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More on The Orange In the Oval: Stalin-wannabee or Confederate hero? We chronicle a week of “protect and serve”, tear down statues, consider racial resentment, and offer opinion on peaceful protests/riots. We decry the demise of separation, urge you to get tested (it’s easy now), and offer brilliance from Tolstoy, Auden, Trevor Noah, and the District 52 Republican in the Montana legislature. We binge, and I get bitch-slapped by readers. But first, let’s celebrate – with humanists everywhere (below), and with reasonable friends right here, on the sunniest day of the year ([page 5](#)). – JR

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 (THE SOLSTICE) IS WORLD HUMANIST DAY

In 1952, at the first World Humanist Congress, the founders of Humanists International agreed on a statement of the fundamental principles of modern Humanism. They called it ...

Amsterdam Declaration 2002

Humanism is the outcome of a long tradition of free thought that has inspired many of the world’s great thinkers and creative artists and gave rise to science itself.

The fundamentals of modern Humanism are as follows:

1. Humanism is ethical. It affirms the worth, dignity and autonomy of the individual and the right of every human being to the greatest possible freedom compatible with the rights of others. Humanists have a duty of care to all of humanity including future generations. Humanists believe that morality is an intrinsic part of human nature based on understanding and a concern for others, needing no external sanction.

2. Humanism is rational. It seeks to use science creatively, not destructively. Humanists believe that the solutions to the world’s problems lie in human thought and action rather than divine intervention. Humanism advocates the application of the methods of science and free inquiry to the problems of human welfare. But humanists also believe that the application of science and technology must be tempered by human values. Science gives us the means but human values must propose the ends.

3. Humanism supports democracy and human rights. Humanism aims at the fullest possible development of every human being. It holds that democracy and human development are matters of right. The principles of democracy and human rights can be applied to many human relationships and are not restricted to methods of

government.

4. Humanism insists that personal liberty must be combined with social responsibility. Humanism ventures to build a world on the idea of the free person responsible to society, and recognizes our dependence on and responsibility for the natural world. Humanism is undogmatic, imposing no creed upon its adherents. It is thus committed to education free from indoctrination.

5. Humanism is a response to the widespread demand for an alternative to dogmatic religion. The world’s major religions claim to be based on revelations fixed for all time, and many seek to impose their world-views on all of humanity. Humanism recognizes that reliable knowledge of the world and ourselves arises through a continuing process of observation, evaluation and revision.

6. Humanism values artistic creativity and imagination and recognizes the transforming power of art. Humanism affirms the importance of literature, music, and the visual and performing arts for personal development and fulfilment.

7. Humanism is a lifestance aiming at the maximum possible fulfilment through the cultivation of ethical and creative living and offers an ethical and rational means of addressing the challenges of our times. Humanism can be a way of life for everyone everywhere.

Our primary task is to make human beings aware in the simplest terms of what Humanism can mean to them and what it commits them to.

By utilizing free inquiry, the power of science and creative imagination for the furtherance of peace and in the service of compassion, we have confidence that we have the means to solve the problems that confront us all. We call upon all who share this conviction to associate themselves with us in this endeavor.

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INSTILLING FEAR IS NO WAY TO LEAD

Jonathan Engel

I recently saw a darkly comic movie called “The Death of Stalin”. It’s not much of a spoiler to say that early on in the movie, Stalin dies. But before he does we get an interesting glimpse of what happens when “leadership” is supposedly accomplished through fear and intimidation. People are paralyzed and nothing gets accomplished because to dare to act is too terrifying. If Stalin doesn’t like what you do, you’re a dead man walking. Much safer to do nothing, and at the same time of course, accomplish nothing.

In the world of management tools, fear and intimidation are all Trump has. He calls himself a great dealmaker, but tell me: what great deals has he made in the three-plus years he’s been president? As CEO of the Trump Organization, he’d work with small contractors who lacked his money, political clout, and stable of lawyers on retainer. The contractors would agree to take less than Trump owed them because Trump said take it or leave it, and if you leave it, I’ll pay you nothing. If you sue, I’ll tie you up in litigation that you can’t afford for years. Great “deal making”.

