

loyalty to people of a certain stretch of ground. Of course when I was boy, that was the attitude in the U.S. This was the greatest country in the world; this is the land of the free and the home of the brave. Everybody was out celebrating the Fourth of July. We licked Great Britain twice and we could do it again if necessary. There was all that strong feeling, and I reacted against it a bit because it certainly ~~was~~ was overblown.

But I much prefer it to the attitude you have now in which so many downgrade our country and they're ready to criticize everything about it, and ready to look ~~to~~ to Russia or China or almost any other country as better in many regards. I think that our present attitude in this country-- by ours I mean the widespread attitude-- is the result of the development in our colleges and universities.

Personally I have a theory which I've never heard anywhere else. I have a theory that says 80 years ago you had some men who had rather attractive personalities and who were first class students and could parse Latin sentences and perhaps write Latin poetry and discuss all the academic subjects. They would see someone else with very little education and yet he'd step out into the business world and make a fortune, and ~~they~~ would have many times the material things they had and they felt they were worth far more than he was, and the result is you get a few people with this attitude in college and yet they are outstanding students and they don't feel they are recognized. That their ability in parsing Latin is not recognized for what it should be.

While there is this other man and all he can do is make some machines, or something, and he gets so much more of the material advantages of life, and they got soured on the system and on the country. You get a few like that, and in the course of the years they indoctrinate a few others of similar type and the number keeps growing, until by the time when I went to college I was shocked to find this attitude among so many of the faculty in the school.. Particularly in the departments of history and of literature, departments that have a great affect on individuals. On individuals thinking.

There is this attitude and it has affected our whole class of journalists and our whole class of educators. So today there is very little patriotism in the country. It's amazing to me to pick up the Encyclopedia Britannica, the edition I have came out about 10 or 15 yrs. ago, and you look at the atlas. In almost any other country in the world they put themselves first. But here they start in with Europe, Asia, Africa, South America. They put North America last and the U.S. last of all. Silly thing. But it's going from one extreme to the other.

What's the connection of this exactly?

Neher: Well, organizations, patriotism, loyalty . . .

Yes, you were asking about people getting this loyalty. I think it is very easy for people to fall into this attitude of loyalty unless they are brainwashed in the other direction. I think it is natural for us to become loyal to whatever we are with if it is not disagreeable.