DIVERSITY DESPOTS GUT CHRISTMAS IN THE OFFICE

It's not just the schools that are censoring Christmas; the corporate world is doing its part as well. So-called diversity specialists are the ones seeking to gut Christmas from the workplace.

We call them the Diversity Despots. Take, for example, Fraser Nelson, executive director of the Disability Law Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Nelson, who is Jewish, is against any religious holiday in the workplace. She says she is "personally offended" when she sees a Christmas tree in the rotunda of the Utah State Capitol. Ergo, she censors Christmas for her employees.

Or take Susan Dunn, an internationally recognized Emotional Intelligence Coach. We honestly reported our ignorance to the media: "Though we have no idea what this is, what matters is that she warns against linking December with Christmas, counseling not to forget about Bodhi Day (for those with a low Multicultural IQ, this is a Buddhist holiday, a.k.a. Rohatsu)."

In order to have a true multicultural holiday party, Dunn advises that employees should be encouraged to bring various ethnic foods. "But remember," she wisely observes, "it's counterproductive to ask the Hungarian to bring goulash, etc."

Then there is Myrna Marofsky, perhaps the nation's foremost Diversity Despot. She runs ProGroup, a diversity firm in Minneapolis. Like the ADL, she speaks of the "December Dilemma." Having herself created the dilemma for the rest of us, she is ever so kind to fix it for us.

"Consider scheduling celebrations or sending cards before or after the holiday season," she says. She adds that "Santa Claus can be surprisingly divisive," and suggests that employers "invite a magician instead." The recommended tune to sing is "Frosty the Snowman." Why? "There's a lot of nice Christmas songs that don't have anything to do with Baby Jesus."

Our news release concluded by stating the obvious: "So that's what this is all about-censoring Jesus." We then congratulated Marofsky for her honesty.

As a coda, we couldn't help saying, "We're thinking about sending Marofsky a Happy Hanukkah card, but not until the Fourth of July. For a Hanukkah treat, we'll send her some corned beef and cabbage, with a side of meatballs and spaghetti. And for holiday music, we'll send her a CD by Marilyn Manson."