Ten years on from his death, the Czech dissident and former leader may be a hero to the Right, but his ideas were radically egalitarian.

The enduring legacy of Vaclav Havel

When he came to power after the “Velvet Revolution,” Havel was conspicuously forgiving toward his former enemies and other collaborators. Some blamed him for this, but he maintained his position.

Madeleine Albright became the first female Secretary of State on January 23, 1997. She now holds both the Order of the White Lion and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Twenty years after he led the Velvet Revolution, paving the way for the rise of democracy in Eastern Europe, Václav Havel, a playwright and dissident who became free Czechoslovakia’s first president and Czech Republic’s first Huller of the Order of the White Lion and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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Do you feel it’s exciting to interview a celebrity? It may not be what you think it is, our Jim Beckerman says.