

## Excerpts from Wake Up White People, You're Getting Screwed Too!

The only way that the United States will decline is if we forget the principles of freedom, fairness, and opportunity that are our foundation, and begin to rot from the inside. It is the responsibility of each of us to see that this never happens. Our Constitution puts all the power in the peoples' hands to make this country whatever we want it to be.

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Right now, our country is struggling. We can blame that on anyone we want, but ultimately We the People are responsible, because we have all of the power. Each of us has a role in getting our country back on the path of greatness and the American Dream for all Americans. Will you stand up and be a Great American? You don't have to be rich, famous, or powerful. You don't have to belong to any group, organization, or political party. All that it takes is for each of us to care about this wonderful country enough to vote!

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I hope you understand my utter shock and dismay to see, in the context of present-day America, white people treated like we African-Americans were back in the South. While this discrimination is not as violent or as obvious, it is just as real. If you are middle class, you are being decimated—and it is not being done by Obama or any of us minorities. It's being done by a bunch of greedy white men on Wall Street, and is being done to you by another bunch of greedy, super-rich, power-hungry white men who care as little about you as they do about us.

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All of the middle class (and those who aspire to be in the middle class) are being discriminated against, regardless of background. However, make no mistake about it—most of the victims of this discrimination are white people, especially white men, because white people make up the vast majority of the American middle class and have been the biggest losers of middle class wealth. Specifically, it is discrimination based on economic status.

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The middle class is suffering a death of a thousand cuts.

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It is time for us to remind these elitists who and what this country is all about. Who has fought and died for this country and saved us from being conquered and enslaved? The super-rich? No. Some of them just make a lot of money from war.

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\*Incredibly, according to the 2010 Census, one in two Americans live below the poverty line or have earnings that classify them as low income! MFA, we are the richest nation on earth. There is no way that half of us should be living anywhere near the poverty line, unless something in our country has gone terribly wrong.

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We must face the fact that these big banks now own our Congress, both parties. Even after the financial carnage of the last few years, our elected officials stand with them against us. How long are we going to stand by and let them rob us of the American Dream? The American Dream is about every American having a real opportunity to make more money—not just a bunch of smug, super-rich elitists who think the dream is only for them. We must stand up for our Americanhood and vote these people out.

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MFA, what has happened to us? How can we be so passive in the face of the injustice heaped upon the majority of us by the people we have elected? Where is the American spirit that made this country great? Are we willing to give up on one of the greatest ideals in the history of mankind—the American Dream? It sure looks like it.

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MFA, the only thing that can trump all of this money is us, the people, with our votes. Our votes are the only thing more important to them than the money. Remember, the purpose of all this money is to get our votes!

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The diabolical economic strategy which is now being used against the entire middle class, is easily recognizable to African-Americans who lived under segregation or any people who have lived under discrimination. Back in the days of slavery it was against the law to teach a black person to read. The reason was very simple. The idea was to keep them barely surviving, poorly educated, and too stressed out to figure out how to fight back. While the discrimination against the middle class is not as violent and obvious as it was under racial segregation, it is just as real and just as systematic.

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“... seventy percent of our economy is the middle class consumer. How can you suppress the income of seventy percent of the American people and expect to have a strong economy? By intentionally shrinking the middle class, they are killing the goose that lays the golden egg. Our battle cry must be, “We are the economy, stupid!”

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If we can put our partisanship aside for just a moment, it is clear that these people are treating all of our children with disdain. Do you think that they have special uncrowded classrooms for middle class students whose parents belong to the Tea Party, or the Republican or Democratic Party? We must wake up and acknowledge that they don't care anything about the middle class, regardless of party affiliation or anything else.

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The reason that they ignore us and cater to the super-rich is because we don't give them the huge amounts of money they are obsessed with, and we just keep voting for them again anyway. If our country is going to be a democracy instead of a plutocracy, we must demand campaign finance reform, and each of us must use our vote to hold them accountable. Are you a Great American?

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We are all in this together whether we like it or not. If we put the well-being of our country first, we all win. ARE YOU A GREAT AMERICAN? And most importantly, vote people into office that will put the country and the people first. If they can't do that, they don't deserve the honor of being there.

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The point is that our government is not about the President, members of Congress, or obscene amounts of money. It is about We the People and our great country. To some politicians, both have become irrelevant. The only thing that matters to them is the game of politics, money, and their prejudice. The only power that is strong enough to overcome their obsession is the power granted to each and every American: our vote. The founders of our country, in their wisdom, gave us the last say.

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As Warren Buffet—one of the wealthiest men in America—said, “There's class warfare, all right, but it's my class, the rich class, that's making war, and we're winning.” For the American middle class, wage growth has all but stopped. In real terms, wages have actually declined—a trend that has been going on for decades.

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To me, the people who hide behind these Super PACs are cowards, who once again think that their money entitles them to some kind of special privilege to have undue influence over our government without the rest of us knowing about it. This is a free country and they have the right to use their money to express their political views—but not in secret. In a democracy the American people are entitled to know who is giving money to the officials we elect. All contributions should be reported. Congress can vote to make this happen. If they don't, we need a new Congress.

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