

## The post-modern recipe

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Are you too busy to read in detail about current events, their significance and historic context? Are you too distracted to think deeply about complex, multi-faceted issues facing us? And yet, do you wish to appear learned, informed and open-minded?

No problem! Just hop on the bandwagon. Declare yourself anti-Israel (extra points for using the word Zionist). Voice your grave concerns about man-made global warming (I meant climate change). Position yourself as an advocate of gay rights. Vote for minority politicians only because they are minority. Advocate universal this or that (example: health care). Express your disdain for the "War on Women." Those who criticize a person of racial minority for any reason: call them racist.

Demonstrate your peace-loving nature by saying that you are against all wars, no matter the consequences of not fighting them. Watch the Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert shows and be up to speed on their latest humor. Blame everything on white people, particularly the male gender. Criticize the rich. Pepper your talk with "tolerance" and "diversity." Champion gun control. Relativize (and trivialize) every moral argument by using the qualifier "post-modern."

Congratulations! Following this easy recipe, you now sound enlightened, sophisticated and forward-looking.

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