

## A Soylent Green Future?



Soylent Green - 1973 - MGM

IT IS NOT MY INTENT BUT THE FOLLOWING MAY OFFEND SOME.

File this under the category of a both macabre and frightening vision of the path our culture seems to be on.

My first plan was to write about this movie from a humorous perspective but on second thought decided that the movie is a bit too close to current reality.

If you have never seen the movie Soylent Green you should watch it. At the time it came out in theaters it seemed "beyond the pale" and impossible. Almost humorous. Now, some 40+ years later and observing what is happening to American values makes me wonder.

Within this 40+ years I have witnessed a great lessening of the reverence for the sanctity of human life in many segments of our society. A sort of hardening or callousness.

I see America drifting into a scary, Orwellian World where "up is down", "wrong is right" & "lies are truth". An insane asylum where insanity is in charge and normalcy is locked in rooms clad in straight jackets .

Watch the movie and study the character, played by Edward G. Robinson, about the "final solution" for dealing with the elderly.

We live in a world where too often we grant celebrity status to even the most dishonest and disreputable politicians and excuse criminal activity by corrupt government employees, while at the same time we devalue the most vulnerable of human life.

Are unwanted humans now considered disposable? Some percentage of our population seems to feel it is.

Is the time coming when we reach a point in our culture where the unwanted are viewed as just another source of protein? In 1973 this may have seemed preposterous.

What once seemed preposterous seems less so now.

Recyclable is now being put into practice. At least it is in one State. I just saw recently that the State of Washington has passed a law allowing human "Composting" and have a facility in operation for this purpose. It was reported in the news that if you leave a "loved one" there for

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**composting they will give you "compost" in return to take home for your garden.**

**Consider this macabre scenario: The spouse is leaving for work:**

**"Hey Hon. Uncle Harry died yesterday. He's in that plastic tub on the back porch. Do you mind dropping him off at the Composting Center on your way to work? Oh, and while you're there, check and see if Grandma is done. The rose bushes on the Patio need some fresh compost."**

**How far off the path of respect for human life have we drifted?**

**Is it within the realm of possibility to think America might have a Soylent Green Future?**

**"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Author Unknown - generally credited to Edmund Burke.**

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