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What has happened to the American spirit? We've gone from "Give me liberty, or give me death!" to "Take care of me, please." Our colleges were once bastions of free speech; now they're bastions of speech codes. Our culture once rewarded independence; now it rewards victimhood. Parents once taught their kids how to fend for themselves; now, any parent who tries may get a visit from the police.

In *Not a Day Care*, Dr. Everett Piper, president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University and author of the viral essay, "This Is Not a Day Care. It's a University!," takes a hard look at what's happening around the country--including the demand for "safe spaces" and trigger warnings at universities like Yale, Brandeis, and Oberlin--and digs in his heels against the sad and dangerous infantilization of the American spirit.

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Amanda says

This book started out very strongly but ultimately ended up a disappointment when the author started injecting too many of his personal feelings and beliefs. DNF

Justin says

Such an important read and definitely a re-read for me in the near future. Every page just has something rich to offer in regards to what is happening in our universities. This book is written by an academic no doubt, but with the wonderful gift of being a communicator. It's very readable and rich at the same time. In short I totally agree with this book.....we've sacrificed truth and we're not better for it. Certainly not our university students. I gave this book a 5 star rating because the thoughts conveyed in this book are probably the best I've read on the topic of "safe spaces" and the manufactured fragile ego's of many young adults. I've loved this quote from pg. 122.

"Ideas have consequences. Education will always lead somewhere--either toward the liberty found in that which is right and just and real, or toward the slavery and ugly hell made of our own dysfunction. As C.S. Lewis states, "All your life long you are slowly turning...either into a heavenly creature or into a hellish creature: either into [one who] is in harmony with God...or one that is in a state of war and hatred with God...To be the one kind of creature is heaven: that is, it is joy and peace and knowledge and power [and liberty]. To be the other means madness...[and slavery]."

Jack says

Very Disappointing

This book started well, but drifted into nothingness. It seems true (To me, at least) that colleges have lost their way. I saw it in my graduate students and we see examples regularly in the press. Colleges have always been places for radicals, especially since the sixties. But today they seem to be churning out adolescents who are unprepared for reality. That being said, this book offers no real insight into causes, and proposes no workable solutions. It's just whining from another direction.

Trena says

A great reminder as we send our son to university next year. Coddling and low expectations won't help him achieve success.

Logan says

A very much needed book for a time such as this. Dr. Piper is direct, and often times blunt. In all honesty, this is the truth that needs to be said in a culture with a macabre fascination with fascist doctrines. Christian or not, read this book and wrestle with the statements within. Don't let your college safe spaces keep you from growing in knowledge and maturity.

Johnna Hyde says

Must read for those who love the next generation

How have we gotten to this place where everyone is so easily offended and no one is willing to listen to the other side? This book spells out the traps we have fallen into, the current state of affairs in American colleges and what is required to right the ship.

Aryssa says

Interesting look at what has happened to our higher education system, but gets a little high-and-mighty at the end.

Leslie Wiewel says

Bold, honest and refreshing!

Nancy Head says

My blog on Monday discusses ideas from this book.

Piper explains the state of America's college campuses today, and it's not a pretty picture.

The book is important. When we aren't on campus regularly, we don't realize what a different kind of world it can be. Here is a window into America's campuses currently.

Piper mentions Oklahoma Wesleyan University frequently in the first half of the book--almost to the point of seeming like a commercial.

Hang in. As I said the book is important.

Chris Lira says

I probably should have done a bit more screening before buying this book. The author does a decent job of relating the *absolute insanity* that pervades our college campuses these days- the safe zones, trigger warnings, microaggressions, the coddling, the hypocrisy of tolerance and inclusion, and the complete and vehement rejection of any differing opinions. But I did not realize that this book was heavily influenced by religion. That's not an anti-religion statement, but I just don't think that the way to fix all those problems is by reliance on scripture and faith. So, much of the book fell short for me in that regard.

tom donnells says

Truth About Academia in Our Society

Dr. Piper's well written and accurate views of Academia and our current students and facilities should be a wake-up to them. Having taught as an instructor at a local liberal arts college, I found Doctor Piper to be "spot on" with his views. During a recent discussion with a scientist from a prestigious American company, he told that the majority of new hires are unable to "cut it. I am truly concerned for America's future in the hands of our coloring book snowflakes. God's truth never changes. We must face life honestly, it is not a fairy tale.

Bobbie says

This is clearly the best non-fiction book I have read this year. Everyone would be wise to read it
