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## THE RISE AND FALL OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT PART III – INSTITUTIONAL FAILURE

ALL STATES AND ALL SOCIETIES HAVE INSTITUTIONS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER — TOTEM DANCING BY ALASKAN “INDIAN” TRIBES, HEAD SHRINKING BY THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE JUNGLES OF LATIN AMERICA, BOTH THE ELECTORAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE MONARCHIES THEY REPLACED IN THE WESTERN WORLD, BANKS, LIBRARIES, UNIVERSITIES, MUSEUMS, LAWS, SOVEREIGNTY AND, PERHAPS THE MOST ENDURING, THE TRIBE AS IT APPEARS IN ITS MANY FORMS AND DISGUISES THROUGHOUT HISTORY.

INSTITUTIONS IN THEIR TREMENDOUS VARIETY RENDER GREAT SERVICE TO MANKIND. THEY CAN PROVIDE A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE OF JOINED INTEREST CAN COME TOGETHER AND MULTIPLY THEIR ENERGY.

THEY CAN PROVIDE CONTINUITY TO HUMANS THAT ARE MADE AWARE FROM THEIR EARLIEST YEARS THAT LIFE CAN BE PERILOUS AND THAT DEATH IS ASSURED. IT’S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.

AFTER DEATH, WE EXPERIENCE GENETIC CONTINUITY AND ARE SURVIVED BY OUR PROGENY. INSTITUTIONS EXTEND THE SAME CAPABILITY TO OUR THOUGHTS, ART, PROPERTY AND VALUES.

INSTITUTIONS ALLOW US TO COLLECT, GATHER, ORGANIZE, EVALUATE AND GIVE ACCESS TO OUR SOCIETIES’

EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES. THEY CAST A LONGER AND LARGER SHADOW THAN A MAN CAN, AND BEAR WITNESS TO THEIR “WHOLE” BEING GREATER THAN “THE SUM OF ITS PARTS”.

THEY ARE WHAT WE ATTACH OURSELVES TO IN ORDER TO CREATE SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, POLITICAL AND SPIRITUAL COHERENCE. THEY DEMAND FROM US AS WE DO FROM THEM, AND THEY BETRAY US, ALSO, AS WE DO THEM. THEY CAN BE SPIRITUAL OR SECULAR, PRIVATE OR PUBLIC, RELATED TO GOVERNMENT, COMMERCE, RELIGION, EDUCATION OR THE ARTS. OFTEN SILENTLY, BUT SOMETIMES NOT, THEY PROVIDE A TYPE OF TISSUE THAT STRENGTHENS SOCIETIES AND CAN RESIST THE OVERLY EMOTIONAL RESPONSES OF AROUSED CITIZENS.

THEIR STRENGTH IS THERE, FOR ALL WHO WISH TO USE IT PROPERLY, TO COMMUNICATE, TO BOND, TO EXPRESS OPINION, TO PRESS FOR OR TO RESIST CHANGE. AND THEY CAN BE ABUSED AND TURNED TO THE PURPOSES OF CRIMINAL AUTHORITY AS THE FORCES OF COMMUNISM AND FASCISM HAVE DONE IN OUR TIME, AND BY OTHERS BEFORE.

MUCH OF THE TROUBLE COMING OUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST RESULTS FROM THE UNBALANCED NATURE OF ITS INSTITUTIONS, THE MOST POWERFUL OF WHICH IS ISLAM, WHICH RULES OUT ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT RELIGIOUS BELIEF OR CONDUCT AND WHICH CONTROLS ALL OTHER AREAS OF SOCIAL

**IN THIS ISSUE:** WE CONTINUE OUR HISTORICAL VIEW OF AMERICA’S GROWING INSTITUTIONAL FAILURES AS THEY PLAY OUT IN OUR CURRENT IMMIGRATION, MSM, DEPT. OF JUSTICE AND IRS ACTIVITIES. THESE ARE AREAS OF GOVERNMENT WHICH WE HAVE EXPLORED PREVIOUSLY FOR THEIR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS. HERE WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THEIR INSTITUTIONAL ROLES AND CHARACTER.

**IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:** WE WILL COVER THREE MORE IMPORTANT INSTITUTIONS — OUR CAPITALISTIC ECONOMY, FOREIGN POLICY AND OUR LAGGING EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. THIS WILL CONCLUDE OUR SERIES ON INSTITUTIONAL FAILURE.

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EXPRESSION AS WELL — COMMERCE, ART, EDUCATION, DRESS, DIET — AND OFFERS ITS OWN CODE OF LAW TO ENFORCE ITS EXTENSIVE MIX OF SPIRITUAL AND SECULAR COMMANDS.

ANOTHER ASPECT OF MIDDLE EASTERN HISTORY CONTRIBUTES TO ITS SOCIETAL PROBLEMS. POWER AND STATUS ARE HELD AND TRANSFERRED BY TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP AND ITS MOSTLY PATRIARCHIAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNANCE. THE COMBINATION OF NON-ELECTORAL POLITICAL POWER HELD BY PROGENY WITH A SINGLE RELIGION THAT BROOKS NO COMPETITION, WHILE DOMINATING EVERY FACET OF STATE AND INDIVIDUAL LIFE, HAS BECOME AN INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS ELEMENT IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REGION AND WELL BEYOND.

FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE NEAR EAST EXISTED AS A MOSTLY POOR, AGRICULTURAL AREA THAT SERVED AS A WAYSTOP ON THE LAND TRADE ROUTES BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE ORIENT. OCCASIONALLY, MILITARY EFFORTS WERE LAUNCHED NORTHWARD TO PENETRATE EUROPE, THE MOST SUCCESSFUL OF WHICH ENABLED A MUSLIM PRESENCE IN SPAIN. PERMANENT CONQUEST, WHETHER IN SPAIN, THE BALKANS OR RUSSIA WAS NOT ACHIEVED, BUT CULTURAL IMPRINTS FROM MUSLIM OCCUPATION ARE STILL EVIDENT IN TODAY'S POPULATIONS.

AT THE TURN OF THE 19TH TO 20TH CENTURIES, OIL AND MONEY IN LARGE AMOUNTS TRANSFORMED THE REGION. THE MUSLIM CALIPHATE GAVE WAY AFTER WWI TO A GROUP OF ENTITIES NEWLY CREATED BY THE VICTORIOUS GREAT POWERS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH CONTINUING INFLUENCE, WEALTH AND POWER.

THE LINES ON THE MAPS DRAWN IN LONDON AND PARIS ESTABLISHING THESE NEW "NATIONS" SEEMED TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE DAY, BUT BORE LITTLE RELATION TO HISTORIC TRIBAL/CULTURAL PATTERNS OF LIFE IN THE NEAR EAST. WITH THIS NEW MAP FOR THE REGION AND THE SOCIAL/POLITICAL TURMOIL IT BROUGHT ABOUT, ISLAM'S HISTORIC, DOMINANT ROLE WAS EVEN FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY THE WEALTH BEING PRODUCED FROM ITS LANDS.

BY THE END OF WWII OIL WAS WELL ON ITS WAY TO CHANGING THE WORLD — ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY. THE ONE INSTITUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT SURVIVED MUCH OF THE CHANGE WAS ISLAM. IT IS NOW RICHER, STRONGER, MORE AGGRESSIVE THAN EVER AND ECUMENISM IS NOT ON ITS "TO DO" LIST. IN A NUCLEAR AGE WHEN INSTANT COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY BRING THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFRONTATION CLOSER FOR

ALL, THE INSTITUTION OF GLOBAL ISLAM MUST BE FACED.