But foreign governments are not Mom and Pop businesses that can be bullied with threats, and that’s not the kind of shop that Nancy Pelosi is running over at the House of Representatives either. To make a real deal you have to give the other side something they want in exchange for something you want. Now that the bully has run up against people who won’t be intimidated, his toolbox is empty. His ham-fisted intimidation efforts are also bringing to him the one thing he probably fears most: humiliation. There’s nothing more ineffectual than a would-be bully who is the object of ridicule. From hiding out in the White House bunker to his ludicrous Bible photo-op, people are laughing at Trump. It’s hard to instill fear in people who think your histrionics are funny.

In modern day Putin-led Russia the leader has run into a different, but related, failure of fear. An article in *The New York Times* a few weeks ago told of the failure of Putin’s plan to give bonuses to front-line health workers battling Covid-19. Putin gave the order to make the payments to the regional leaders of Russia, but evidently they’ve been too scared to actually fork over the money to the doctors and nurses for whom it is intended. It turns out that in recent years spending too much of the Kremlin’s money has resulted in some not too pleasant experiences for the regional leaders. So they won’t pay the bonuses even if Putin wants them to because they’re terrified that he’ll change his mind. It would be funny if it wasn’t so pathetic, Putin being a victim of his own success in sowing terror throughout the country. Ruling through fear and terror can work for a while, but the efficacy of such tactics has an expiration date. Either like Trump you’ll eventually run into someone you can’t intimidate – at which point you’ll be left helpless – or like Putin you’ll scare people so out of their wits that they’ll be afraid to do anything, and so nothing will get done. In that case people will just wait for the dictator to die, after which actual reforms can begin. Either way, failure beckons.

THE LAST PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERACY

Eugene Robinson

(Excerpted from *The Washington Post*, 6/11/2020)

It should have happened 155 years ago, when Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, but maybe – just maybe – the Civil War is finally coming to an end. And perhaps Donald Trump, not Jefferson Davis, will go down in history as the last president of the Confederacy.

Symbols like flags and monuments matter, because what they symbolize is our vision of ourselves as a nation: the heroes, battles, movements, sacrifices and ideals we honor.

So when I see multiracial crowds toppling the statues of Confederate soldiers and politicians, when I see respected military leaders arguing that Army posts should no longer bear the names of Confederate generals, when I see NASCAR banning displays of the Confederate battle flag at its races – witnessing all of this, I let hope triumph over experience and allow myself to imagine that this may indeed be a transformational moment. ...

Like the Civil War itself, “Lost Cause” symbology is simply and entirely about white supremacy. It has nothing to do with “heritage” or “tradition” or any such gauzy nonsense. The heavily armed “liberate Michigan” mob that invaded the statehouse in Lansing, egged on by President Trump, had no historical reason to be waving the Confederate flag. That banner represents the knee that has been kept on the necks of African Americans not just for eight minutes and 46 seconds, the time Derek Chauvin spent crushing the life out of George Floyd, but for 401 years. ...

When it was reported that high-ranking Army officials are open to stripping the names of Confederate generals from military posts such as Fort Bragg, Fort Benning and Fort Hood, Trump reacted instantly. He tweeted that he “will not even consider the renaming of these Magnificent and Fabled Military Installations” ...

Trump may be historically ignorant enough not to know that the generals in question were traitors as famous for the battles they lost as for any of their triumphs; that ultimate victory went to the Union, not the Confederacy; and that the whole point of the rebellion was to deny freedom to African Americans. Or he may know these facts but believe his political base doesn’t. ...

Trump must be bewildered. Unsubtle appeals to racial animus (remember his “birther” lies) have always worked for him in the past, but now he seems to be flailing. If it turns out that the Lost Cause is finally, truly lost, then so is the president who made himself its champion.

ON TAKING DOWN CONFEDERATE STATUES

There are still people out there who are like, “Yeah, but if you take down the statues, how will people learn their history? These statues are about history.”

