

My FN/BS Filter: If they are not taking responsibility to solve the problem its BS

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We are pretty much aware that we need a BS filter if we're going to take in any news or go on social media.

Here's mine, based on the Divine Principle, which I've been trying to live by for a while.

You could call it the FN [Fallen Nature] detector. If you're not sure what FN means, ask your local Unificationist.

The most important thing is to take responsibility for your part in any situation.

The most basic point of FN/BS detection is: are they taking responsibility, or just talking about what's wrong with someone else?

So, if the basic idea in some article, post or discussion is: Look What's Wrong with Those People, then it's already a waste of time. Basically, people talking about what's wrong with someone else is gossip or blaming.

In the past, this was a characteristic of Communism: justifying whatever they were doing by pointing out the failures of the free, religious, capitalist countries. But this is not just a Communist thing: it's rooted in the crappy side of human nature and found everywhere. A favorite tactic of both political sides today when confronted with their failings is "But look what they're doing!"

A prime example of this is Vladimir Putin, who is deeply suspicious that other countries might be doing what he is actually doing.

At home, this anti-them-ism has gone so far we effectively have President NotHillary, and the former Democratic nominee NotTrump.

We do not conquer evil by fighting it tooth and nail, naming, shaming and blaming. When we do so, we lock into a fight on evil's own terms and dictated by evil's actions. Such a fight we will not win. We fight evil by advancing good, by doing good, by spreading good.

One thing I've learned after spending many years on the freeways of Southern California is that it really doesn't help to get bent out of shape when someone sits on your tail going 75mph. I've tried sarcastic gestures, passive-aggressive slowdowns, using the middle finger, but all that just added to my stress and got us both pissed off.

What I do now is just give a friendly, slightly sardonic wave to someone who is way too close behind me. Like "Hi there! I'm a human." Funnily enough, 90% of the drivers I wave to in this way will slowly back off and leave more space. And I'm not stressed, I just waved at somebody. A very small percentage actually wave back. The situation is solved by reminding the other that we are both human, not just hurtling lumps of metal in each others' way.

Now, there is a flip side of blaming others, which is blaming yourself or your country for everything evil. While people trying to do good will have to hold themselves to a higher standard than others, crippling self-blame also prevents good from being done.

Ultimately, the question we have to ask ourselves is this: What is the deepest truth about a person, the worst thing they have or the best thing they have done?