IF IT IS NOT, AND IF IT IS ABLE TO PURSUE ITS HISTORIC GOALS AND MEANS, IT'S QUITE LIKELY THAT WE WILL WITNESS ANOTHER CYCLE OF WIDE CONFLICT.

WE HAVE STARTED WITH ISLAM BECAUSE IT HAS MOVED UP FROM BEING A REGIONAL INSTITUTION TO GLOBAL STATUS WITH IMPACTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD RANGING FROM LOCAL WORSHIP TO CHARITABLE WORKS TO ACTS OF OUTRIGHT TERRORISM DIRECTED AGAINST WESTERN NATIONS AND THEIR POPULATIONS.

SO FAR, OUR, AND OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES', POSTURE HAS BEEN A DEFENSIVE ONE. WE HAVE BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS THAN WE MIGHT HAVE FIRST THOUGHT POSSIBLE, BUT DEFENSIVE MEASURES AGAINST AN ACTIVE AND MESSIANIC OPPONENT CAN AT BEST BRING ABOUT DELAY. OUR FBI HAS DONE EXCEPTIONAL WORK IN FOILING A NUMBER OF PLOTS, BUT THE ISLAMIC AGENDA DOES NOT CHANGE.

ALL WESTERN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN EUROPE THAT HAVE SUFFERED THE GREATEST POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO CONTROL THEIR BORDERS, SHOULD CONDUCT CAMPAIGNS IN THEIR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA AND IN THE UN TO BUILD PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

THIS MUST BE DONE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF ISLAM'S GROWING POLITICAL PRESENCE AND WHAT IT MAY WREAK UPON THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES. SUCH AN EFFORT IS NECESSARY TO COUNTER THE MISINFORMATION PUT FORTH BY MULTICULTURAL AND POLITICALLY CORRECT ELEMENTS IN OUR AND OTHER SOCIETIES.

THE ISLAMIC THREAT IS A SUBTLE ONE. IT IS WRAPPED IN RELIGIOUS FAITH WHICH WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND PROTECT IN OUR CONSTITUTION. BUT WE AND THE OTHER WESTERN DEMOCRACIES ALL EMBRACE ANOTHER FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT THAT IS DENIED BY ISLAM TO ITS FOLLOWERS OR TO THOSE WHO SIMPLY LIVE IN ITS SHADOW. THIS IS FREEDOM OF CHOICE — CHOICE OF DRESS, WORSHIP, EDUCATION AND EVEN LAW.

TO US IT SEEMS THAT ISLAM AND ITS LAW, SHARIA, TRAMPLE ON SO MANY RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL RIGHTS THAT THEY BECOME A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE. CURRENTLY, OUR GOVERNMENT CONTINUES A POLICY OF WELCOME TO ISLAM, AND PERMITS THOSE WHO SUBSCRIBE TO IT TO DO SO WITHOUT CHALLENGE.

WE SIMPLY ARE NOT EQUIPPED POLITICALLY TO MAKE IMPORTANT AND PAINFUL

DISTINCTIONS AS TO HOW ISLAM, BOTH ITS WORSHIP AND ITS LEGAL CODE, FIT THE DEFINITIONS OF GOVERNMENT AND LIBERTY ESTABLISHED IN OUR CONSTITUTION.

ON THE MATTER OF MUSLIM IMMIGRATION, EUROPE HAS BEEN OVERLY PERMISSIVE IN PAST DECADES AND HAS RECENTLY COME TO REALIZE THAT, WITHOUT EFFECTIVE MEASURES OF LIMITATION, GOVERNMENTS WILL LOSE CONTROL OF THEIR STATES AND POPULATIONS.

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AS THE ISLAM IN EUROPE ARGUMENT MOVES FROM THE LEGISLATURES TO THE STREETS, WE SHOULD PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO ITS PROGRESS. ONE RESULT HAS BEEN A RECENT STRENGTHENING OF THE POLITICAL RIGHT’S PARTIES AND CANDIDATES IN SPAIN, THE NETHERLANDS, FRANCE AND AUSTRIA. THE EU IS SHOWING SIGNS OF LESS “UNION” THAN IT HAS BECOME USED TO, AND ANY COALESCING AROUND AN ISSUE AS EMOTIONALLY AND POLITICALLY CHARGED AS MUSLIM MIGRATION COULD BE ENOUGH TO SEND SEVERE SHOCK WAVES THROUGH THE SOCIALISTIC BRUSSELS BUREAUCRACY.

MEANWHILE OUR LIPS ARE SEALED, ALTHOUGH TWO THINGS ARE QUITE CLEAR — ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS ARE COMMITTED, BY ANY AND EVERY MEANS, TO CONVERT THE WORLD TO ISLAM, AND ISLAMIC MODERATES CANNOT/WILL NOT OPPOSE THEM.

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RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS ARE SOMEWHAT MORE ENERGETIC THAN OTHERS. THEY PROVIDE FAITH, CREDIBILITY AND SPIRITUAL PROTECTION TO THEIR FOLLOWERS, AND THEY REACH BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF OUR EARTHLY LIVES. THEIR PHYSICAL MESSAGE IS USUALLY PRESENTED VIA THE WORDS/ DEEDS OF A MYTHIC AND DIVINE FOUNDER WHOSE DIVINITY IS MAINTAINED AND POLISHED BY GENERATIONS OF DEDICATED HUMANS. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT IT IS THE HUMAN ELEMENT THAT GARBLES THE MESSAGE AND CREATES PROBLEMS.

WE HAVE SEEN HOW ISLAM’S PLACE IN NEAR EASTERN LIFE CONCENTRATES THE INSTITUTIONAL ELEMENTS OF LAW, EDUCATION, FINANCE, RELIGION, CULTURE AND POLITICS INTO ONE ALL-POWERFUL LOCAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL INSTITUTION.

NOW LET’S SHIFT OUR FOCUS BACK HOME TO AMERICA WHERE OUR FILM SEEMS TO BE RUNNING IN REVERSE AND WHERE, UNLIKE IN THE HIGHLY AUTHORITARIAN AND CENTRALIZED MUSLIM WORLD, MANY OF OUR INSTITUTIONS SUFFER FROM OUR ABUSE AND DISRESPECT.

WE HAVE HAD WONDERFUL THINGS FROM THEM FOR MANY YEARS AND REACHED THE POINT WHERE WE TAKE THEM FOR GRANTED. THIS IS IN PART AN OUTCOME OF OUR FULL THROTTLE PURSUIT OF MONEY AND POWER, AND IS A THREAT TO OUR COUNTRY AND ITS CULTURE, AS TAKING SOMETHING FOR GRANTED IS THE FIRST STEP ON THE PATH TO ITS NEGLECT AND, THEN, ABANDONMENT

OUR FOUNDING FATHERS, IN WRITING OUR

CONSTITUTION AND ESTABLISHING OUR GOVERNMENT, CREATED ONLY ITS THREE BRANCHES — EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL — WHICH, OVER TIME, HAVE BECOME INSTITUTIONS BY THE RESPECT AND AUTHORITY WITH WHICH SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS HAVE ENDOWED THEM.

