Bill Maher Mocking the Left

Racism

- "Critical race theory, where everything has to come down to race, the opposite of what liberals, like myself, were taught as children. I thought what Martin Luther King was trying to tell us, that we should aspire to live in a society where we don't see color, as opposed to what critical race theory seems to be telling us, which is that we should always see it." Spin.com (January 15, 2021)
- "The Democrats are the party of 'silence is violence and looting is not.'
 They're the party of chasing speakers off of college campuses and making everyone walk on eggshells, and replacing 'let's not see color' with 'let's see it always and everywhere,' which was formally the position of the Ku Klux Klan." Spin.com (January 15, 2021)
- "You're taking children and making them hyperaware of race in a way they wouldn't otherwise be." The Hill (September 11, 2021)

Cancel Culture

- "When did we get into our heads that we have the right to never hear anything we don't like?" New York Times Op-Ed (March 22, 2012)
- "I don't want to live in a country where no one ever says anything that offends anyone. That's why we have Canada. That's not us. If we sand down our rough edges and drain all the color, emotion and spontaneity out of our discourse, we'll end up with political candidates who never say anything but the safest, blandest, emptiest, most unctuous focus-group platitudes and cant. In other words, we'll get Mitt Romney." New York Times (March 22, 2012)
- "We've all become too comfortable with playing the clean-out-your-desk card... the joy that liberals seem to take in vaporizing people and making every offense a firing offense." The Wrap (June 9, 2018)
- "80 percent of Americans see political correctness as a problem.... And I think it's our problem. And I don't know why more mainstream liberals don't denounce the political correctness that they must know in private conversations is insane." The Daily Caller (October 13, 2018)

- "Certainly, I consider myself a liberal but *Politically Incorrect* itself, we were just talking about the old show, was not a liberal sentiment. Political correctness is a function of the left, let's be honest, and *Politically Incorrect* was a revolt against that." Spin.com (January 15, 2021)
- "When I think about how much the world—or the country, at least—has changed as far as what is unsayable, or at least what's going to get you in trouble for saying it. That doesn't go back just to the '90s. That goes back just five years ago, things are very different." Spin.com (January 15, 2021)
- "The laughs have to come at the expense of the other team. I can do 1 million fat jokes about Donald Trump and that's fine. If I say anything about obesity, even in a more serious context, and it's not about someone who we hate, like Donald Trump or Chris Christie, then it's fat-shaming, and I'm the worst person in the world. That's not a good place for comedy to be." Spin.com (January 15, 2021)
- "Generation Z really is the generation of micro-aggression, trigger warnings, this kind of stuff. That really ultra-sensitive. Sometimes, I can't even tell what they're mad at." Spin.com (January 15, 2021)
- "The vast majority of people, they don't like what goes on, on Twitter. They don't like political correctness. It's certainly one reason why Trump was elected once and almost reelected, was because people felt they were choking on political correctness. They do not like a world where they have to walk on eggshells. They do not like a world where you could get fired for saying something that they don't think is terrible." Spin.com (January 15, 2021)
- "The left is so much more vocal now and they control the media so much more, and they're so sensitive. They're constantly witch-hunting for anybody who doesn't fall in line with, what I call the one true opinion. It's so funny. They're the generation that absolutely hates bullies. God, do they hate bullying and they're the biggest bullies in the world." Spin.com (January 15, 2021)
- "I'm aware that it could always, on any given day, end tomorrow, as far as me being allowed to have a public platform, because again, the world is so sensitive and because there are so many people on both sides always gunning for me, always looking to cancel me. Not just me. That's their raison d'être in the world. It's just hunt people down and cancel them

because that's how you know you're a good person, by pointing at someone who somehow hasn't measured up to your level of political correctness." – Spin.com (January 15, 2021)

- "This cancel culture, it's so funny.... Even liberals hate this (expletive)." USA TODAY (January 27, 2021)
- According to Maher, the irony of cancel culture is "that people who hate bullying are always bullying.... All they care about is getting a scalp on the wall. They don't care if you're not really a racist.... They don't care about a million things. That's what they care about, and they always want to find the worst version of what any person is." USA TODAY (January 27, 2021)
- "I don't want to live in a world where liberals are the uptight ones, and conservatives do drugs and get laid.... Once upon a time, the right were the ones offended by everything. They were the party of speech codes and blacklists and moral panics and demanding some TV show had to go. Well, now that's us. We're the fun-suckers now. We suck the fun out of everything. ... It's like woke kids on campus decided to be all the worst parts of a Southern Baptist." Washington Times (May 10, 2021)
- "Katie Hill, up-and-coming Democratic congresswoman from California, now resigned, who, like Ashli Babbitt, was found to be in a throuple, and pictured holding a bong.... And that was too much for our new puritanical Democratic party.... We're the throuple people! The bong people! The tantric sex gurus! Not f—-ing Matt Gaetz. Us! We did f—-ing in the mud and braburning and turn on and tune in and drop out. They're the party who won't make wedding cakes for gay people. It's time to switch back, because, frankly, you're not good at being us and being you sucks." Washington Times (May 10, 2021)

