

CHANGE CAN BE PAINFUL

Bill Donohue comments on electoral results of an interesting kind:

Americans have been told over and over again by well-educated liberals that they need to jettison their tired ways and become more accepting of change. Change, they tell us in their lordly fashion, is difficult, but it is also a reality we need to face.

For example, when we object to art that trashes our religion, we are told we need to become more accepting of works that challenge our values. When parents protest that boys claiming to be girls should not be permitted to shower with their daughters, they are admonished for not getting with the times. And so on.

But the election results tell a different story: It is not the average American who is terrified of change, it is well-educated liberals.

According to CNN exit polls, self-identified liberals voted for Clinton over Trump, 84 percent to 10 percent. Among post-graduates, they broke for Clinton over Trump by a margin of 58 percent to 37 percent; the disparity was no doubt even higher among those in the social sciences and humanities.

Now consider the four most important characteristics about the candidates that voters were asked to rate.

When voters were asked which candidate "cares about me," they selected Clinton over Trump, 58 percent to 35 percent. By a margin of 66 percent to 26 percent, she beat him on the issue of who possesses "good judgment." When asked who has the "right experience," Clinton creamed Trump, 90 percent to 8 percent. How, then, did he get elected?

On the issue of who “can bring change,” voters chose Trump over Clinton, 83 percent to 14 percent. Exit polls also showed that most voters wanted someone with leadership more than any other attribute.

Looks like those who are scared to death of change—the change agent’s name is Donald Trump—are not moderates and conservatives, it’s well-educated liberals, the very elites who like to lecture the rest of us on our need to accept change.

To show what a nice guy I am, if I had the time, I would conduct a workshop for them on how to overcome their metathesiophobia, or fear of change. (I confess I had to look it up.) No matter, I’m too busy getting used to the new environment myself to find time even for a breakout session.