Our Responsibility To Protect Innocence

I really want to live in a world in which most people don't have to know about things like the #1 song in America, a song whose lyrics a number of people (who are likely at different spots on the political spectrum) rightly find horrifying.

Insofar as we can do nothing or little about an issue, it behooves us to limit our exposure to that issue. We shouldn't constantly bathe in outrage. I understand this and yet am failing myself.

That doesn't mean I shouldn't try to protect others.

There are billions of people who don't know about the latest political hypocrisy, "woke" overreach, leftist neologism, or cultural depravity with which we "tuned in" people bathe our brains each hour. Imagine the happiness of living life assuming the best about your common man and not attaching shame or fear to things as simple as sitting in a chair (now a "micro-aggression" of "manspreading" according to some).

Sadly, the innocent folks who haven't heard about the latest outrage are a dying minority.

I shouldn't try to bring more people – perfectly oblivious people – into the swarming vortex of "awareness" of the various gaping cracks in our culture. I shouldn't try to make people feel badly about their fellow men. I shouldn't take away innocence – once it's gone, it's gone forever.

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