

HITLER'S LEGACY 3 - REVIEW

Eighty years after his death, we have countless Neo-Nazis who still worship him. It looks like we will have Neo-Nazis forever.

Why is that?

Was it the man or his power?

We know it was his power!!

So, the question is if power comes from a man or from a nation.

A nation is very much like a ship. It has a captain and a crew. The captain decides the direction in which the ship is to move, but if the crew does not get along with each other, the ship will not move as fast as needed or will move in another direction or not move at all.

So, it is how well the crew (the population) works with each other that determines if the ship (the nation) reaches the right destination or not.

And when we talk about how people work with each other we are talking about culture, Survival Culture that is.

And what is Survival Culture?

It is the Operating System of a nation.

Just like my computer needs an Operating System, my nation needs a Survival Culture. A computer's Operational System allows a man to run a computer. This is the reason why Microsoft became such a huge company.

Likewise, a Survival Culture allows a man to run a nation.

The entire world is still in awe of the power of the Germans because it took the entire world to defeat the Germans in both World War I and World War II.

This tells us that the German Survival Culture is stronger than the Survival Culture of many other nations.

When we talk about culture we are talking about social rules, that is, rules that the population uses in their everyday living and working situations.

So, why are the social rules in Germany different from those in most other places?

The short answer is that the "great" Roman Empire was not able to conquer the "barbarian tribes" north of the Swiss Alps.

The more complete answer is that our planet is run by two Survival Cultures, the Honesty Culture, which predominates in Northern Europe, and the Loyalty Culture, which predominates in the rest of Europe and most other places.

The Two Survival Cultures

What can be said about these two cultures?

The Honesty Culture is humankind's original and organic social culture. It is the culture that promoted and supported the Silk Routes and the Hanseatic League, which were about trading (goods produced by each region).

A defining trait of the Honesty Culture is that survival is about fairness.

Its three Basic Tenets are:

1. Do not lie and do not tolerate liars
2. Do not steal and do not tolerate thieves
3. Do not kill and do not tolerate killers.

The Loyalty Culture appeared in the Middle East (in today's Iraq) 7500 years ago. It is a culture that promotes following a Leader and not the Rules (the Tenets of the Honesty Culture).

A defining trait of the Loyalty Culture is that survival is about power.

Its three Basic Tenets are:

1. You have a Leader that you love above anything else.
2. You owe blind obedience to your Leader. Absolute Loyalty is everything.
3. You cannot criticize your Leader (and Leaders) in any way.

Why these cultures matter so much

Corruption is the main reason why so many nations are weak.

Taxes are the collective savings of a nation.

The taxes paid by an average worker in his/her lifetime are enough
to build a small house

How that money is managed determines whether a nation swims or sinks.
It is that simple.

A simple review of over 100 nations makes it clear that nations under the Honesty Culture normally have money and fund many projects while those under the Loyalty Culture simply do not. This is a fact.

While the cost of a bridge is low and affordable in Honesty Culture nations, it is disproportionate (often several times over) in Loyalty Culture nations. In summary, many big bridges are built in Honesty Culture nations while a few small bridges are built in Loyalty Culture nations. And like bridges, so is everything else, including education.

While the three Tenets of the Honesty Culture discourage corruption, the three Tenets of the Loyalty Culture encourage it.

What (exactly) determines if a nation remains honest or not?

- Incentive: while a corrupt action is betrayal to Honesty Culture people, to Loyalty Culture people it is an easy step up the power ladder.
- Political Structure: citizens or tribals

In Honesty Culture nations people expect candidates to be honest
In Loyalty Culture nations people expect “their” candidates to be loyal to them

So, in Honesty Culture nations voters become critical of their elected officials if they turn out to be dishonest, while in Loyalty Culture nations, voters stand by their elected officials unconditionally, as if they were defending their own home.

While the city (the nation) is important to Honesty Culture people, only their tribe is important to Loyalty Culture people.

SO, WHILE

ACCOUNTABILITY IS STRONG IN HONESTY CULTURE NATIONS,

ACCOUNTABILITY IS A BAD WORD IN LOYALTY CULTURE NATIONS

Why?

Accountability allows people to check if the elected officials are managing the people's money (the taxes) honestly or not.

With accountability, it is the people who decide how their money is administered. Without accountability it is the political/cultural leaders who decide how the people's money is administered, not the people.

In Loyalty Culture nations, asking critical questions to “those in power” goes directly against the third Tenet of Loyalty Culture nations.

In Loyalty Culture nations, accountability stealthily morphed into complicity.

But no accountability is Taxation without Representation

And without accountability there is no Democracy