



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 13.12.2023

Article link : [Link](#) (An Open Letter on Identity Politics, to and from the Left)

1. The authors state that they have been "serially, violently, sexually and continually harassed, with the aim of purging us from our positions or from our own movements":

- A. As they have been identified as representatives of "identity politics"
- B. In an attempt to establish a "pure," exclusively class-based, Left
- C. As they call for an intersectional approach to both economic and social justice
- D. All the above

Explanation : D

All given points are mentioned in the article.

2. Which of the following is not in line with the views of the authors?

- A. Closing the racial wealth gap is the most effective way to advance the cause of ending structural racism in America
- B. Attacks on "identity politics" reinforce the oppression of those most harmed by capitalism
- C. In order to maintain the right to dissent, abuse of those living in intersectional oppressions must be stopped
- D. Abuse has been actively facilitated by the silence and cooperation of the left communities

Explanation: A

Note the lines, ' Nolan goes on...: "If you truly care about such inequality, you should be planning to vote for Bernie Sanders... closing the racial wealth gap is probably the single most effective thing that any politician could do to help advance the cause of ending structural racism in America." The enemy, in other words, is not whiteness but capitalism. And so it continues.'

3. The authors caution against being simply left out of the Left as:

- A. In doing so, the Left stops being what it is as it would become the status quo, upholding and celebrating the exact hierarchy that it aims to oppose
- B. The authors belong to the classes being oppressed and have an innate and self-motivated interest in ending the varieties of capitalist oppression described by the Left
- C. By targeting or leaving out the authors and their movements, the Left loses the coalition that it needs to organize
- D. All the above

Explanation: D

All given points are mentioned in the article.