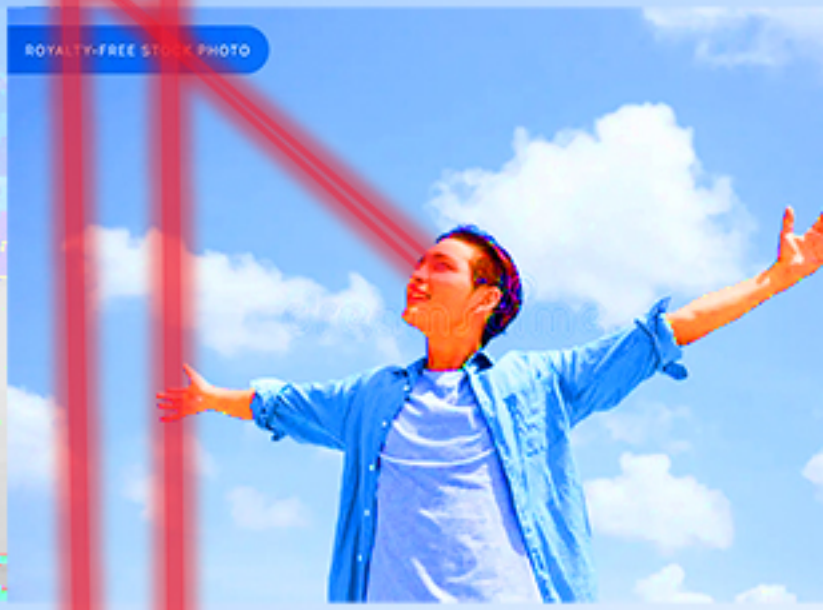
A little birdie told me





Outsourcing Unpopular Opinion in a Year of Retweets (A Novella)



Notice how there are no Ezra Pound poems about chilling

the dynamic of lib/left political discourse seems rly simple to encapsulate: - the leftist takes a "morally virtuous" but non-pragmatic position - liberal says it's a dumb bc it won't happen and there's a better approach to reduce harm - leftist takes this dispute as the liberal being morally opposed to the initial position - conversation is reframed as the liberal person is anti-'good thing' like that's literally the entire discourse now, and once you see it you can't unsee it

it’s actually scary watching so many leftists react to the Cornell 7 by completely abandoning their principles about cruel and unusual punishment, the death penalty, the right to a fair trial and social media misinformation. Really shows how the patriot act got passed after 9/11

(first day teaching at woke university) it's not my job to educate you

just explained the covid concious lesbian bar hijab inspired secular accessorization clown college discourse to my mom and she just said "the cia is eating your generation alive"

'Joshua Cohen had published three novels with Penguin Random House, but in 2020 the publisher turned down his latest. Cohen’s editor had left, and the sales of his previous novel hadn’t been strong enough to automatically take on…'

When someone’s top 10 tv list is just the universally agreed upon greatest hits of prestige television

Ethical values must be moderated by social values such as being chill, and knowing how to hang. Morality is an aggressive impulse, if unchecked it will rip a community apart.

I dunno man, as somebody who enjoys good governance, maybe it's not a grrrreat idea to make every election for local dog catcher about protracted ethno-sectarian conflicts half a world away but then maybe that's just me

I'm sorry but how did the country's most prominent education activist not know what bad schools are like on the inside. Did she really think they were just like good schools but with test score line going down.

In refusing to take public political positions as an entertainer, Ed Sheeran is simply following in the footsteps of Dolly Parton. Anyone want to criticize Dolly?

I'd rather be dragged through the Morrissey battlefield than even have to read the words "Macklemore" or "Ed Sheeran". Can we get back to first principles please? A little bit of taste isn't a lot to ask. People honestly care about these artists? Life is embarrassing enough.

never heard this quote before about Arafat

Kids these days don't realize the psyop torture of having the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon start about now and run for 24 hrs straight on TV- when you only had 3 channels. That depression lives on.