UNFORTUNATELY, AS VENERABLE AND CHERISHED AS OUR INSTITUTIONS CAN BE, THEY ARE ALWAYS AT THE MERCY OF THE HUMAN ELEMENT CHARGED WITH STAFFING, MANAGING AND PRESERVING THEM. FOR MANY IN OUR BITTERLY DIVIDED POLITICAL WORLD THIS IS A VERY PRECARIOUS POSITION.

OUR CONSTITUTION DID NOT CREATE ANY OF THE MANY NOW SEEMINGLY NECESSARY PARTS OF OUR BUREAUCRACY SUCH AS THE DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE, DEFENSE, HOMELAND SECURITY, TREASURY, STATE, ETC. THE FOUNDERS SEEM TO HAVE KNOWN INTUITIVELY THAT THE FLOW OF NATIONAL THOUGHT, MONEY, POPULATION AND GOOD OR BAD FORTUNE WAS NOT LIKELY TO FOLLOW WHATEVER MODEL THEY MIGHT PROPOSE.

IN AMERICA, THE BIRTH, GROWTH, DIRECTION, MANAGEMENT, TRANSMISSION AND IMAGE OF OUR NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN MOSTLY DETERMINED BY THE POLICIES AND PEOPLE WHO CONTROL OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS MANY OPERATING PARTS.

THIS OVERWHELMING HUMAN COMPONENT MAKES FOR A TWO-EDGED BLADE. IT CAN CUT BOTH WAYS — PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL GUIDANCE AT SOME TIMES AND THOUGHTLESS ERROR OR NEGLECT AT OTHERS.

CURRENTLY WE SEEM TO BE MORE EXPOSED TO THE LATTER. INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN AS EQUALLY AFFECTED BY THE MEAN POLITICS OF OUR TIME AND OUR INSTANT COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES AS OTHER PLAYERS IN OUR SOCIETAL DRAMA. THE DIFFERENCE, WHAT MAKES THEM SO IMPORTANT TO OUR SOCIETY, IS THAT THEY ARE CHARGED WITH CONVEYING OUR CULTURAL DNA (KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, CONTINUITY) TO THOSE WHO COME AFTER US.

WE MUST KEEP IN MIND ALWAYS THAT INSTITUTIONS NEED US JUST AS WE NEED THEM. IN AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP WE GIVE OURSELVES (OUR ENERGY, LOYALTY, GENEROSITY AND RESPECT) TO THEM, AND THEY GIVE BACK SUPPORT, CONTINUITY AND FORGIVENESS FOR OUR HUMAN SCALE FOLLY. THEY ARE OUR MIRRORS IN WHICH WE CAN SEE OURSELVES, IF ONLY WE WILL NOT AVERT OUR GAZE. MORE COMFORTABLE WITH IDEALISM THAN IDEOLOGY, THEY HAVE BEEN GREATLY BETRAYED BY THE GREED AND RANCOR OF OUR TIME.

IN THIS CHAPTER WE WILL PRESENT A CATALOG OF SOME OF OUR MOST HISTORIC INSTITUTIONS, THEIR PRESENT CONDITION AND HOW THEY, AND OUR PERCEPTION OF THEM, HAVE CHANGED. WE WILL SEE THAT HUMAN AGENCY PLAYS A FAR DIFFERENT ROLE THAN IT DOES IN ISLAM.

## IMMIGRATION

OUR FIRST LOOK WILL BE AT IMMIGRATION WHICH, TODAY ENJOYS DUAL STATUS AS A MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUE AND

ONE OF OUR MOST VENERABLE INSTITUTIONS. YOU MAY NOT THINK OF IMMIGRATION AS AN INSTITUTION, BUT IT IS. IT HAS BEEN A TOPIC OF PERSISTENT CONCERN TO OUR GOVERNMENT SINCE THE COUNTRY'S FOUNDING. THEN, HAVING JUST BROKEN AWAY FROM OUR EUROPEAN TIES, THE PREVAILING POLITICAL OPINION STRONGLY OPPOSED IMMIGRATION, AS THE COUNTRY WAS CONFRONTED WITH INNUMERABLE PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES WHICH IT WANTED TO DEAL WITH IN ITS OWN NEWLY NATIONAL WAY.

THE MORE SUCCESS WE ACHIEVED IN GROWING (I.E., LEWIS & CLARKE EXPEDITION, LOUISIANA PURCHASE) IN THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY, THE MORE WE ATTRACTED INVESTORS/WORKERS FROM OTHER LESS DYNAMIC ECONOMIES. BY MID-CENTURY THREE INGREDIENTS WERE IN PLACE THAT SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED OUR NEED FOR LABOR AND ALTERED THE NATIONAL VIEW OF IMMIGRATION. THE EAST COAST HAD BECOME INDUSTRIALIZED, GOLD HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN CA. BRINGING WORKERS AND SERVICES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND, BY "COVERED WAGONS", FROM MANY AREAS EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI. THE MOST FAR REACHING OF ALL, HOWEVER, WAS THE 19TH CENTURY'S FRENZY OF RAILROAD BUILDING WHICH TIED THE COUNTRY TOGETHER PHYSICALLY AND SYMBOLICALLY. WITH THE 1869 JOINING OF THE UNION PACIFIC AND CENTRAL PACIFIC TRACKS AT PROMONTORY SUMMIT, UT, OUR EAST AND WEST COASTS WERE UNITED AND OUR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS COULD FOCUS ON THE ONE COUNTRY IN BETWEEN

THESE THREE FORCES — INDUSTRIALIZATION, GOLD AND RAIL TRANSPORTATION SPURRED OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ATTRACTED A GROWING STREAM OF FOREIGN WORKERS. IMMIGRATION, HOWEVER, WAS A TOPIC EVEN THEN THAT AROUSED MIXED RESPONSES AND STRONG CONTROVERSY. THE DIVIDED OPINION WHICH IT ENGENDERED OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ESTABLISHED ITS STATUS AS A POLITICAL PROBLEM SUBJECT TO FEDERAL REGULATION.

THIS WAS DONE INITIALLY UNDER THE DEPT. OF LABOR AND, DESPITE OCCASIONAL DISRUPTIONS, A PATTERN OF CONTROL BASED ON THE NEEDS OF OUR LABOR FORCE AND OUR CULTURAL MAKE-UP FOUND GENERAL ACCEPTANCE. AND IT ALSO GRADUALLY BECAME AN INSTITUTION WITH WHICH MOST AMERICANS COULD IDENTIFY.

IT WAS OPEN, HUMANE, GENEROUS, SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY BENEFICIAL AND IN ITS GRANDEST GESTURE OFFERED CITIZENSHIP TO NEW ARRIVALS FROM LESS FORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES WHO COULD MEET A FEW BASIC OBLIGATIONS. CITIZENSHIP AND ASSIMILATION WERE GOALS THAT POOR AND UNEDUCATED FOREIGNERS COULD MOSTLY ONLY DREAM ABOUT.

