

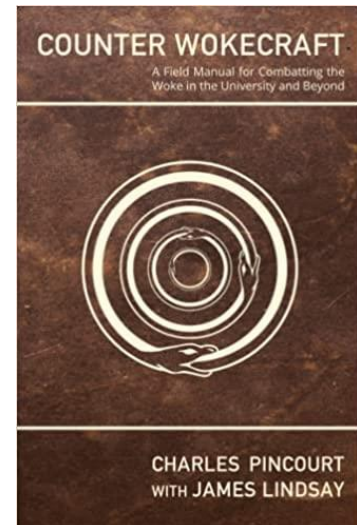
“Expose of the Nefarious Tactics of Wokism and
How to Fight Back”

a review by Dick Burkhart of

Counter Wokecraft

A Field Manual for Combatting the Woke in
the University and Beyond

By Charles Pincourt with James Lindsay (2021)



The Woke Inquisition has taken over many university departments and moved to schools, churches, non-profits and more. Sometimes it bursts forth as a vicious personal attack – a “cancellation” or “deplatforming” – most often against some hapless innocent. The target might have written something that was misinterpreted by a Woke squad trained to search for purported signs of covert racism, white supremacy, or sexism. This is much like the McCarthyites of the 1950s who were trained to look for signs of covert communism, often finding what they were looking for, whether it was actually there or not.

But this book by a professor using a pseudonym backs up and examines how the Woke takeover academic departments and how to fight back to prevent this from happening. Similar stealth tactics and deceptions are used to target other organizations. Dishonest and unethical behavior are to be expected from the Woke, because it has become a kind of fundamentalist religion (see McWhorter’s book on Woke Racism as a religion). Hint: It’s all about power, with idealistic ends justifying nefarious means = nasty power plays.

At the beginning the Woke will try to insert Woke words into documents. These are nice-sounding words assigned disputable Woke meanings, which will be invoked later to justify more serious maneuvers. Pincourt calls these “crossover words” – like “diversity, equity, and inclusion” – who could object? Well just look these up in James Lindsey’s <https://newdiscourses.com/tag/translations-from-the-wokish/>

One level up, the Woke will try to subvert fair-minded decision making. For example, they will say that a secret ballot is not needed, because they want to be able to intimidate anyone who votes against them by false references to racism, white supremacy, or sexism. More generally they often object to Roberts Rules of Order or anything similar, again so they can implement some kind of power play.

A top priority for the Woke is to recruit Woke allies, usually in disguise, to facilitate their power plays.

Pincourt goes on to describe some of the nastier things he has seen. These include bullying, ad hominin attacks (= personal attacks), “assume guilt, demand proof of innocence”, “intentional misinterpretation”, “using consensus as coercion” (p 32). I’ve seen some of these myself – in a church setting.

More subtle is the “Motte and Bailey Rhetorical Technique”. In medieval terminology, “the motte is a ... tower on a mound that is easy to defend”, while “the bailey is the courtyard below the motte ... that is more difficult to defend but more pleasant to inhabit”. The point is that the Woke may start from, or retreat to, an easy to defend position – the motte – when their true goal is a more difficult to defend position – the bailey. With the motte secure, they’ll try to maneuver into the bailey, especially if they’ve constructed a trojan horse, such as special crossover words. It’s like a “bait and switch” sales job.

Finally Pincourt categorizes the Woke micro-tactics – subterfuge, exaggerating support, and quelling dissent and how they correspond to early-stage, then middle-stage, and on to late-stage entrenchment. He advises to be especially aware of the words “critical” and “diversity” and to seek alternate wording for clarity. Above all identify and train allies for resisting Woke advances, do your homework, and organize.

Note that many people are only Woke-proximate and could be educated and persuaded. To help you, Pincourt provides a substantial list of typical Woke misrepresentations and violations of logic and ethics.