No one is 100% straight. Except for bisexual women, who are 100% straight.

unlike most of you luddites I think good AI art is theoretically possible, but it will never overcome the reputational damage caused by its loudest proponents being cringe vulgarians

Federico Fellini on Buster Keaton: "I liked Buster Keaton more than Chaplin, who filled me with a certain distrust with his clear cat's eyes and his pointy rodent's teeth. I admit that

perhaps he was greater, but Keaton doesn't trick you with sentimentality; his struggles, his disasters don't happen in order to right wrongs or injustices, don't try to move you or arouse indignation. His main strength is in suggesting a point of view, a completely different outlook, almost a philosophy, a different religion that overturns and ridicules all fixed and rigid formulas and ideas—a comic character directly out of Zen Buddhism.
Indeed, Keaton has a stony faced oriental imperturbability. All of his humor is the humor of dreams where allegory, wit, and the comic aspect exist in the innermost depths, an enormous silent laughter at the immense irreconcilable contrast between our points of view and the mystery of things." — Federico Fellini: Comments on Film, edited by Giovanni Grazzini, translated by Joseph Henry (1988)

> be Ben Affleck

> obsess over AI while Hollywood panics and know more about it than 99% of AI influencers

> "AI won't replace filmmakers"

> build AI to automate VFX, continuity, cleanup and post-production (not creativity)

> Netflix pays $587M cash

There is a force in this world which works to utterly destroy every last semblance of vitality and beauty available to us

Make it illegal for Google Maps to hide the fact that the Starbucks you're rushing to is located inside of a Kroger.

"Silence is violence" is possibly the worst woke 1 idea, pretty much guarantees you end up with a bunch of very loud people who have no idea what the fuck they're talking about

Me, a very serious scholar, having to sing the alphabet song every time I add a source to my reference list.

cherry flavor being almond flavor

The staff meeting is about to end. Have some shithead ask a question that prolongs it for another 30 minutes.

Dentists be like hello I am your dentist and this is my harem

A woman "transitions" to being a man and discovers how little people, specifically progressives, care about men

“Don’t yuck my yum” is a disgusting phrase, in both content and phonetics. Wielding vowels like a police baton

The gaslighting is crazy. As a child in the 90s and into 2000s, we were supported and encouraged in every way. Not only were we told we could do anything, but we should do everything. The amount of resources and help for us seemed limitless. It was boys who were belittled, dismissed and put on the back burner. That’s why we have a crisis today.

As a former progressive, this is absolutely accurate and caused me endless frustration with my co-partisans. They fundamentally don’t care if their ideas work. They hardly even have a concept of ideas working. Their entire evaluation function is based on social perception and emotionalism which is, in fact, profoundly selfish and unvirtuous. If you care more about feeling like/being seen as good than you do about results, you’re a selfish parasite. Hardly exclusive to the left, but it defines the leftist project in a way it doesn’t define any other political faction.

no millennial trope has broken more brains than "you don't owe anybody anything". an ignoble, selfish narcissism dressed up in therapy-speak about boundaries and self-care in order to give yourself a pass from treating other people with a basic level of care and respect

one thing you can say about david foster wallace is that his fans have been unfairly maligned in the cultural imagination. they're fine, i even know a few. especially since there's another american writer who unambiguously has the worst fans going. that's right: cormac mccarthy

The pistachio is a rugged individualist in its little shell. It refuses to pay submission fees and owns multiple tote bags expressing contempt for the Big 5

One of the less self-aware academic types is the figure who retains the combative anti-establishment political outlook of the 70s, while now being in their 70s and very much of the establishment.

teaching degrees might be more justifiable if education departments were not liable to fall for every pop psychology scam that crosses their path.