Read a book, stupid, *that* is how you learn history. No one really thinks that these statues are teaching anybody history. The bubonic plague was a major event in history – we don’t put up statues of rats. – *Trevor Noah*

A WEEK OF “PROTECT AND SERVE” IN AMERICA

(From Harper’s Weekly Review, June 9)

During last week’s protests across the United States, police officers arrested more than 10,000 people; assaulted at least 173 journalists; destroyed a medic tent in Asheville, North Carolina; used tear gas on protesters in Seattle after it had been banned by the city; pulled down a man’s face mask to pepper-spray him in Brooklyn; shoved a 75-year-old Buffalo activist onto the ground; groped, beat, and handcuffed a woman in Indianapolis; knee-choked a man for violating a curfew in Columbia, South Carolina; broke into a woman’s car and knee-choked her in Chicago; fractured the skulls of two students by firing “less-lethal” ammunition into a crowd in Austin, Texas; fatally teargassed Sarah Grossman, an environmentalist and recent Ohio State graduate, in Columbus, Ohio; and shot and killed David McAtee, a Rastafarian owner of a barbecue restaurant, while enforcing a curfew in Louisville, Kentucky. Body-camera footage was released showing that 22-year-old Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal was shot more than 20 times while running from the police in Salt Lake City. Police officers used assault weapons to fire more than 40 rounds at a stolen truck in Oakland, California, killing 23-year-old Erik Salgado and injuring his pregnant girlfriend.

I and the public know
What all schoolchildren learn,
Those to whom evil is done
Do evil in return. — *W.H. Auden*

A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE: CHOOSE YOURS John Rafferty

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DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF THIS MOMENT Jennifer Rubin

(Excerpted from The Washington Post, 6/8/2020)

An historic week does not mean fundamental change is on the way. No federal legislation has been passed. A racist president remains bunkered in the White House. To carry through on the promise of reform, Americans will have to keep the pressure up. They must remain peaceful and avoid squabble within an emerging multi-racial, multi-generation and ideologically diverse coalition. Most of all they must turn out in November like never before. Their votes at the ballot box will determine whether this is a fleeting moment or the beginning of a long overdue reckoning. We must all vote like our lives depend on it. Because they do.

RACIAL RESENTMENT: A PRIMER

(Based on and excerpted from CFI’s *The Morning Heresy*, 6/10/2020, and “Racial resentment varies widely among religious groups” on *religionnews.com*, 6/8/2020)

Measuring people’s true attitudes toward racial issues on surveys has long been one of the most difficult problems that social scientists face. However, in the last few decades scholars have developed methods that have helped us make progress in understanding the subtle ways that racist views not only persist but bubble to the surface in American society.

One of those has become known among researchers as racial resentment. Usually posed as a set of four questions, the racial resentment series presents the following statements — which some of us might recognize from discussions over the Thanksgiving table — and asks for respondents’ reactions, ranging from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”:

1. *Irish, Italians, Jews and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors.*
2. *It’s really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder they could be just as well off as whites.*
3. *Over the past few years, blacks have gotten less than they deserve.*
4. *Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class.*

Agreeing with statements 1 and 2 earns a respondent 1 point each. Disagreeing with statements 3 and 4 gains them another 1 point each. When added together it creates an index of resentment running from zero (no resentment) to 4.

Using this method, a survey taken in November 2018 showed that the distribution of racial resentment across American religious traditions varies widely. Unsurprisingly, perhaps, those who belong to historically black denominations scored lower than those that were predominantly white. Buddhists and Jews were the only nonblack faith group for whom a majority of adherents had scores of zero.

Historically black Christian denominations do better than majority-white ones, no surprise there, with 60 percent of white evangelicals and half of Catholics scoring a 3 or 4.

Now dig this: One significant outlier was atheists: Despite the fact that three-quarters of nonbelievers are white, 70.6 percent of them scored a zero on the scale.

Let’s not go patting ourselves on the back, there’s a lot more we need to do as a community, but it is striking to see the contrast between belief and nonbelief cast so starkly. Look at this: the more often white evangelicals or white Catholics attend church, the higher they score on resentment, whereas the more often nonwhite evangelicals and Catholics attend, the lower they score! Certainly many white evangelicals also hold anti-racist views — more than 14 percent of those surveyed scored zero on racial resentment. But overall the numbers run counter to the race “blindness” many white evangelicals have been arguing for in the face of the recent upheaval over race in our country.

THE QUIET DEMISE OF THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Nelson Tebbe, Micah Schwartzman, Richard Schragger

The First Amendment's Establishment Clause prohibits the government from making any law "respecting an establishment of religion". This has long been thought to prohibit direct government support for religion. The contours of that idea have been contested, and they have contracted over time. But the commitment to some form of separation of church and state has endured.

