

REVEALED! The secret filth in the middle-class mind

Who are the middle-class people (MCPs)?

Well, for the purpose of this essay, we can define the MCPs as **the majority** in any society / country. Although this essay is about the middle-class people of **India**, the argument here should be applicable globally.

All people who are *not* part of the elites (the Establishment – people with power of all sorts, like political, administrative, financial, knowledge, machinery, technology, weaponry, muscle, religion, influence, fame, mind/thought-leadership) are non-elites, or the MCPs.

The MCPs include the so-called lower class (illiterate, or moderately educated, workers, laborers, or home-makers and university scholars) – anyone with vote, citizenship, passport, tax card, or some kind of ID card that classifies them as part of the “mainstream”.

So, in broad terms, the MCPs are the middle-class people as well as the underclass (the poor, the underprivileged, the downtrodden, the backward, the exploited and the oppressed).

Stated differently, all individual citizens, voters, consumers, technology-users, students, employees, workers, professionals, home-makers (housewives), labourers, tax-payers.... These non-elites can be called MCPs (also known as SUCKERS 😊).

What is the meaning of “filth” as used in the headline/title of this essay?

Well, here, *filth* may appear strong or harsh, but it is NOT. The word “filth” is used here to refer to selfishness combined with self-centredness and a self-absorbed lifestyle that is *not* tempered, offset or balanced with selflessness, altruism or community spirit. It is a social disease. This global pandemic bedevils almost every middle-class person’s (MCP’s) mind.

Filth here also refers to unwillingness among the MCPs to recognize and appreciate that we are all living in an inter-connected, inter-dependent world, society-wise as well as planet-wise, and that a symbiotic relationship between the individual and society/community/planet is essential, mandatory – *sine qua non* – for our very survival. Once the delicate balance is heavily skewed beyond restoration, violent anarchy and Nature’s cruel fury in the form of backlash or retaliation are inevitable. It would be a pity and shame if the MCPs do nothing to pre-empt both (anarchy and Nature’s fury) while there is still some time and opportunity to do so.

Filth refers to utter indifference, apathy, ignorance, ‘business-as-usual’ approach to life and living even when one’s home is on fire, and a feigned or professed sense of helplessness, powerlessness and hopelessness that the MCPs proffer as a lame excuse to do nothing remedial,

and continue to help perpetuate the status quo of a flawed, lopsided, failed system that is dragging everyone and everything inexorably toward the cliff edge and imminent implosion.

Filth also refers to demoniacal negativities and repugnant traits that have come to infect, and hollow out, the MCP psyche:

- Greed combined with selfishness, self-centredness and self-absorbed lifestyle
- Fear, cowardice, insecurity
- (Mental, intellectual, social, philosophical, spiritual) laziness/corruption;
- Learned ignorance; lack of overview, or global outlook
- Intolerance and lack of sincerity, self-introspection
- Mediocrity (lack of a spirit of excellence);
- Egotistical behavior, disunity, arrogance, hyper-individualism vis-à-vis peers/lower class; obsequiousness or lack of spine vis-à-vis evil forces; sucking up to the elites;
- Duplicity, hypocrisy, cussedness, chicanery, perfidy, treachery, cunning, shrewdness (fake soft-spokenness, fake diplomacy; fake modesty, fake humility, fake politeness, fake sweet demeanor)
- Addiction to pleasures, comforts, conveniences and "grey zone" (fence-sitting)
- Prejudice, bias, lack of flexibility in thinking, closed minds, obstinacy, intransigence, recalcitrance, and confirmation bias (invoking data/knowledge that suits them or reinforces / whitewashes their stance)
- Lack of empathy ("evil") and insensitivity to the woes of those labelled "collateral damage".

Why are the MCPs riddled with these negativities and horrible traits?

The MCPs are NOT to blame *fully* for this sorry state of affairs. The MCPs are NOT the villains. More like accomplices, co-villains, co-conspirators.

But they, being the majority, are complicit insofar as the current situation (the COVID-19 pandemic, economic inequality, restive societies, poverty, degraded planet and other existential threats to societies, the planet, and the space surrounding our planet) is concerned.

The real villains are the elites in combination with the system they have invented and cleverly perpetuated for ages, using various disguises for both themselves and the system. The villains (elites) have shrewdly co-opted the MCPs (non-elites) to implement their diabolical plans. By becoming selfish, egotistic, mediocre and greedy, the MCPs have unwittingly allowed themselves to become pawns in the hands of the elites in a game that will eventually not only disempower the MCPs but make them redundant and extinct, sooner than they could imagine.

What kinds of MCPs are, wittingly or unwittingly, helping perpetuate the flawed, failed, loaded system?