AMERICA OFFERED THEM TO MILLIONS AND DREW THE RESPECT OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND OF ITS OWN PEOPLE. WE COULD TAKE PRIDE IN WHAT OUR SYSTEM OFFERED. IN DOING SO WE COULD ADD THE LUSTER OF INSTITUTIONAL STATUS TO OUR GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF A DIFFICULT POLITICAL PROBLEM. IMMIGRATION HAD BECOME MORE THAN A PROGRAM; IT SAID SOMETHING ABOUT WHO WE WERE.

THIS PURPOSEFUL AND FAIR APPROACH TO IMMIGRATION OVER A LENGTHY PERIOD WAS DESIGNED TO MEET, AND ADJUST

TO, THE FLUCTUATING NEEDS OF OUR COUNTRY'S ECONOMY. AS MUCH, PROBABLY, AS LEGISLATION CAN, IT DID SO WITHOUT CREATING PUBLIC RESISTANCE. IT SUCCEEDED IN SERVING THE POPULAR INTEREST AND FORMING BONDS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT. AND IT IS THESE BONDS, NOT WARSHIPS OR TRADE BALANCES, THAT ALLOW COUNTRIES TO MOVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL AND BECOME NATIONS.

DISPLAYING ITS CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY, OUR IMMIGRATION LAW, WITH SOME TWEAKING HERE AND THERE, MET THE CHALLENGES POSED BY INCREASING INDUSTRIALIZATION, THE IRISH "POTATO" FAMINE AND THE SURGES IN MIGRANTS FROM EUROPE THAT FOLLOWED BOTH WWs. THIS LAST CATEGORY INTRODUCED US TO FASCIST AND COMMUNIST INFILTRATION.

WITH THE ELECTION OF PRES. KENNEDY, AND UNDER THE PERSONAL IMPRINT OF BROTHER TED IN THE SENATE, A COMBINATION OF POWERFUL INTERESTS BEGAN TO PUSH A NEW VIEW OF IMMIGRATION THAT ASSERTED THAT THE SUPPLY OF IMMIGRANTS, NOT THE DEMANDS OF OUR ECONOMY AND CULTURE, SHOULD DETERMINE OUR POLICY AND LAW.

THIS VIEW BECAME LAW IN THE IMMIGRATION AND CONTROL ACT (IRCA) OF 1965. BY THE TIME OF PRES. REAGAN'S PRESIDENCY (1980-1988) ITS MANY FLAWS HAD BECOME SO APPARENT THAT CLOSE TO 70% OF RESPONDENTS TO PUBLIC POLLS FAVORED A REDUCTION IN OUR MIGRANT INFLOW.

REAGAN, THE LAST PRESIDENT TO SHOW ANY CONCERN OVER THE FLOW OF IMMIGRATION, OFFERED A "ONE-TIME" AMNESTY TO ABOUT THREE MILLION PEOPLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT THOUGHT WOULD QUALIFY. OVER 10 MILLION SHOWED UP. THERE WERE NO REALISTIC FRAUD CONTROLS AND THE RACE WAS ON.

LEGAL? ILLEGAL? IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. GAIN ENTRY BY ANY MEANS THROUGH OUR LARGELY UNPROTECTED LAND, SEA AND AIR BORDERS, AND JOBS WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IF NEW ARRIVALS WERE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO WORK, GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, COURTESY OF THE US TAXPAYER, WOULD OFFER SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT.

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FOR THE LAST QUARTER CENTURY DURING THE PRESIDENCIES OF TWO REPUBLICANS (BUSH I & II) AND TWO DEMOCRATS (CLINTON & OBAMA) NO EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE BY OUR LEGISLATIVE OR EXECUTIVE BRANCHES TO ENFORCE THE TERMS OF THE REAGAN AMNESTY REVISIONS OR WHAT REMAINS OF IRCA.

THE RECENT "COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM" LAW WHICH PASSED THE SENATE (S.744) AND NOW SEEKS ACCEPTANCE IN THE HOUSE IS IN ALL TOO MANY WAYS A COPY OF OUR EXISTING LAW WHICH WOULD CONTINUE, AND SOMETIMES MAGNIFY, ITS PRESENT LOOPHOLES, CONTRADICTIONS AND FAILURES.

THE QUESTION THAT WON'T GO AWAY IS, WHY? HOW DID THIS OCCUR? HOW DID OUR IMMIGRATION LAW CHANGE FROM BEING AN INSTITUTIONAL MODEL OF WIDE APPROVAL HERE AND ABROAD TO THE UNQUESTIONABLE MESS IN WHICH WE ARE PRESENTLY (AND PERHAPS PERMANENTLY?) ENMESHED?

THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER. IT IS THE HUMAN FACTOR. FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, USUALLY INVOLVING GAIN IN WEALTH OR POLITICAL POWER, OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, WHETHER IN THE WHITE HOUSE OR CAPITOL HILL, HAVE REFUSED TO TAKE THE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO UPHOLD THE LAWS OF THE LAND PASSED BY THEMSELVES OR BY THEIR PREDECESSORS.

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DEMOCRACY, ESPECIALLY OUR TYPE WHICH LACKS A PARLIAMENTARY RECALL MECHANISM IS ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO FAILURE TO UPHOLD THE LAW. WHEN THIS OCCURS, ALL BONDS BETWEEN CITIZENS AND THEIR GOVERNMENT ARE BROKEN AND CANNOT BE QUICKLY OR EASILY REPAIRED. THIS LEAVES OUR GOVERNMENT IN A HELPLESS POSITION AT THE MERCY OF BOTH INTERNAL SPECIAL INTERESTS AND A VARIETY OF OUTSIDE FORCES APPLIED BY EITHER CHANCE OR OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

OUR GOVERNMENT IS NOW AN IMMENSE AND COMPLICATED MACHINE WITH MORE PARTS, MORE MONEY AND MORE MANAGERS THAN ANY OTHER IN HISTORY. TO PURPOSEFULLY ABANDON OUR CONTROL OF THIS SOCIAL/ECONOMIC/POLITICAL/MILITARY SYSTEM INVITES CORRUPTION TO A NEW AND FEARFUL LEVEL.

LACKING THE ABILITY TO CHANGE GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE NEXT ELECTION CYCLE, HOW CAN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TAKE ACTION TO RESTORE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT? THEY CAN ONLY SPEAK THROUGH CONGRESS OR THE WHITE HOUSE WHO, AS WE HAVE SEEN IN IMMIGRATION MATTERS, HAVE NO INTEREST IN LISTENING TO THE VOX POPULI. EVEN IF BEING HEARD WERE POSSIBLE, THE NEXT STEP, THAT OF TAKING CORRECTIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTION, WOULD FACE DETERMINED RESISTANCE FROM OPEN BORDER ADVOCATES AND THEIR BACKERS.

OUR EXTRAORDINARILY HUMOROUS AND PRECISE NATIVE AMERICAN COMEDIAN OF THE 1920S, WILL ROGERS, SAID IT BEST — “I DON’T KNOW WHY EVERYBODY COMPLAINS ABOUT CONGRESS. THEY’RE THE BEST THAT MONEY CAN BUY!”

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WE HAVE REFERRED IN PREVIOUS ISSUES TO IMMIGRATION AS “THE POSTER BOY” OF SELECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT (SLE). IT HAS EARNED THAT TITLE BECAUSE OF THE WIDE ACCEPTANCE ITS LACK OF ENFORCEMENT HAS ACHIEVED. SOME OF THIS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO POLICY; AND SOME TO A KIND OF BIOLOGY THAT SUSTAINS LIFE IN OUR POLITICAL SHADOWS.