Yet in response to the coronavirus pandemic, Congress has approved a huge payout to small businesses and nonprofits that allows funding for clergy salaries — a direct payment of tax dollars for a core religious use that would have been unthinkable in previous eras.

Thousands of churches applied for help under the Paycheck Protection Program, and many have had their funding approved. We are witnessing an important moment in the nation's constitutional history: the quiet demise of the already ailing separation of church and state.

In 1785, James Madison, the chief architect of the Establishment Clause, argued against a Virginia bill that would have paid for clergy salaries with tax dollars, even though it would have supported a relatively wide range of denominations. ... He believed it was a violation of religious freedom to "force a citizen to contribute three pence only of his property" to pay for the salaries of clergy, a mandate he saw as an "establishment" of religion by the government. Thomas Jefferson made much the same point in his religious freedom bill, which became the law in Virginia.

The Paycheck Protection Program violates the constitutional rule requiring the separation of church and state, and it does so on an enormous scale. Nine thousand Catholic parishes have received loans so far. ... 40 percent of all Protestant churches had applied for government funds and 59 percent of those applications were approved. The Jewish Federations of North America reported in late April that 575 organizations had received loans

What is remarkable is not that the federal government is spending tax dollars for religious uses in a way not seen before, or even that it is doing so on a vast scale. It's how little pushback this program has elicited. With respect to public funding of religion, the separation of church and state has all but disappeared, without a bang or even a whimper. ...

We should take a moment to reflect on what has happened and to reckon with a new constitutional structure in which the government supports the central missions of religious organizations on a large scale. The entanglement of church and state will bring predictable conflicts: efforts by religious groups to control government and by the government to control religious groups. The risk of government favoritism for some religions over others, and for religion over nonreligion, will be heightened.

In other words, the new church-state paradigm will raise the very dangers that Madison and Jefferson warned of when they articulated principles of religious freedom for our country.

IT AIN'T OVER 'TIL IT'S OVER. AND IT AIN'T.

Christopher Wilson

(Excerpted from news.yahoo.com, 6/11/2020)

While many countries are seeing a decline in COVID-19 cases, infections in the U.S. appear to be spiking.

In a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention document dated June 9, the U.S. had the highest spike of percentage change in daily cases, with a 36.5 percent jump in recent days. Of the top 10 countries in total cases, that is the biggest spike by a significant margin, compared with drops in cases in Brazil, Spain, Italy, Germany and Iran and growths of under 5 percent in Russia, India and Peru.

A June 9 FEMA document shows the same spike in cases. The rolling average of deaths in the U.S., per the FEMA document, is starting to trend up over 1,000 per day.

According to tracking from Johns Hopkins University, the United States has had more than 1.9 million positive cases of the coronavirus and 112,000 deaths, the highest reported in either category of any country in the world.

YOU CAN GET TESTED, QUICKLY, EASILY

Joel Galker

I received this email from Governor Cuomo:

Testing remains a top priority. There are now more than 800 COVID-19 testing sites across the state. More information on where and how to get tested for COVID-19 is available at:

coronavirus.health.ny.gov

I looked-up my zip code and found five or six sites within walking distance from where I live. It's probably easier to get tested than find a parking space. The new normal is getting to look like the old one.

ANOTHER REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLAR

Being interviewed by *Billings Gazette* reporter Holly Michels June 4, Republican Rodney Garcia said he was concerned there were "socialists everywhere" in Billings, Montana, which he represents in the state legislature (District 52). But there is a remedy, he said.

"So actually in the Constitution of the United States, [if you] are found guilty of being a socialist member you either go to prison or are shot."