The MCPs guilty of this "heinous crime" can be broadly classified under the following FIVE categories:

1) Family-is-universe conformists: MCPs who swear by the “business-as-usual” and “mind-your-own-business” philosophies. They see themselves as “straight” or “straightforward” people. They may not directly harm others. They are law-abiding. They don’t take bribes. They live on “hard-earned” income. They pay taxes. They don’t make trouble. They try to maximize their ability to monetize their talent and returns on their investment in expensive education. They conform, comply. But, they are basically cowards. They are, of course, selfish. They ignore the inter-connected and inter-dependent nature of the system that affords them their comfortable lifestyle, but extracts a heavy price from others, and wreaks collateral damage on others, society and the planet. They rationalize by professing helplessness, or sayings like “life is not fair”, “life is full of harsh realities”, or “c’est la vie”; or they blame the authorities, the system, the higher-ups, so on. They hold everyone else except themselves responsible for the ills of society. They lack empathy, they lack a clear and robust conscience. In that sense, they are complicit; they are evil (or unwitting agents of evil).

2) The mediocre pretenders: These are the wily, slimy snakes, jackals, foxes, vultures and hyenas all rolled into one. They don’t have any intrinsic merit for the positions they hold, which they must have landed by sucking up to the evil forces, or putting up a pretentious act for which some people may have fallen hook, line and sinker, or through plain fraud or trickery. Or, it’s likely they are the beneficiaries of any of the following: others’ unconditional kindness; others’ spiritual acts; a stroke of pure luck; state largesse; government policy or subsidies; help extended by others due to pretenders’ manipulation or “sob story”. Pretenders are like impostors, impersonators, counterfeits, fakes: they have “secrets” to hide about their reality, their true nature and stature. They are adept at so-called “soft skills”. They are the “Yes-Men” (or “Yes-Women”). They think that in a pure merit-based system, they would stand no chance whatsoever. So, they see in the current flawed and failed system the only (and great) opportunity to thrive.

3) Ignoramuses: These are ignorant MCPs who entered the “game” with false mental models about the world in their head, and are committed to running the rat race on the treadmill because they have not prepared for anything else, they don’t know anything else to do, and hence would not like to change tack now, having invested time, money and energy already to get on to the treadmill to run the rat race. For them, a known evil is better than unknown good.

4) Compromisers: These are the MCPs who have made compromises in life on their values and principles due to “circumstances” or “practical aspects of survival”. They become (financially, intellectually, philosophically or spiritually) corrupt to a certain degree due to so-called exigencies, practical aspects, emergencies, harsh realities of life. They are ‘clever’ to “adapt” in order to thrive, without considering what is right or what is wrong, or the long-term consequences for themselves, their family, society and the planet. They are not bothered about “doing the right thing, no matter what” as everything is relative, to be interpreted as per their convenience and personal interests alone.

5) Toadies: These MCPs are a variant version of pretenders. Only, they are not even mediocre. They are pure acolytes, henchmen, sidekicks, hooligans of the elites. They can act like secret middlemen, agents, spies of the elites among the MCPs. They pretend to be on the side of good MCPs but can indulge in betrayals, treachery, or backstabbing. They survive on the crumbs

thrown at them by the evil elites. They are like loyal lapdogs or pet dogs of the elites. That is the only easy way they know to stay alive. They are the biggest votaries of the flawed, failed system.

So, how do the five types of MCPs operate in real life? How to recognize them? Do they have any characteristics or features?

Easy-peasy! Of course, they (MCPs – Middle-Class Persons) exhibit certain features (in addition to traits described earlier). They are easy to recognize.

- MCPs are delusional, in the sense that they have an exaggerated sense of self-importance (due to identification with their system-implanted ego). They don't realize they are mediocre, insignificant, inconsequential unless they transcend their mediocrity and pursue excellence. Nor do they realize their genes may be mediocre – meaning, their children may also be fated (or condemned by the ecosystem of culture and socioeconomic factors) to be mediocre, unless there are some exceptions, who only prove the rule.
- MCPs have a tremendous incapacity for self-introspection. They suffer from an inability to look within with sincerity and honesty due to lack of courage.
- MCPs do not have a global outlook nor an overview of the system they were born into. They have no insight into the system that they are part of. They live like a herd.
- At an individual level, a typical MCP believes it is enough for him/her to focus only on his/her job, career or domain all his life. At an external level, the domain / profession becomes his/her universe. At an internal level, self and family become his universe. All else is irrelevant. Tunnel vision is ok. There is no need for “knowledge” of this or that. No need for in-depth insights. Some higher-ups, geniuses, “big people”, “bigshots”, are out there to manage and run the systems and the world. That is their job. For an MCP, his/her job is to merely comply and play the role scripted by the system. That is all there is to life, and to being a member of community, society, nation, or race. Socializing means hanging out or interacting with some select colleagues, “accomplices”, relatives, same-language / same-region types, “like-minded” pals (and, where possible, conniving with them to work against the interests of all “others” – fellow MCPs unlike them, the “they” who are not like “us”).
- MCPs have an unrecognized (or little recognized) presumption that life is all about somehow securing a livelihood (job, vocation, trade, profession, business, etc) and working his/her ass off, to the “best” of his/her ability to earn a living, even if they are not aware that their “best” is actually not even mediocrity but “below average” by the world's top standards. MCPs believe that once they pay taxes, don't break any law, and follow social norms and customs (like marrying someone or the other, begetting one or