THE MOST NOTABLE WAY IN WHICH IMMIGRATION PLAYS HOST TO SLE IS THE OPEN AND PERSISTENT DEFIANCE OF OUR FEDERAL LAW BY OUR LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES WHICH, IN ADDITION TO ITS SERIOUS LOCAL ENFORCEMENT CONSEQUENCES, SERVES AS A PROMINENTLY PLACED BILLBOARD TO BE VIEWED BY ALL THOSE NEWLY ELECTED TO OFFICE.

AFTER THE RUSH OF A COUPLE OF DAYS OF SETTling

IN, BECOMING CREDENTIALLED AND ABSORBING THEIR INDOCTRINATION PROCEDURE, THEY ARE READY TO LAUNCH THEIR CAREERS OF “PUBLIC SERVICE”. THEIR ANTENNAE BECOME FULLY ACTIVE. THEY LOOK, LISTEN, SNIFF THE ATMOSPHERE AND ALWAYS HOLD ONE OR MORE SLIGHTLY MOISTENED FINGERS UP TO GAUGE THE FORCE AND DIRECTION OF THE POLITICAL BREEZES THAT MOVE THROUGH OUR GOVERNMENT.

ON DIFFERENT DAYS, AT DIFFERENT TIMES IN THEIR ELECTORAL CYCLE, THEY RECEIVE MIXED MESSAGES FROM THE VOTERS WHO ELECTED THEM. IT IS, OF COURSE, IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE OR SERVE EVERYONE, BUT THERE IS ONE OVERRIDING, IRREFUTABLE ARGUMENT PROVEN BY A QUARTER OF A CENTURY’S COLLUSION BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE. DO NOTHING! ENFORCEMENT OF OUR IMMIGRATION LAW CARRIES WITH IT VERY DIFFICULT CHOICES CERTAIN TO BRING UNWANTED CONSEQUENCES FROM VOTERS AND SPECIAL INTERESTS ALIKE.

OUR NATION’S LAW MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES ARE NOT, HOWEVER, LIMITED TO DC. THERE ARE OTHER FORCES — RELIGIOUS, CIVIL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND MORE — THAT ARE GUIDED OR, MORE APPROPRIATELY, MISGUIDED BY BOTH MAJOR PARTIES’ COMMITMENT TO SLE. THE ANGER, FEAR AND FRUSTRATION FOUND IN LOCAL DIALOGUES AND CONFRONTATION ARE INTENSE, WHETHER EXPRESSED BY INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, BUT ARE NOT WELCOME IN WASHINGTON. THEIR MESSAGES FAIL EQUALLY TO REGISTER ON THE GOVERNMENT’S MESSAGE BOARD OR ON THE MINDS OF THOSE TO WHOM THE ENFORCEMENT OF OUR LAW IS ENTRUSTED.

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GO TO OUR SOUTHERN BORDER WHERE OUR INFLOW OF ILLEGAL MIGRANTS HAS BEEN THE HEAVIEST. HERE ENFORCEMENT IS A MIXED BAG OF PURPOSES AND PROCEDURES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LOCAL POLICE/SHERIFFS, THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE (DOJ) AND THE MANY DIFFERENT AUTHORITIES ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS). THE RESULT IS AN INEVITABLE COMPETITION FOR FUNDING AND JURISDICTION THAT EXTENDS FROM ACTION IN THE STREET OR FIELD TO LOCAL, AND STATE LEVELS AND THEN TO OUR BUREAUCRACY IN WASHINGTON.

ALONG WITH ENFORCEMENT, THERE IS ALWAYS UNDERWAY IN MANY OF OUR STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS A PARALLEL PROCESS OF LITIGATION. COURTS ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY IMPART GRAVITAS TO POLITICAL ARGUMENTS.

OUR DOJ IS AS HIGHLY POLITICIZED AS IT HAS EVER BEEN IN OUR HISTORY AND, CONSISTENT WITH THE RECENT TREND TOWARDS IMPERIAL PRESIDENCIES, IT NOW SERVES AS A POLITICAL ARM FOR THE PRESIDENT MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO STRETCH HIS EXECUTIVE REACH INTO AREAS AND ACTIVITIES THAT HAD FORMERLY REQUIRED CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL AND/OR COOPERATION.

WE SHOULD NOT BE BLIND TO THE ROLE THE DOJ NOW PLAYS. IT HAS MOVED BEYOND DETERMINING LEGALITY TO A POINT WHERE IT CONTRADICTS LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, REFUSES COOPERATION WITH IT AND HAS BROUGHT SEVERAL

SUITS AGAINST STATES AND LOCALITIES TO TERMINATE ACTIONS OR POLICIES WITH WHICH PRESENT ADMINISTRATION POLICY DISAGREES.

THIS RAISES THE LONG-RUNNING ISSUE OF STATES RIGHTS VS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. KNOWING THAT THEY COULD NOT PRODUCE A DEFINITIVE DOCUMENT THAT COULD SERVE ALL PURPOSES FOR ALL TIME, OUR FOUNDING FATHERS OPTED TO TRY TO ESTABLISH A BALANCE MECHANISM. THEY DID PRETTY WELL, AS WE HAVE BEEN TINKERING WITH IT FOR OVER TWO HUNDRED YEARS, AND IT ONLY COLLAPSED ONCE WHEN WE RESORTED TO CIVIL WAR.

THERE'S A LARGE BIT OF SLEIGHT-OF-HAND IN THE WAY OUR GOVERNMENT HAS TREATED THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE. EVERY PRESIDENT, WHETHER CAMPAIGNING FOR OFFICE, OR IN IT, MAKES FREQUENT AND SEEMINGLY DEFINITIVE REFERENCES TO THE SANCTITY OF OUR SYSTEM OF LAW. THIS IS PURE HYPERBOLE, THE TRUTH BEING THAT EVER SINCE THE PASSAGE OF IRCA IN 1965 SOME OF ITS KEY COMPONENTS WERE IGNORED.

BUT THERE IS A CURIOUS SIDE EFFECT AT WORK HERE. THE INCREASED ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE SUBJECT OF IMMIGRATION BY THE MULTIPLE ERRORS, INCONSISTENCIES, PUBLICITY, AND INJUSTICE RESULTING FROM OUR LACK OF ENFORCEMENT HAS INCREASED ITS BODY MASS AND FOOTPRINT. EXPOSURE AND ARGUMENT IN THE PUBLIC, IN THE MEDIA AND ONLINE GROW. AS AN INSTITUTION, IMMIGRATION HAS PUT ON WEIGHT, BUT HAS SHED MUCH OF THE RESPECT, MODERATION, CUSTOM AND LOYALTY THAT ACCOMPANIED PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE AND ENABLED IT TO ACHIEVE INSTITUTIONAL STATUS.

NEW AND BITTER VOICES BOTH ATTACK AND DEFEND IT. IT IS THE SOURCE OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LINES OF DIVISION, AND HAS BECOME ONE OF DC'S BIGGEST PLAYERS IN ITS MONEY/POWER GAME THAT NEVER CEASES. IT CAN STILL LAY CLAIM TO BEING AN INSTITUTION, ALTHOUGH ONE THAT IS RECOGNIZABLY SMALLER IN ITS VISION AND VALUES, BUT IT IS TROUBLED AND CAN NO LONGER SERVE THE NATION AS IT HAS IN THE PAST.

