

# 'Agenda of the left' is to uplift others

Those who have lived lives of privilege have a moral debt to help those who haven't been so lucky

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This is regarding "White Males Reject Agenda of the Left" by Tom Childress, published in the Journal on Nov. 16:

If you have gained stable employment that meets your basic needs, I am glad for you.

If you have learned the value of hard work and have been rewarded for it, I am glad for you.

If you have been able to pull yourself up after meeting with tragedy and disaster, I am glad for you.

If you have had stable housing for most of your life, I am glad for you.

If you have never gone hungry, I am glad for you.

If you were born into a stable family in a safe neighborhood, I am glad for you.

If you never suffered with mental illness, I am glad for you.

If you have not suffered a catastrophic accident or illness, I am glad for you.

If you had a parent, teacher, mentor or friend who supported you, I am glad for you.

If you were not born with a disability, I am glad for you. If you went to good schools, I am glad for you. If you have had adequate health care, I am glad for you.

If you have never been the victim of violence, I am glad for you.

If you have never suffered from discrimination, slurs, or bullying because of the color of your skin, your ethnicity, your religion, your gender or your sexual orientation, I am glad for you.

If you have never had a superior make sexual advances, I am glad for you.

If you didn't have to go to war, I am glad for you.

If you have never found your house in bombed-out rubble, I am glad for you.

If you have never had to flee your country, I am glad for you.

If you never had to rely on the kindness of strangers, I am glad for you.

Those of us who meet even half of these criteria have a moral obligation to fight like hell for those who have not had such privileged lives.

This is the "agenda of the left," which includes old white women like me.