

Meaning From Beauty



On January 10, 1963, Representative Albert Sydney Herlong Jr., a Democratic Congressman (1949-1969) introduced "Current Communist Goals" into the Congressional Record. The list was an excerpt from the book "The Naked Communist" written by Cleon Skousen. Goal #23 reads, "Control art critics and directors of art museums. "Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art."

Video: Tree Change Dolls

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG-7e1vaB18>

Watch the following video, and answer the discussion questions



Discussion Questions

- ★ *How can beauty enrich our lives? How can it help us see and share the light in the darkness of the world or our own pain and trials? Why do you think the communists thought it worth their time to target art and change it?*
- ★ *What influence does art have on society? What impact has beautiful art had in your life?*
- ★ *In the video, why do you think so many adults and kids were fans of the doll project? What do you find beautiful about the project? In what ways do you think the concept of beauty influences our kids? What do we want our kids to know about true beauty? In what ways are quality art and the doll project examples of capturing the sunshine?*