IT SEEKS THE FAST BUCK AND THE QUICK POLITICAL FIX RATHER THAN THE MEASURED PACE OF CONTROLLED ENTRY AND ASSIMILATION THAT SERVED EQUALLY THE INTERESTS OF THE NATION, ITS CITIZENS AND MIGRANTS.

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## MAINSTREAM MEDIA

LOOKING BACK OVER THE 20TH CENTURY AND THE VARIOUS BENEFITS AND FORMS OF PROGRESS TO WHICH IT PROUDLY LAYS CLAIM, WE MUST PAY ATTENTION TO A CONTRADICTIONARY VIEW OF HISTORY.

THREE NATIONAL LEADERS, (ONE IN EUROPE, ONE IN ASIA AND ONE IN BOTH) WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF MANY MILLIONS OF LIVES. HITLER, STALIN AND MAO NOT ONLY ENGAGED IN WARS OF AGGRESSION, BUT UNDERTOOK THE MASS KILLING OF THEIR OWN CITIZENS TO ELIMINATE POLITICAL OPPOSITION. WHETHER THE REGIMES IN POWER WERE FASCIST

OR COMMUNIST, NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HAD THE POWER TO COMMAND ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE AND TO USE ALL ELEMENTS OF THE STATE'S POWER TO DO SO. THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN FASCISM AND COMMUNISM TO THE MAN FACING A FIRING SQUAD, BEING TORTURED OR STARVING IN THE FORCED LABOR CAMPS WAS A SMALL ONE.

THERE WAS ONE TECHNIQUE THAT ALL THREE DICTATORS USED AND WHICH CAME INTO ITS OWN WITH THE EXPANDING USE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE TIME. THIS WAS THE ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF ALL MASS MEDIA WHICH THEN CONSISTED OF PRINT AND RADIO.

GOEBBELS, HITLER'S MINISTER OF INFORMATION, AND HIS COUNTERPARTS IN COMMUNIST RUSSIA AND CHINA SAW TO IT THAT ONLY "APPROVED" NEWS RELEASES WERE ISSUED. NATURALLY, NO MENTION WAS EVER MADE OF THE MANY MILLIONS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS THAT WERE KILLED OR DISAPPEARED.

THE MEDIA, WITH ITS ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY OF GLOBAL RADIO, TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS, AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO DELIVER PRINT MATERIAL BY AIR, SERVED NOTICE THAT NEWS WAS NO LONGER A VIEW SUPPORTED BY VERIFIABLE FACTS. QUITE TO THE CONTRARY, COMMENCING AROUND 1930 NEWS WOULD BE WHAT THE "LEADER" WANTED IT TO BE.

FAST FORWARD TO THE PRESENT AND OUR MAINSTREAM MEDIA (MSM) WHICH NOW INCLUDES PRESS, RADIO, TV, ONLINE, FILM, ENTERTAINMENT AND ANY OTHER WAY OUR LARGE, COMMERCIAL ENTITIES CHOOSE TO REACH THE BUYING, VOTING, DONATING, INVESTING PUBLIC.

"... IT HAS GROWN FROM BEING ONE OF MANY ELEMENTS IN OUR SOCIETY TO A DETERMINANT OF ITS CHARACTER, PROGRESS AND DIRECTION."

FROM HUMBLE ORIGINS IN PRINT WE HAVE CREATED A MONSTER THAT BESTOWS CELEBRITY, ATTENTION, INFORMATION, ENTERTAINMENT, STATUS, COMFORT, HEALTH AND WEALTH IN RETURN FOR OUR LISTENING, VIEWING, READING, AND BUYING WHAT IT OFFERS. IT IS NO LONGER AN ADJUNCT TO OUR LIVES; IT IS WOVEN INTO THEIR FABRIC. IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT IT IS A MAJOR CONSUMER OF OUR TIME, ENERGY AND DOLLARS, AND, AS SUCH, IT HAS GROWN FROM BEING ONE OF MANY ELEMENTS IN OUR SOCIETY TO A DETERMINANT OF ITS CHARACTER, PROGRESS AND DIRECTION.

IN THE BRIEF SPAN OF LESS THAN A CENTURY IT HAS BECOME AN INSTITUTION. BUT NOT JUST ONE AMONG EQUALS; IT HAS DEVELOPED EXCEPTIONAL MASS AND CAN NOW CHALLENGE, IF NOT DOMINATE, OTHERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE ENJOYED LONG AND COMFORTABLE CONNECTIONS.

THE MSM, FOR ALL ITS POPULARITY, HAS HAD A DISTURBING EFFECT UPON OUR CULTURE AND BEHAVIOR. BECAUSE THE CHANGES THAT IT DELIVERS ARE OFTEN WRAPPED IN THE LANGUAGE OF PROGRESS, THEY ARE ACCEPTED WITHOUT QUESTION BY THE GUARDS THAT KEEP OUR GATES, AND THEN ARE FREE TO MINGLE WITH US AND DO THEIR DAMAGE UNNOTICED.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE EARLY DAYS OF TV THERE WAS

WIDE DEBATE OVER GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN THE NEW INDUSTRY AND, PARTICULARLY, IN ITS PROGRAMMING. ENGLAND CHOSE TO SET UP A GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED OPERATING COMPANY WHEREAS WE INSISTED ON A "NO GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE", FREE-MARKET APPROACH. IN BOTH INSTANCES THE CHOICES FOLLOWED PRACTICES THAT HAD EVOLVED FOR BROADCAST RADIO.

YEARS LATER ONE ENORMOUS DIFFERENCE IS EVIDENT. IN THE US, THE VIEWER/LISTENER CANNOT AVOID THE LOWEST CULTURAL DENOMINATOR PROGRAMS OFFERED BY COMMERCIAL TV, WHILE THE BBC HAS MULTIPLE CHANNELS/STATIONS DEDICATED TO DIFFERENT CULTURAL LEVELS.

"... IT, TOO, HAS BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE PROGRAM TASTES OF OUR TIME AND HAS FALLEN FAR SHORT OF ITS ORIGINAL GOALS."

WE DID ESTABLISH THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING (CPB) WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF PROGRAMS THAT COULD SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THOSE WHO SOUGHT SOMETHING BETTER THAN THE MASS ENTERTAINMENT MENU. THE CPB WAS PART OF THE MIX OF "PUBLIC" RADIO AND TV WHICH ESCHEWS COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING IN FAVOR OF LISTENER SUPPORT AND, WHILE ADMITTEDLY BETTER THAN COMMERCIAL TV, IT, TOO, HAS BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE PROGRAM TASTES OF OUR TIME AND HAS FALLEN FAR SHORT OF ITS ORIGINAL GOALS.

WHAT EXACTLY ARE THE "TASTES OF OUR TIME"? ARE THEY THE PRODUCT OF A SMALL GROUP OF POWERFUL PRODUCERS/DIRECTORS/WRITERS THAT DETERMINE WITHOUT RESTRAINT WHAT WE SEE AND HEAR? OR ARE THEY TRULY PUBLIC? DO THEY REPRESENT THE INTERESTS, PREFERENCES, NEEDS AND VALUES OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS BUNDLED INTO A PACKAGE DEMANDED AND ENJOYED BY ALL?