James Burke ponders what working from home could do to a city and its community. San Francisco, 1985. This edit is from a British documentary series called The Day the Universe Changed, written and presented by celebrity science historian James Burke. It originally aired in 1985 and explored how scientific and technological advances transformed Western society's philosophical understanding of the world. The series presents the idea that new knowledge changes our perception of the universe, and in doing so, changes the universe itself.

women are kinda like strawberries. sometimes they at the grocery store

The first significant thing I wrote for the public was about how I have spent an entire academic career—from undergrad on—being pressured to study and write about topics related to my skin color, which is one of the reasons I feel strongly that funding should be content neutral.

I spoke with professors who admitted to contorting their work, faking an interest in racial justice in order to win Mellon bucks. They needed grants to support their research (or get promoted) and they had to choose between progressive play-acting or going without key funding. 6/

"Anti-colonial" Bad Bunny fans need a history lesson The Spanish killed *orders of magnitude more indigenous* than the British colonists ever did. Spain was by far the most aggressive colonial power of the New World. Spain came to the New World to conquer it. The indigenous could accept subjugation, slavery- or be killed. Aztecs, Incas, Mayans, Tupi, etc 17th and 18th century British colonists wanted to set up their own societies and, in general, live peaceably apart from Indians. Spanish now as the language of "anti-colonial resistance" is hilarious. Like Muslims complaining about historical land grabs (also lol). The Spanish were far more aggressive and killed far more indigenous from Mexico to Chile. Millions more. While Spanish colonialism was much more brutal- it also built far less successful societies long term- than the British. It is what it is.

Spanish being seen as a language of resistance against European coloniser culture will always be fucking hilarious.

I have yet to see a single journalist publicly wonder what role journalists themselves played in the decline of journalism.

the contrast is kind of wild in light of the chomsky stuff given how hard people tried to homophobically smear foucault a few years ago over something that didn't happen

Hunter Biden really is the most ethical degenerate ever. No Epstein Pedo shit, Hunter simply just enjoys getting blazed out of his mind with consenting Latina sex workers of age. He’s a proper American Freak, a man of the people honestly.

Carl Jung said that so much unnecessary suffering comes into the world because people will not accept the “legitimate suffering” that comes from being human. In fact, he said neurotic behavior is usually the result of refusing that legitimate suffering.

OK this needs to stop. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT FOUCAULT HAD SEX WITH MINORS, let alone raped or assaulted anyone. Many smart people repeat this like it's a fact but this was investigated seriously and they found nothing but holes in the one, flimsy allegation. One man, named Guy Sorman (a French writer who says he knew Foucault) alleged in 2021 that he saw Foucault in the late '60s “buying” boys in Tunisia and that he met boys in a cemetery and raped them on graves. Way after the fact and after Foucault had already passed. English media publicized this without checking but Le Nouvel Observateur and Jeune Afrique sent journalists to talk with Tunisians who knew or saw Foucault. All of the testimony either failed to support or in some cases contradicted the allegations. (Foucault was being surveilled in Tunisia, people were paying close attention to him.) Then when pressed Sorman was no longer sure he had “seen” what he described; he could no longer specify ages; and he acknowledged that the sensational cemetery scene was something he had heard as a rumor. There is no evidence that Foucault had sex with underage boys in Tunisia (or elsewhere), or that he raped or sexually assaulted anyone.

the eight words every girl longs to hear

I know my fellow libs may not want to hear this, but the depth and breadth of the Minnesota fraud scandal is genuinely astounding and just because Republicans are being maximally racist about it doesn't mean it isn't something a governor could survive electorally.

it's weird. you'd think that leftists would be more outraged than anyone about people ripping off charitable programs: they are stealing resources from people who need them, they endanger the programs themselves, it's just profoundly low behavior. I don't usually see that though

Do you still write autofiction about self-sustained interpersonal issues and soft drug abuse? Because at 27 it's marginal, right

recently learned there is no coffee in coffee cake. absolute sham. now i tell people this and they say “well yeah, it goes with coffee”. all cake goes with coffee. thats just cake. why are

you defending this. because some 17th century german baker ran a psyop on you. on all of us

In my culture, family is completely unimportant. And we hate food.