It sits on a man's back, choking him and making him carry me, and yet assure myself and others that I am very sorry for him and wish to ease his lot by all possible means — except by getting off his back. — *Leo Tolstoy*

WHAT I MUST REMEMBER EVERY TIME I LOG ON TO AMAZON

A civilization without retail bookstores is unimaginable. Like shrines and other sacred meeting places, bookstores are essential artifacts of human nature. The feel of a book taken from the shelf and held in the hand is a magical experience, linking writer to reader. — *Jason Epstein*

WHAT WE'RE BINGEING IN LOCKDOWN

I am bingeing "The Sopranos". My wife and I have binged and enjoyed "Unorthodox" (of which the book club will do the book version), "Anne with an E", and "Shtisel". My wife is bingeing "Srugim", "Bosch", "A Place Called Home", "The Durrells of Corfu", and "Inspector Montalbano"; I have watched some episodes of my wife's bunch with her, but then gave up. – *Chic Schissel*

What I'm bingeing: OPERA! The Met (metopera.org) releases for on-demand streaming one film from their archive every night, available only from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 the next evening. From recent HD shown in movie theatres to older legendary performances. A chance to catch up on favorites (in my case, "Eugene Onegin" with a for-the-ages cast of Dmitri Hvorostovsky and Renee Fleming) and performers who are retired (Natalie Dessay) or have left our world (Hvorostovsky). Or to sample for free something one would hesitate to pay in-the-house prices for. You can sign up for emails with their weekly schedule. I don't think they have repeated one yet, but we can hope.

For those like me who are more than a little bored with the Met's schedule of warhorses, however great and deserving those works, operavision.eu is a treasure house. Productions from dozens of European houses (Komische Oper Berlin contributes quite a few), including operas I have never heard of ("Der Schmied von Ghent" by Shreker; "Cleopatra's Pearls" by Oscar Strauss; "Violanta" by Korngold, all Weimar-era). Productions are available for a limited time, but more than the 23 hours the Met allows. There's a tab called Flashback that lists the ones no longer available; I almost cried to see what I had missed. I caught, just in time, a wonderful silly production of Handel's "Xerxes" (loosely based on Herodotus) by the Deutsche Oper Am Rhein, but it's no longer available. Both sites are free and easy to access (no accounts or passwords), with high quality films, English subtitles, and short articles and interviews in the works. – *Cheryl Payer*

Bingeing on history and some good movies ... Al Pacino films and mostly British fare. – *Deeya Pavelle*

We are bingewatching "Madam Secretary" and "The West Wing". – *Bob Murtha and Charley Pomerantz*

Bingeing "Unorthodox", a four-part story (on Netflix) about a woman who decides to leave a strict Jewish sect in Brooklyn. Compelling story. – *John Wagner*

The 6-part, 6-hour BBC production of "Wolf Hall", which I watched in 2015 after reading the first two books of the Hilary Mantel trilogy on Thomas Cromwell (Mark Rylance) and Henry VIII (Damien Lewis) – and again now, over two nights, as I read the final (700+ page) book. – *John Rafferty*

I'm bingeing paper and pencil puzzles and Isaac Asimov's *Foundation* series. – *Dorothy Kahn*

REASONABLE NEW YORK VIRTUAL SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION 2020 SATURDAY, JUNE 20 5:00 – 6:00 PM ON ZOOM

<https://zoom.us/j/5918350833>

Celebrate our hemisphere's longest and sunniest day with friends and fellow Reasonable New Yorkers!

Raise a glass at precisely 5:43 pm to ring in Summer at the very moment of its arrival!

READERS RESPOND

To the Editor: While I enjoyed much of your current issue, I am deeply offended by your support of looting, rioting and property destruction in your posting of the "best twitter exchange" ("Maybe the Best Twitter Exchange of All Re Minneapolis and the 'Riots'", PIQUE, 6/9/2020).

The looters and rioters should be punished to the full extent of the law (just as should police engaging in violence against civilians). Instead, you celebrate them. That puts you as far away from my views as those of Trump supporters.

Please remove my name from your mailing list as soon as possible. Sincerely yours – *Milton Verstandig*

To the Editor: Count me among those who concur with the notion that "If you loot, riot, and destroy, you lose all credibility, in my eyes, to protest injustice." The looters, vandals and arsonists rampaging through American cities in the wake of the death of George Floyd were not interested in fighting "injustice". Their agenda focused on stealing and wanton destruction not as a means to an end, but as an end in itself. Their ranks included grab and run opportunists and anarchists who cared not a whit for the injustice inflicted on the owners of the looted and destroyed stores, many of them hard working immigrants and racial minorities themselves, or for their employees, who have now lost their livelihoods. Much of the destruction has taken place in poor minority areas whose residents depended on the gutted stores for shopping and employment. These communities may never fully recover.

