Do you know what a liberal is?

The root word for liberalism is liberalis, which means of or pertaining to freedom, dignified, honorable, generous, bountiful, ample. Liberalism is a political philosophy or worldview founded on ideas of liberty and equality. Liberals espouse a wide array of views depending on their understanding of these principles, but generally they support ideas such as free and fair elections, civil rights, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, free trade, and private property rights. Famous liberals include but are not limited Rousseau, Voltaire, and Locke. Locke who influenced Thomas Jefferson so much that Jefferson's Declaration of Independence has been considered a plagiarization of Locke's Two Treatises of Government. It is directly where James Madison's idea of separation of power comes from when he was writing the U.S. Constitution.

Now, I don't know what political philosophy you subscribe to, but I do know that why you scoff at liberalism, you scoff at the very foundation this nation was built upon.

Often people hear the political punditry say it, and think they sound smart and repeat it, not unlike a child repeats words from parents, but the fact remains, even when political pundits say it, and use it as a pejorative, it doesn't not make them appear educated or intelligent, they appear quite the opposite.