THE TRUTH IS THAT THEY ARE BOTH, EACH ONE DRAWING UPON THE OTHER. SEX AND VIOLENCE, IN A DEGREE UNIMAGINABLE BEFORE 1950, ARE NOW DOMINANT ELEMENTS IN OUR ZEITGEIST, BUT THEIR GROWTH IN PUBLIC EXPOSURE AND IDENTIFICATION OWES A LARGE DEBT TO THE SIMULTANEOUS EXPLOSION AND IMPACT OF TELEVISION ON OUR LIVES.

CRITICAL MASS DEVELOPED WHEN THE CREATIVE PERSONNEL IN THE PRODUCTION CENTERS ADOPTED THE SEX AND VIOLENCE WAVE TO PUSH THE ENVELOPE FOR EXPRESSING THEMSELVES. IN LA, LAS VEGAS, NYC, WHERE CELEBRITY IS THE COIN OF THE REALM, ENVELOPE PUSHING (NO MATTER HOW GROSS, COARSE OR OUTRAGEOUS) IS A TIME-HONORED AND ACCREDITED WAY OF GETTING AHEAD.

WE SHOULD MAKE SURE WE ARE NOT REFERRING TO SOFT CORE SMUT. IN PRIME TIME OR NOT, ON NETWORK OR CABLE, LIVE OR VIA ANIMATION, SEX AND VIOLENCE ARE SERVED TO AN APPARENTLY ADDICTED PUBLIC ON A CONSTANT BASIS. THE MENU IS ONE OF EXCEPTIONAL VARIETY AND CHOICE: MURDER, RAPE, BESTIALITY, NECROPHILIA, MUTILATION, EXCREMENT, TORTURE AND FORNICATION BY AND AMONG MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, STRAIGHT OR SAME SEX.

LOOKING BACK TO COMMERCIAL TV'S POSTWAR

INTRODUCTION AND THE PRESS ARTICLES THAT SPECULATED ON WHAT IT WOULD PROVIDE AND MEAN TO OUR "AMERICAN WAY", THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF AUDIENCES BEING EXPOSED TO THE ABOVE. MANY PROGRAMS WERE SPONSORED BY THE MAKERS OF ICONIC HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS AND, AS YEARS PASSED AND RADIO/TV COULD BE FOUND IN EVERY HOME, IT GREW IN FAMILIARITY AND ACCEPTANCE. IN LESS THAN A CENTURY BROADCAST MEDIA HAD BECOME ONE OF OUR MOST PROMINENT INDUSTRIES AND A DOMINANT FORCE IN OUR CULTURE. IT HAD BECOME AN INSTITUTION! IT TOUCHED MILLIONS OF LIVES ON A DAILY BASIS AND HAD ACQUIRED AN AURA OF PUBLIC APPROVAL AND NEED WHICH WAS CONSTANTLY NURTURED AND POLISHED BY ITS OWN PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS.

TECHNOLOGY CHANGES EVERYTHING, HOWEVER, AND FOR OUR BROADCAST INDUSTRY IT MEANT EMBRACING SPECIAL EFFORTS — THE DEPICTION OF REAL OR IMAGINED ACTIONS BY STUDIO TECHNIQUES WHICH ALTERED THE NORMAL LIMITS OF TIME AND DISTANCE, HUMAN ENDURANCE AND OUR PHYSICAL WORLD — ALL WITH NO DISCERNIBLE EFFECTS UPON THE PLOT OR CHARACTERS.

THE MSM NOW INCLUDES PRINT, RADIO, TV, ONLINE/SOCIAL MEDIA, FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT. IT IS AN AGGLOMERATION OF MANY PARTS DRIVEN BY THE PURSUIT OF PROFIT AND BEARS LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO ITS FOREBEAR INSTITUTION CREATED BY OUR ATTACHMENT TO TWO CENTURIES OF PRINT MEDIA.

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GOVERNMENTS OFTEN FACE THE PROBLEM OF MAINTAINING SOME DEGREE OF PROTECTIVE CONTROL OVER NEW MARKETS, TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES. THE FCC WAS CREATED IN 1934 TO MONITOR AND CONDUCT OVERSIGHT FOR OUR NEW BROADCAST COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR. IT HAS DONE SO WITH VARYING DEGREES OF EFFORT AND SUCCESS, BUT NOW, FACING THE COMBINED POWER OF NEW USERS, ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY AND HIGHLY PAID LAWYERS, THIS WATCH DOG BODY FINDS ITSELF UNABLE TO EXERCISE THE POWER INTENDED FOR ITS ROLE. EVEN WHEN COURT DECISIONS FAVOR THE FCC, THE SUPERIOR RESOURCES OF THE MSM HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EVADE, LOBBY OR APPEAL THEIR WAY TO LESS RESTRICTION.

ACTUALLY, WHAT HAS OCCURRED IN THE MSM IS A TRUE PORTRAIT OF THE LIFE CYCLES OF MANY INSTITUTIONS, SECULAR OR RELIGIOUS. THEY START AS THE PRODUCT OF THE EFFORTS OF A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS TO FURTHER A COMMON CAUSE. THEY GROW IN POWER AND EFFICIENCY BECAUSE THEY ARE ABLE TO CENTRALIZE THEIR MEMBERS' SEPARATE EFFORTS THE WAY A SEARCHLIGHT PROVIDES A MORE INTENSE AND POWERFUL BEAM THAN A FLOODLIGHT.

AS TIME PASSES AND POWER AND RESOURCES ARE MORE AND MORE CONCENTRATED AT THE TOP IN FEWER PEOPLE, THE NATURE OF THE INSTITUTION CHANGES AND ITS CHARACTERISTICS AND ACTIVITIES COME TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE MANAGERIAL ELITE OVER ITS WIDER MEMBERSHIP. THIS HOLDS TRUE FOR MOST INSTITUTIONS — COMMERCIALS, POLITICAL,

RELIGIOUS — WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS.

WITHOUT CENTRALIZATION, LARGE INSTITUTIONS COULD NOT ACHIEVE THE KIND OF DEVELOPMENT NECESSARY TO SERVE LARGE AND GROWING MEMBERSHIPS, AS DIFFUSE POWER IS TOO UNWIELDY FOR RAPID, CONSISTENT GROWTH.

THE HARD WORK OF BUILDING OUR MSM INSTITUTION WAS DONE DURING THE 19TH AND THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURIES BY THE FAMILY OWNED NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES THAT SERVED AMERICA’S TOWNS AND CITIES. THEY ENJOYED UNARGUABLE STATUS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES WHICH, IN RETURN, GAVE THEM RESPECT, TRADITION AND APPRECIATION.

FOLLOWING WWII, AS DOLLARS, PEOPLE AND POWER IN OUR COUNTRY EXPANDED WELL BEYOND THEIR PREWAR LEVELS, A LONG PERIOD OF CORPORATE COMBINATION BEGAN THAT MADE POSSIBLE MORE PROFITABLE SHARING OF RESOURCES, MARKETS AND CUSTOMER BASES. OUR MSM WAS AS PROMINENT AS ANY OTHER INDUSTRY IN PURSUING THIS NEW DIRECTION WITH THE RESULT THAT TODAY IT IS AN INDUSTRY OF MANY CONGLOMERATES ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF A DAZZLING VARIETY OF PEOPLE, PRODUCTS, SERVICES AND LIFESTYLES.

