

If at First You Secede

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The secessionists won.

Last year, I reported on the seemingly quixotic attempt by rural Oregonians to divorce themselves, politically, from the cosmopolitan woke-crazies in Portland, Salem and Eugene by voting via initiative, county by county, to leave to form a “Greater Idaho” with the neighboring state. Well, those secesh ballots were cast on the 18th, and voters in Malheur, Sherman, Grant, Baker, and Lake counties “approved various measures that require county officials to take steps to look into moving the Idaho border west to incorporate the counties.”

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The *Epoch Times* story, from which I learned the news, is oddly titled “Oregon Counties Vote to Secede Into Idaho.”

Well, one doesn't secede *into* anything, one secedes *from*.



The plan is, after secession, to *accede* into Idaho.

The opposite concept of secession being *accession*.

Disgruntled rural Oregonians are begging their governments to allow a double maneuver: secede-then-accede.

The secessionists won the vote, but what happens next? The idea that the Democratic-controlled state government in Salem would allow this is a stretch. And though Idaho's Republican governor hasn't pooh-poohed the idea, no guarantee there, either. Plus, the deal would take congressional approval.

Still, the secede-accede strategy makes sense — political bodies are less kludgy if made up of somewhat like-minded people, not people who cannot stand each others' guts. The sad truth of government today is that the malign intent of many is not “Divide and Conquer” but “Lump Us All Together and Glory in Making Our Opponents Pay and Pay and Pay for What They Hate.”

Arguably, this is driving us crazy.

And some to secession . . . and into new states.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.