Transgender

• "Maybe they got the wrong pronoun or something. There's this little minority. It's really well-to-do, mostly, I think, well-to-do, upper-middle-class, white people on the coasts, what are often called the elitists. These people are nuts. We see it here in California. They believe some really goofy shit these days. These are the people who go into media. These are the people who wind up running the internet newsrooms. I'll put it this way: much more woke and much less wise." – Spin.com (January 15, 2021)

• "Whereas, the liberals, their sh*t is right up close and personal to my life. I was talking about the fact that a three-year-old can come home from school and say, 'I think I'm a girl now,' and you just have to go along with that. They can say, 'I'm changing my name,' or, 'I'm changing my sexual identity,' and, 'Okay.' It seems a little young to be making a decision like that." – Spin.com (January 15, 2021)

Other Liberal Insanity

- "If you don't think these purists are doing us harm, you're missing the point... Groups are only successful when they call out their crazies. The Republican Party doesn't, you can say that radical Islam has that problem, people calling out the crazies, and I think we have that problem too. I mean, NPR will not use the term 'homeless,' people 'affected by homelessness.' I'm saying Trump people, independent people, just normal people not here on the coasts hear stuff like that and they go, 'You know what, I don't know that much about policy, but you know, this is just too fragile. I can't let these people in the Oval Office because they're just too weak." The Daily Caller (October 13, 2018)
- "If you run on taking away people's health care and taxing them too much and taking away all of their guns and trans women get abortion rights I think that came up in the first debate, I don't think you are going to win this election." Fox News (September 13, 2019)
- "Democrats too often don't come off as having common sense to a huge swath Americans. Democrats are the party of every hypersensitive social justice warrior woke bullsh*t story in the news." – Deadline (November 13, 2020)
- "Liberals often mock the Republican misinformation bubble ... but what about liberals? You know, the high-information, by-the-science people?" Fox News (April 17, 2021)
- "Maher then pointed to a Gallup survey that showed the vast majority of Democrats incorrectly overestimate the probability of being hospitalized from COVID, with 41 percent believing it's at least 50 percent while only 10 percent of Democrats correctly said that the probability is only 1-to-5 percent while 26 percent of Republicans said the same, stressing that Democrats were 'wildly off on this key question.'" Fox News (April 17, 2021)

- "[Democrats] also have a greatly exaggerated view of the danger of COVID to and the mortality rate among children, all of which explains why today the states with the highest share of schools that are still closed are all blue states.... So if the right-wing media bubble has to own things like climate change denial, shouldn't liberal media have to answer for 'How did your audience wind up believing such a bunch of crap about COVID?"" Fox News (April 17, 2021)
- "Texas lifted its COVID restrictions recently and their infection rates went down in part because of people getting outside to let the sun and wind do their thing. But to many liberals, 'That can't be right because Texas and beach-loving Florida have Republican governors,' but life is complicated!" – Fox News (April 17, 2021)
- Maher "praised Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis for being 'a voracious consumer of the scientific literature.... And maybe that's why he protected his most vulnerable population, the elderly, way better than did the governor of New York,' Maher said, knocking Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo. 'Those are just facts, I know it's irresponsible of me to say them.'" Fox News (April 17, 2021)
- "Colleges have turned into giant luxury daycare centers with overpaid babysitters anxious to indulge every student whim." Washington Examiner (June 5, 2021)
- "I know free college is a left-wing thing, but is it really liberal for someone who doesn't go to college and makes less money to pay for people who do go and make more?" Washington Examiner (June 5, 2021)
- "President Biden's American Families Plan asks the taxpayers to pony up hundreds of billions so that everyone can go to college and billions more for subsidized childcare so our kids can go to school while we go to school." – Washington Examiner (June 5, 2021)
- "A wannabe librarian needs a master's degree just to get an entry-level job filing books. I've heard this from nurses, teachers, and administrators, rolling their eyes when relating how they needed to take some bulls*** course in order to advance in their field when, really, they already learn what they need by working the job.... The answer isn't to make college free. The answer is to make it more unnecessary, which it is for most jobs." Washington Examiner (June 5, 2021)