two or more children, and raising and educating their children, looking after old parents), there is nothing else they need to do in life and in / for the community, and the system (society/community), Life, Nature/God owe them a good life endlessly. They feel entitled. And they tend to take things for granted. They profess ignorance that the same system is creating heavy collateral damage elsewhere, for which they feel they are not responsible at all either directly or indirectly. MCPs find it convenient to think / believe that they are the “victims” of the system and the elites. Little do they introspect and realize they are actually the enablers of the elites and co-conspirations, accomplices and co-perpetrators, from the perspective of the underclass. MCPs believe (wrongly) that there won’t be any adverse consequences of this approach to their own (and family’s) life, living and future.

And when such consequences eventually do catch up with them like bad *karma*, wages of sin, or inescapable outcome of “efforts”, and disrupt their (and their family’s) lives beyond expectation, imagination, and throw all their lifelong plans and dreams haywire, MCPs remain defiant, arrogant, ignorant, unrepentant, vainly hopeful, busy-busy, in denial, delusional, intellectually lazy, and averse to self-introspection and inner review. And until the unrelenting pain of the dissolving pattern of their unsustainable and untenable cocoon-like comfort zone becomes intolerable or unbearable, MCPs remain adamant, intransigent, and recalcitrant.

- MCPs get carried away by their own delusions, narratives, make-believe, hypocrisy, duplicity, and also believe the rest of the world takes their cock-and-bull stories, their projected personalities, for real. So, on online social media, MCPs exchange greetings, feel-good or motivational content, devotional messages, slides of quotes, links to this scathing article, that incisive or exhaustive analysis, and the other, etc – an extension of “soft skills” they practise in the physical dimension. And they believe, wrongly, that such self-deceiving tricks, combined with tax payments, abiding by the legal / constitutional law, complying with the social rules, and upholding of cultural customs and traditions, make them responsible, virtuous and conscientious citizens or community members.

And those who become aware that their game is up, and those “wise” and “smart” MCPs who are aware that make-believe never really works in the long term, or that they have no more any need anyway to “impress” others (because they imagine they are already super-evolved; or because keeping a ‘low profile’ gives them additional ‘mental bandwidth’ to focus on whatever sinful, selfish or self-centered activities they are busy with; or because social interaction would “expose” their true side) stay silent, indifferent, apathetic, non-committal, aloof, reclusive ... and try to pass it off as wisdom, virtue, or try to portray it as a result of hectic life, life circumstances beyond control, or as individual preference.

- MCPs have deep fuzz in their heads. Their vision is short-term-oriented. They can’t see deeply into anything nor into the logical future (not in the sense of fortune-tellers).

Meaning, if you imagine MCPs as chess players, then they can typically think of only the next one or two moves. They live on a day-to-day basis, but in a perverse sense, not in the “live in the moment” manner associated with wise people. The only long-term plan or road map they have in their head is the “content”, or life progression narrative, implanted into their brains via mass communications like advertisements, movie portrayals, fiction, myths or stories (“*get a degree, get a job, make compromises, maximize income somehow, save a lot, enjoy a lot, just follow the system, don’t rock the boat, comply*”).

- MCPs have no clue as to how to reconcile their hypocrisy and duplicity vis-à-vis the spirit-and-matter dichotomy. When the consequences come home to roost, they don’t know how to deal with them. They try to dissolve their guilt and suppress their conscience through sporadic acts of charity or donation, or through pilgrimages, or through escapisms into addictions, fantasies, vices, or super-hectic lifestyles.
- MCPs assume the ability to suppress conscience or disregard guilt is a great art or skill, until the consequences of such an approach hit them hard, below the belt. Until then, however, MCPs assume conscientious people are weak idiots who “don’t know how to live, succeed and thrive in this world”.
- MCPs’ motto is that it’s okay to be “sinful”, that’s the “nature of the world”, “that’s how life is”. People who get caught “are idiots”. So: “Don’t get caught, but continue to ‘sin’ as long as possible. If you do get caught out, too bad, suffer.”
- MCPs are slaves of this vice or that addiction: substance abuse, drugs, alcohol, crass consumerism, jewelry, fashion, luxury goods, gadgets, carnal indulgences, so forth.
- MCPs believe the current socioeconomic system (of the last 100-150 years) is how life is to be lived, that it is the only natural, possible way, that this is how life always was and will be. They don’t have any sense of history, evolution, life, cosmos or long-term perspective on how societies / communities evolve, nor about the individual-community dynamic.

For a forecast of what kind of future awaits the MCPs the world over, click/tap [here](#).