✋🛑 STOP 🛑✋ ❗ WE HAVE ENTERED “WOKE 2” ❗ 🤷‍♂️THIS DISCOURSE HAS ENDED🤷‍♂️

I scraped transcripts of San Francisco's gov meetings and found every time someone said "As a..." or "I am..."

Glenn Gould plays Bach on Christmas!

I come from a family of academically successful linguists. my dad studied with Noam Chomsky. having grown up in that environment, and having been exposed to the ideas of modern linguistics from an early age, let me just say this: Chomskyan linguistics hit an absolute dead end, and ended up going in an endless self-enclosed, increasingly destructive loop, because Chomsky disastrously failed to engage seriously with the true best Cartesian of his age: Jacques Lacan. oh, is the prose of Lacan’s late seminars, where he engages with and brilliantly critiques Chomsky, too obscure for you? no matter. you should simply read Julia Kristeva, a great reader of Hegel, and by far the most brilliant modern theorist of linguistics and semiotics, who has been deeply and unjustly overlooked by Anglophone linguistics due to the pernicious and anti-intellectual empiricist Anglo-box. Kristeva herself engaged intimately and in detailed critical fashion with Chomsky’s ideas, ultimately concluding that not only are his ideas a failure because they do not take into account the insights of psychoanalysis, but also that his entire linguistic theory is really a kind of philosophy, a metaphysics in disguise, which is basically a subpar version of Husserlian phenomenology applied to language and adapted to Anglophone tastes. you can read about this in “Language: The Unknown” and “Revolution in Poetic Language.” but, oh, you find Chomsky’s mathematical formalisms impressive? he took those from Schutzenberger. and not only is Chomsky a philosophical hack, but he’s a political hack too. what kind of unserious thinker impulsively decides to become an anarchist at 13 years of age, and then refuses to budge the slightest bit on his politics for the rest of his life? Chomsky is an overgrown, rhetorically sophisticated child. this is what I think

contemporary linguistics needs: mathematical Kristevanism. people like Tyler James Bennett have been making interesting strides in semiotics recently, but what I really wish would occur is a serious fusion of the formal methods of post-Chomskyan computational linguistics with the more sophisticated theoretical frameworks of Kristeva, Bennett, and their ilk.

i think if your listening age on spotify wrapped is older than your actual age it's cool and good and it makes you intelligent and interesting. if your listening age is below your actual age you need a psychiatric evaluation to understand why you're the way that you are

NYC nativism is one of the dumbest ideologies in existence... they are trying to gatekeep a revolving door

when the pope subtweets you on halloween lol

Shadows from the Walls of Death (1874) gathers real swaths of poisonous arsenic wallpaper sourced from stores across Michigan. Originally printed in a run of 100 copies, only 6 remain due to recipients fearfully destroying their copies:

その後子供たちの成長やシチリアでの邂逅で経年の許しや温かみが見られてしんみりするのも束の間、やっぱり「人を殺めるしかない」世界への悔恨と、その因果がラストの悲劇の叫びに繋がるなんて– R.I.P. Diane Keaton

the worst thing to come out of leftist culture is the idea that if you're not constantly researching and talking about injustices in the world you're somehow complicit. the ppl i know who fell into this culture literally can't post family vacation photos on ig without adding "i can't believe we get to go to the beach while there are starving children in gaza." zero starving children have been saved this way, but many well-meaning wokes have developed extremely neurotic fixations that absolutely tank their mental health bc of this culture.

We should try the Enlightenment. Not the actual Enlightenment but the straw man one postmodernists and posthumanists talked about that was supposedly committed to grand narratives of progress, the rational subject, and the control and domination nature. We should give that a go.

we thank the algorithm for protecting us and our account from those not meant to witness what is not theirs to know and only showing this to those worthy of seeing it thank you