- "Maher noted how Democratic Arizona Rep. Ruben Gallego looked at the election results and suggested one way the party could win back Latino voters was to avoid using the term 'Latinx.' 'Which the vast majority of Latinos have never heard of and when they do, don't like it,' the host explained. 'Who likes it? Pandering white politicians who mistake Twitter for real people. And don't get it that Latinx is like 'fetch.' You can try to make it happen, but it's never gonna.'" The Daily Caller (June 24, 2021)
- "Recently Maher spoke out against those who allege America has made no progress toward racial reconciliation. He used the term 'progressophobia,' calling it 'a brain disorder that strikes liberals and makes them incapable of recognizing progress. It's like situational blindness, only what you can't see is that your dorm in 2021 is better than the South before the Civil War.'" New York Post (June 26, 2021)
- Bill Maher "said that people like U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, D-South Carolina, 'said that defunding the police is killing our party. And he's right. So much of what the Democrats are afraid to stand up to is just stuff that seems to strike most people in this country as having no common sense. That to me is the Achilles heel of the Democratic Party." Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (August 9, 2021)
- "Blind hatred of America is just as blinkered as blind love. And we Americans should really get some perspective about where we live.... Watching this s--- go down in Afghanistan, I was reminded lately of every conversation I've ever had with an immigrant, almost all of which if we got to really talking, included the notion, 'Oh, you people have no idea. All you do is b---- about and badmouth your own country, but if you knew about the country I came from, you'd stop s----ing on your own.'" Fox News (August 28, 2021)
- "I'm sorry your professor said something you didn't like. That won't be a
 problem with the Taliban because you're not allowed to go to school. In
 Saudi Arabia, grown women can be jailed for doing the kind of things we
 think of as routine without the permission of a male guardian. China rounds
 you up if you're the wrong religion and puts you in camps." Fox News
 (August 28, 2021)
- "If you think America is irredeemable, turn on the news or get a passport and a ticket on one of those sketchy airlines that puts its web address on the

- plane. There's a reason Afghan mothers are handing their babies to us." Fox News (August 28, 2021)
- "We're not the bad guys. Oppression is what we were trying to stop in Afghanistan. We failed, but any immigrant will tell you we've largely succeeded here. And yet, the overriding thrust of current 'woke' ideology is America is rotten to the core, irredeemably racist from the moment it was founded and so oppressive, sexist and homophobic we can't find a host for the Oscars or 'Jeopardy!'" Fox News (August 28, 2021)
- "America may not be the country of your faculty lounge and Twitter dreams, but no one here tries to escape by hanging on to an airplane. No, we wait 'til we get inside the plane to fight and only because they cut off the beverage service." Fox News (August 28, 2021)
- Bill Maher took aim at the NFL's decision to play the black national anthem before games this season, calling it "segregation" but "under a different name." The Hill (September 11, 2021)
- "I think when you go down a road where you're having two different national anthems, colleges sometimes now have ... many of them have different graduation ceremonies for black and white, separate dorms. ... This is what I mean: segregation." The Hill (September 11, 2021)
- "When people say to me sometimes, like, 'Boy, you really go after the left these days. Why?' Because you're embarrassing me." The Hill (September 11, 2021)
- "I was in Nashville about a month ago, and the audience was about 60-40 liberal to conservative. That never used to happen, never." Breitbart (October 6, 2021)
- "I think it's because 10 years ago, in my opinion anyway, the left did not have a crazy section.... There was no such thing as woke, and now they do have a crazy section, which I call out as a liberal. I think I'm kind of one of the only people doing that, so there's a hunger to hear that." Breitbart (October 6, 2021)
- "I think traditional liberals have had it with the far left of their own party, and they enjoy this too.... To be able to play to a crowd like I did in Nashville that's almost split even, that just never happened before. The

- audience was almost all completely liberal, but things have changed." Breitbart (October 6, 2021)
- "'Real Time' host Bill Maher blasted the 'outrageous' harassment Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., faced when she was followed into a restroom earlier this month by activists at Arizona State University." – Fox News (October 9, 2021)
- "[T]hey could have that \$1 trillion infrastructure bill. And, by the way, \$1 trillion still to some people, is a lot of money.... It's a lot of jobs, building bridges and roads and all kinds of stuff. That's being held up...by people who are saying...'We want everything and we want it now. And if we don't get it, then you don't get anything.' And sometimes when you ask for the whole loaf, you get none!'" Fox News (October 9, 2021)
- "Here's my question: Does spending more money make you a better person? Or a bigger moderate?... And maybe these two, Sinema and Manchin ... might have their thumb more on the pulse on the average Democrat in the country." Fox News (October 9, 2021)