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How Do You Want History to Remember You?

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We have probably all heard of the legendary Chinese curse, “May you live in interesting times.” We *live* in interesting times. And the question is: When this is all over (and someday it will be) and historians look back on our interesting time, how will you be remembered?

Conventional wisdom is that during the Revolutionary War only about a third of the American population was inclined to support the rebels. Another third were outright Tories and backed the king. The remaining third just wanted to keep their heads down and not be noticed. Who do we remember today? Which group do we celebrate?

The Nazis were never an outright majority in Germany, but very few Germans actively resisted. Most of them just wanted to keep their heads down and hope not to be noticed. It didn't work, and they suffered along with everyone else as Germany collapsed. Their “I didn't know” excuse didn't help them.

Our situation is not that dire...yet. But our interesting time demands that we take sides. Neutrality in the face of evil is not an option. Taking a side does not require extraordinary heroics. It just requires doing *something*. Making phone calls. Writing letters and postcards. Hosting meetings. Organizing your neighborhood. Donating to candidates and the Party. A thousand little acts of resistance become an unstoppable tidal wave. Each one is hardly noticeable. Together, they are inevitable.

The Germans in World War II could at least claim they had no idea just how bad it could become. We don't have that excuse. We know. The question is: How do you want future historians to remember this time? How do you want them to record your place in it? As someone who worked to save our democratic society and civilization or someone who just kept their head down and hoped to get by? Because no one will be able to say they didn't know this time.

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