

L = when Lefts say
R = when Rights say

<u>IDEOLOGY</u>	<u>REASON</u>
L "Racists, Fascists"	angry conservatives
R "Postmoderns, Marxists"	angry liberals
L "socialism"	aid to the poor
R "socialism"	threat to order
L "anti-racism"	aid to the poor
R "capitalism"	markets
L "capitalism"	critique of modernity
R "christian values"	critique of modernity
L "feminism"	respect b/w men + women
R "traditional values"	respect b/w men + women
L "patriarchy"	power critique
L "dead white men"	critique of rationalism

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Q: "Who do I fight?"

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Serves division, fear,
machine-society interests

Q: "Why are they angry?"
"How can I help?"

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Serves humanity

You have no excuse to use fearful, hateful words instead of kinder, human words. However -- you also have no excuse not to listen for the kinder motivations behind words you do not like. Behind every "ideologue" is a person trying to help. Talk to them. While you still can.

We killed millions over words
in our sorry 20th century.

I do not claim any word is corrupting or wrong. I question you: what words do you choose, when you speak with the disagreeable? How do you speak them? With what intentions? And what are your results?

If you are a religious conservative talking to an angry liberal: do you think your appeal to God is effective? Are you trying to repair a nation, or convert the unwilling?

If you are a secular liberal talking to an angry conservative: will you convince them with socialist rhetoric? Are you helping the disadvantaged, or are you trying to impress your friends?

If you are Left and only speaking to Lefts-- why?

If you are Right and only speaking to Rights-- why?

And are you really? Or perhaps today, can all see what all say to each other?

Therefore think carefully when you speak on politics. Speak only what you truly believe, and only what you believe will do the most good.