

## EXPECTED UNDERPERFORMANCE or IMPOSED IGNORANCE/INDIFFERENCE

### "Novice"? or "Dumbed/Damaged"?

Innocently underperforming (?) or intentionally damaged (?) **students** who lack the skills, background, and intellectual infrastructure to advance quickly; **intentionally mislead citizens** who are taught that anything for the public realm is communism so that they will always vote against their own interests and needs (eg, infrastructure) while embracing consumerism-hypercapitalism and privatization-deregulation as "independence"

### MINIMALLY-FUNCTIONAL STUPIDITY "cozy incompetence/semicompetence" "seductive simplicity"

Functional underperformance that barely sustains itself but does not support expansion, growth, generosity, or the next generation; **cozy incompetence and seductive simplicity are dogwhistles/code for an associated mindset/lifestyle** that serves unspoken but obvious goals

### IMPOSED STUPIDITY "Dumbing Us Down"

**Attacking the mind and motivation of the next generation**; eg, failure to educate doctors about the science of Nutrition; **enforcing a boring and disconnected curriculum** that dulls curiosity and contaminates the learning experience; contaminating the public discourse by **training people to despise the public sphere in which they themselves live.**

### STRATEGIC STUPIDITY

#### Intentional underperformance (Potemkin stupidity)

**Ideas and thinking exist in an interconnected matrix of knowledge and mental performance; when politicians and institutions habitually underperform they do so 1) in service of private interests, 2) to prevent progress, and 3) to contaminate the entire mental/ideation biosphere.** Intentional stupidity demonstrated by politicians always leads to imposed stupidity against their own populations because the entire populace is deprived of a clear vision and example of good leadership which thereby keeps them stupid with regard to the positive potentialities held within public office and political leadership. **Their normalization of incompetence** thereby promotes additional incompetence into the future, including in other realms, ie, **"oversimplification contamination"**

### DYSFUNCTIONAL STUPIDITY

Dysfunctional underperformance; **The outward appearance of stupidity and underperformance must always be counterbalanced by an internal or organizational acceptance of that performance which keeps the incompetent person in their position of power.** Incompetent politicians serve a covert power structure more powerful than the facade of democracy and voting, and this explains why we in the US and UK commonly have "appointed leaders" who are undirected babbling idiots with no leadership abilities; **their only appeal is in their cozy incompetence, dogwhistles/code and oversimplification of complexity** which leaves society/us vulnerable to more complex and strategic/profitteering/fascistic problems. **<< Their idiocy and fake incompetence are disarming, thereby provoking pity, confusion, patience, and paralysis rather than anger and action.**

### UNCONSCIOUS ("unskilled and unaware", arrogant, remorseless, unteachable) INCOMPETENCE = "Dunning-Kruger effect" or "Dunning-Kruger syndrome"

Nearly all of what I discuss above is \*intentional\* stupidity or underperformance by people who are "mostly normal" and of normal-range intelligence; indeed, some sociopathic manipulators may actually be of higher-than-average intelligence at least in their field of specialty and with their instinctive/charismatic ability to entrap other people. However, some people demonstrate \*unintentional\* incompetence coupled with an inability to learn from their mistakes and from additional training/education; these people are commonly referred to as having Dunning-Kruger Syndrome (or demonstrating the Dunning-Kruger effect) per the classic 1999 publication by Kruger and Dunning, "Unskilled and unaware of it: How difficulties in recognizing one's own incompetence lead to inflated self-assessments" in *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* which showed that some people are "too stupid to know how stupid they are" and that they actually become more incompetent with additional education because their ego defenses block them from integrating new information and trap them in cycles of defending their previous positions and actions.