

"The characteristics Eco listed above make the far Right uniquely willing to play on the powerful human tendency to invent enemies to define themselves against, be it China, the US, India, or Europe immigrants, LGBT persons, feminists and minorities—all are grist to the far Right's mill. Cast as existential threats, thanks to what Eco terms the far Right's 'Armageddon complex'

. In 2015 Eco complained that: 'Social media gives legions of idiots the right to speak when they once only spoke at a bar after a glass of wine, without harming the community . . . now they have the same right to speak as a Nobel Prize winner. It's the invasion of the idiots.'"