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The question on condescension arises from this WaPo op ed: [Why are liberals so condescending?](#)

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Roger Pilon

Vice President for Legal Affairs, Cato Institute :

Are liberals contemptuous of conservatives? Why not at all! For many a liberal, especially in the academy, conservatives are quite *beneath* contempt! We all remember the eugenics movement, don't we -- the darling of the Progressives of the day? How are you going to improve the human race if you allow *those* people to procreate?! Indeed, who said it better than the sainted Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, the Yankee from Olympus, concluding his decision upholding Virginia's sterilization statute with the ringing words, "Three generations of imbeciles are enough."

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