature of your neurosis is obvious, but not at all uncommon. You are still very young, and hopefully, your spoiled, narcissistic belief in your own "specialness" will eventually be replaced by a stronger, more realistic, and more adult ego over time. (I'm sure such an occurrence would, deep down inside, make your parents very proud).

Kathleen, this much I can tell you. People like you who define "hate speech" as "any idea with which I disagree"- as the Beatle's said in "Revolution"- " Ain't gonna make it with anyone anyhow."

Dear, you've got an awful lot of growing up to do. Might I be so bold as to suggest that you consider undertaking psychotherapy as an avenue from which to launch your investigation of your own self-hatred, which you so transparently project onto those with whom you disagree?

At your age, being confused is understandable. But, dear, you are entirely too young to be so angry, and I suggest you might want to figure out where that anger *really* comes from. In addition, your reasoning powers could also stand a little "booster shot", so I might also suggest that you consider undertaking more of a *scientific* education at a *truly* good university instead of the kind that you attended.

Sincerest regards,

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P.S. While you're at it, dear, (I'm aware that you can't do a thing about the length of your neck), but I might suggest you contact a really good salon to see if something can't be done about that hair.

P.P.S. You entitled your article, "What I Believe". Let me be the first to assure you: No one gives a shit what you believe! MJW