AMUSING OURSELVES TO DEATH by Stuart McMillen  May 2009

ALDOUS HUXLEY  vs.  GEORGE ORWELL

Author: "Brave New World"  Author: "Nineteen Eighty-Four"
WHAT ORWELL FEARED WERE THOSE WHO WOULD BAN BOOKS.
WHAT HUXLEY FEARED WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REASON TO BAN A BOOK, FOR THERE WOULD BE NO ONE WHO WOULD WANT TO READ ONE.

"THE BIGGEST LOSER" WILL BE BACK AFTER THESE MESSAGES...
ORWELL FEARED THOSE WHO WOULD DEPRIVE US OF INFORMATION.
Huxley feared those who would give us so much that we would be reduced to passivity and egotism.
ORWELL FEARED THE TRUTH
WOULD BE CONCEALED FROM US.
HUXLEY FEARED THE TRUTH WOULD BE DROWNED IN A SEA OF IRRELEVANCE.

“TRY THE NEW DRUG TO LOSE WEIGHT WITHOUT DIETING OR EXERCISE...”

“STAY TUNED TO WIN C-C-COLD HARD CASSSHHH...”
ORWELL FEARED WE WOULD BECOME A CAPTIVE CULTURE.
Huxley feared we would become a trivial culture, preoccupied with some equivalent of the feelies, the orgy porgy and the centrifugal bumblepuppy.
As Huxley remarked in "Brave New World Revisited" the civil libertarians and rationalists who are ever on the alert to oppose tyranny "failed to take into account man's almost infinite appetite for distractions."
IN “NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR”, PEOPLE ARE CONTROLLED BY INFlicting PAIN.

MINISTRY OF PEACE

IN “BRAVE NEW WORLD”, PEOPLE ARE CONTROLLED BY INFlicting PLEASURE.

BIG BROTHER COMPOUND

*Dreamworld*
IN SHORT, ORWELL FEARED THAT WHAT WE HATE WILL RUIN US.

HUXLEY FEARED THAT WHAT WE LOVE WILL RUIN US.

ALL WORDS FROM "AMUSING OURSELVES TO DEATH: PUBLIC DISCOURSE IN THE AGE OF SHOW BUSINESS" BY NEIL POSTMAN...

... A BOOK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT HUXLEY, NOT ORWELL, WAS RIGHT.