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“Britain now finds itself at the forefront of the new eugenics.”

– Fraser Nelson, *The Spectator*, April 2016

1. A provocative introduction

Let’s carry out a thought experiment.

Imagine a western country that is the most openly misogynistic country in the world. (The word “misogyny” means “hostility and hate toward women”, which is what sexism often boils down to in practice.) If you’re a fetus in that western country, you currently have a greater-than-30% chance of being born into poverty and the level of poverty in that country is often pretty bad. No chickenshit. Significant deep poverty. Dickensian poverty.

Every winter, tens of thousands of people die in that country because they can’t afford to heat their homes properly. If you’re one of those 30 or 40% of its poor children, your health and learning abilities are likely to suffer as a result of the poverty you grow up in, your lifespan will probably be shorter, and both the level and the quality of the education you receive is bound to be lower. You are also more likely to become homeless as the financial support for young people in this country is highly limited and flawed, and most wages are low.

Let’s assume that this western country is part of the EU. The country’s inequality is so immense that on its own, it drags down socioeconomic (in)equality for the entire EU. So it pulls down the combined value for the other 27 countries. Again, no chickenshit. In addition, there is a lot of xenophobia including colonialism, gerontophobia as well as general intolerance and distrust, not just concerning persons from other countries – this is often called “insularity” – but also within the country itself, among its own citizens. Research has revealed that this country’s citizens are also the loneliest people in the EU, and possibly of the entire world.

The level of education among the population in this country isn’t necessarily very high, although it has a handful of elitist universities that consider themselves important and beat themselves on the chest, while more and more of the country’s students prefer to do their degrees in the U.S. Many Chinese high-school students perform better than that country’s best high-school students and those Chinese students also have a better command of that western country’s language.

The country’s people are far from stupid, however. In fact, most are pretty clever. They wouldn’t survive otherwise. There is an

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understandably high level of alcohol abuse, which constitutes a major drain on the country's health system. There is also, not so surprising, a significant level of crime and a high level of various forms of injustice (including several instances of mass child sex abuse of a nature that other countries don't appear to have).

The level of knowledge and training has been gradually sliding over the past 100 years or so so that this country now requires foreigners to help keep its power plants and hospitals running.

As a country, it doesn't cooperate particularly well with other countries. The nation's leaders are often perceived as obnoxious or immature by the leaders of many other nations. Its national manner of thinking is generally described as "muddled", also by people from that country who have extensive international experience, such as major diplomats. These diplomats sometimes even quit when they become too frustrated, too fed up with having to deal with too much childish, muddled and dishonest stuff from their own government.

The country also likes to wage wars. It has managed to have one of the longest armed conflicts in the history of humanity, fought a war against Argentina in which a little over 900 people were killed just a few decades ago and has announced that it won't hesitate to begin a war against Spain either.

Now, if NATO and the UN were to get together, and decided to bomb this country to smithereens and turn it into a nature reserve, everyone would certainly be happier afterward. Nobody would suffer. Except maybe that country's representatives in NATO and the UN, but that's all. If those few folks were sent home in advance, they'd never even realize what was happening so that, surely, would be the humane thing to do. The country's inhabitants would cease to suffer – they would be put out of their misery – and prevention of harm is a good thing, of course. Everyone else would clearly benefit as well because they would no longer have to endure the negative effects of this country's bad habits and attitudes. Spain could sleep easier. On top of that, everyone would gain a wonderful nature reserve.

No problem, right?

(I hope you are fuming now.)

If this thought experiment about eliminating a country based on the

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argument that its destruction would increase the good in the world and decrease harm makes you feel uneasy, upset or angry, then consider that elimination of groups of humans takes place all the time. The composition of countries' populations and thus the world's population is changing as a result.

Non-mainstream people are often considered less desirable or assumed to be miserable. This can include "disabled" people but also people who are not financially wealthy, who have a different lifestyle or who speak a dialect. People who are different are not only sometimes banned from shops and towns, or schools. They are often also banned from life, as a matter of course. This happens when future parents select or de-select a certain type of offspring. Sometimes the law of their country tells them to do that. At other times, medical professionals tell them to choose science over nature or make an informed decision.

How do you think the people feel whose kind is being eradicated? How happy do you think they are about being considered undesirable? Not cool or sexy enough? How do you think they feel about their elimination supposedly being beneficial for everyone else?

I am referring to the new eugenics, the practice of creating designer babies at the expense of "less desirable" babies. This is not a new thing. It's been happening for a while. A designer baby is any kind of baby that is considered more desirable than another kind of viable baby. It's like only choosing handbags by Debenhams and rejecting handbags by Marks & Spencer.