

Book Review: Do As I Say (Not as I Do): Profiles in Liberal Hypocrisy

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We all know the saying "practice what you preach". We also know that at some point in your life you are going to be called out on your actions if you do not follow that motto. That point has come for some high-profile leftists in America.

In Peter Schweizer's latest book, *Do As I say (Not as I Do): Profiles in Liberal Hypocrisy*, author Peter Schweizer proves the fact that we all have known for quite some time now: Liberals preach their beliefs such as progressive taxes, environmental regulations, raising inheritance taxes, affirmative action (to name just a few) onto others when in reality these so called leaders for the left do not even live by their own beliefs.

Schweizer digs into the personal lives of prominent liberals that have different influences throughout the liberal community. He reveals the hypocrisy in the lives and teachings of Noam Chomsky, Michael Moore, Al Franken, Ted Kennedy, Hillary Clinton, Ralph Nadar, Nancy Pelosi, George Soros, Barbara Streisand, Gloria Steinem, and Cornel West.

The results that were found would not shock those conservatives who have thought this all along. The political ideas that these so-called leaders of left preach did not add up in their personal life. Noam Chomsky comes across as a shy, simple man that does not place value on material things but is praised by some as the modern-day Gandhi.

Chomsky is probably one of the biggest hypocrites in this book behind what Schweizer calls "Corporate Criminal, Environmental Menace" or my favorite "Racist Union-Buster" Michael Moore.

Chomsky's anti-capitalism and his preaching that the pentagon could possibly be one of the most evil institutions ever is a joke, especially when you find out that Chomsky and his wife have made millions from contract work with such an evil institution.

Chomsky's glaring hypocrisy does not even stop there, Schweizer finds more hypocrisy in Chomsky's ideals of affirmative action, class welfare, and "trusts" to name just a few. I would dabble into Michael Moore's double standards but there is not enough paper or time to write them all. Let us just say I never knew a self-proclaimed "working class" man or the "average joe" has residency / a penthouse in New York. Never mind, I forgot in 2003 Moore switched his residency to Michigan so he could save 3.8% in taxes that year when he raked in millions from *Bowling for Columbine*. Nevertheless, one cannot forget he is one of us, just an average working class citizen.

In *Do As I say (Not as I Do): Profiles in Liberal Hypocrisy* Schweizer does recognize that conservatives also employ hypocrisy in their teaching but in doing so only harm themselves and their family, where as liberals harm much more. Their widespread hypocrisy spreads over into their own publicly proclaimed beliefs and principles.

As Schweizer points out in the book, in the sixties the New Left coined the phrase "the personal is political" but clearly, for the liberal/left the political is not personal. The ideals of liberalism can be preached but when it comes down to actually practicing them, it is not being done and the ideals of conservatism are being practiced.

The main point of this book is simple, "If these ideas do not work for the very individuals who practice them, how can they work for the rest of us?" The answer is simple, they cannot.

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