The looters and rioters have no more advanced the cause of social justice and police reform than the white mobs who terrorized and destroyed large parts of New York City in the July, 1863 Draft Riots – lynching many African Americans and burning down the Colored Children's Orphanage on 5th Avenue in the process – advanced the cause of social justice and racial harmony in the city.

What the current generation of looters and rioters have advanced, along with the politicians and cable news talking heads who defend them, are Donald Trump's chances for reelection in November. – *Dennis Middlebrooks*

To the Editor: Great issue. – *Mary Orovan*

The Editor Replies: Win some, lose some. – *JR*

SHSNY CALENDAR: JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2020

FICTION BOOK CLUB ONLINE

The SHSNY Fiction Book Club meets online via Zoom, and will continue so for the duration of our enforced isolation.

To be included and notified of each meeting's link and password, email your address to Sharon Krutzel at sharonkrutzel@rcn.com

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 7:00 pm **THE SHADOW KING** Maaza Mengiste

Set during Mussolini's 1935 invasion of Ethiopia, *The Shadow King* takes us back to the first real conflict of World War II, casting light on the women soldiers who were left out of the historical record.

TUES, AUGUST 11, 7:00 pm **DOUBLE WHAMMY** Carl Hiaasen

Just for fun, follow the adventures of a news-photographer-turned-private-eye as he seeks truth, justice, and an affair with his ex-wife. A hilarious caper with unforgettable characters, including the lunatic ex-governor of Florida whose diet is roadkill.

TUESDAY, SEPT 8, 7:00 pm **ALOYSIUS THE GREAT** John Maxwell O'Brien

By Joyce scholar and author of *Alexander the Great: The Invisible Enemy* O'Brien, *Aloysius* debuts on June 16 in paper and e-formats.

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HUMANIST BOOK CLUB ONLINE

We continue online for the duration of our social distancing. Harry French will send the linking codes for the Zoom meetings. Send your address to: htfrench46@gmail.com
Meanwhile, do the reading ...

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 7:00 pm **BELIEVERS** *Faith in Human Nature* Melvin Konner

Conceding that faith is not for everyone, anthropologist Konner views religious people with a sympathetic eye, examining the nature of religiosity, and how it shapes and benefits humankind.

Believers shows us that for at least a large minority of humanity, the belief in things unseen neither can nor should go away.

THURS, AUGUST 6, 7:00 pm **UNORTHODOX:** *The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots* Deborah Feldman

Deborah Feldman grew up under a Satmar code of relentlessly enforced customs governing every aspect of her life. At nineteen, with a baby, she realized that she would have to forge her own path to happiness and freedom.

Now a very good Netflix series.

New! **THIRD THURSDAY GROUP** *First Meeting:*

THURS, JUNE 18, 7:00 pm
Regulars of the Humanist Book Club want more discussion, and so are starting a "Non-Book" club. To join, send your address to: htfrench46@gmail.com

HUMANIST HAPPY HOUR ONLINE

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 5:00 pm

Let's get together even when we can't get together – in a virtual Humanist Happy Hour (or longer), via Zoom. Get comfortable at your computer with your beverage of choice, or Cheetos, or cookies, or M&Ms – whatever makes you happy – and join 15, 20, or more of your fellow (and sororal) humanists in our Humanist Happy Hour!

Zoom in at ...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969398204?pwd=Y0NEQmdnbmNEc2dJUFUzSExWSGgvUT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6939 8204

Password: 292361

Join by Skype for Business

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969398204>

Note: We removed some of the log-in steps, so you should have an easier time joining the meeting.

New!

MONDAY MOVIES

First Meeting:

MONDAY, JULY 6, 8:00 pm *We'll discuss Woody Allen's* **"MANHATTAN"**

Movie buffs among us will meet every other Monday eve to discuss interesting and socially, humanistically relevant films. Here's how it works:

1. Together we'll choose a film.
2. You'll have 2 weeks to watch it at home, free or cheap rental.
3. We'll meet via Zoom to discuss it (probably over wine).

For our first flick, let's watch "Manhattan" (\$3.99 on Amazon Prime, YouTube, others), then discuss societal attitudes re older-man/younger-woman (or girl!) relationships then (1979) and now. Zoom-in info/details to come.