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JUST AS THE MSM HAS EPITOMIZED THE GROWTH OF CORPORATE COMBINATION, IT HAS ALSO COME TO PROVIDE WARNINGS. CORPORATE MERGERS ARE NOT ALWAYS VIEWED AS POSITIVE EVENTS. THEY TEND TO DUPLICATE LABOR, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT RESOURCES AND ALSO REDUCE COMPETITION, ALTHOUGH THE LATTER IS OFTEN REGAINED IN THE PURSUIT OF NEW AND IMPROVED PRODUCTS.

IN THE CASE OF OUR NEW, SUPER MSM IT HAS GIVEN US AMPLE WARNING THAT THE RESOURCES UNDER ITS CONTROL AND THE TECHNIQUES IT CHOOSES TO USE THEM ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRAINED BY PAST CONSIDERATION OF TASTE, OR, MORE IMPORTANTLY, PUBLIC BENEFIT.

THE GUTTER CONTENT OF TV PROGRAMMING (BOTH VERBAL AND VISUAL) IS DEFENDED ON THE BASIS THAT IT’S WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS. THERE IS MORE VALIDITY TO THIS THAN WE MIGHT LIKE TO ADMIT AS MUCH OF THE VIEWING PUBLIC FINDS NO FAULT WITH WHAT IS OFFERED. BUT OTHER VOICES CALL FOR PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE GREATER CHOICE AND BETTER PRODUCT. STALEMATE! THERE IS SOME TRUTH IN BOTH POSITIONS, SOME SIGNS OF BOTH CHICKEN AND EGG. ALSO, OUT OF SIGHT, BUT LEAVING A STRONG IMPRINT, ARE THE WRITERS, PRODUCERS AND DIRECTORS INTENT UPON PUSHING THE ENVELOPE OF ACCEPTANCE IN WAYS THAT CALL NOTICE TO THEM AND ADVANCE THEIR CHANCES FOR CELEBRITY AND/OR CORPORATE SUCCESS/PROMOTION.

“DO WE EVEN HAVE A PENDULUM ANYMORE?  
IN POLITICS? IN CULTURE?”

THE DEGRADING OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING

THINGS AS NATURAL AND PREVALENT AS BODY PROCESSES AND SEXUALITY, LOWERS THE CULTURAL COMMON DENOMINATOR FOR OUR SOCIETY. IN EARLIER TIMES THE DAMAGE DONE COULD BE REPAIRED BY THE PENDULUM OF PUBLIC TASTE REACHING A POINT WHERE OPINION REQUIRED IT TO STOP AND RETURN TO ITS ORIGINAL POSITION. BUT TODAY THE FORCES OF CONSTANT AND AGGRESSIVE CULTURAL ATTACK MAY BE SO POWERFUL THAT THEY OVERWHELM THE PENDULUM MECHANISM. DO WE EVEN HAVE A PENDULUM ANYMORE? IN POLITICS? IN CULTURE?

“SEX AND VIOLENCE” IN OUR MSM ARE SO PERVERSIVE THEY HAVE COME TO BE CLOSELY JOINED IN OUR MINDS, AS THEY COMMONLY ARE IN OUR SPEECH. WHILE THEY CAN HAVE DIFFERENT RESULTS DEPENDING UPON HOW THEY ARE USED IN STORY LINES, THEIR EFFECT UPON OUR CULTURAL/SOCIAL CONSCIENCE CAN BE STARTLINGLY SIMILAR.

MUCH OF THE MSM TREATMENT OF SEX PRESENTS SITUATIONS THAT DEGRADE WOMEN AND/OR YOUNG GIRLS. PLOTS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT FEMALE WORTH IS DEFINED BY SEX, NOT LOVE, AND OFTEN WITH THE DESIRABLE AND PLEASURABLE ASSISTANCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR PHYSICAL ABUSE BY THE PARTNER WHETHER OF THE SAME OR DIFFERENT GENDER.

ON THE MALE SIDE, THE PLATFORM FOR VIOLENCE EXTENDS FAR BEYOND THE BEDROOM. IT DISPLAYS BLOOD AND GORE, SAVAGE BEATINGS, TORTURE, AS WELL AS LORD OF THE FLIES<sup>1</sup> TYPE CHILDHOOD SADISM SITUATIONS.

“... OUR ABILITY TO REGISTER SHOCK OR EMPATHY FOR THE SUFFERING OF OTHERS HAS NOTABLY DECLINED.”

THESE WAYS OF PRESENTING OUR TIME, LIFE AND CULTURE ARE NOW SO PREVALENT THEY CAN ALMOST BE CONSIDERED AS “HARDWIRED” INTO OUR LIVES. THEIR STEADY APPLICATION TO WHAT HAS BECOME A LARGELY “CAPTIVE” READING AND VIEWING AUDIENCE HAS DONE DEEP DAMAGE TO ITS NERVOUS SYSTEM. IT HAS DULLED AND DAMAGED THE RECEPTORS ON OUR CULTURAL ANTENNAE SO BADLY THAT OUR ABILITY TO REGISTER SHOCK OR EMPATHY FOR THE SUFFERING OF OTHERS HAS NOTABLY DECLINED.

THIS ABILITY WAS A POWERFUL MARKER AND MOTOR IN OUR SPECIES’ ELEVATION OF CULTURAL AND SOCIETAL GOALS OVER THE PAST TWO MILLENNIUM. IT IS AGONIZING TO SEE IT SLIP AWAY, AS THOSE WHO WOULD PREFER TO DEFEND IT ARE OUTMANEUVERED BY SOCIETY’S ORNAMENTAL ELEMENTS — PROFIT, CELEBRITY, FAME, WEALTH, LUXURY, DISPLAY — ALL IN SUCH COMPULSIVE PURSUIT AND EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED OUR CHARACTER AND CULTURE.

“... EXPERIENCE AND WITHSTAND EXTREME PHYSICAL ABUSE AND FORCE WITH FEW OR NO CONSEQUENCES.”

AS INJURIOUS AS OUR MSM’S PORTRAYAL OF SEX AND VIOLENCE HAS BEEN, EITHER SEPARATELY OR IN TANDEM,

THERE IS ANOTHER UNDERLYING PATTERN COMMON TO BOTH WHICH IS NEVER REFERRED TO BUT IS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT IN MOST CURRENT TV PROGRAMS, IT HAS BEEN ENABLED BY THE TECHNOLOGY THAT CREATES SPECIAL EFFECTS, LIVE OR ANIMATED, THAT ALLOW CHARACTERS TO EXPERIENCE AND WITHSTAND EXTREME PHYSICAL ABUSE AND FORCE WITH FEW OR NO CONSEQUENCES.

THIS LACK OF CONSEQUENCE FOR VIOLENT, ANTI-SOCIAL, INHUMANE, IMMORAL OR ILLEGAL ACTIONS ATTACKS OUR HUMANITY ON BOTH REAL AND METAPHORICAL LEVELS. SURELY FOR THE YOUNG VIEWER WATCHING HOUR AFTER HOUR OF TV PROGRAMS THIS LACK OF REAL CONSEQUENCE SERVES AS A WAY TO KEEP THE ACTION, AND THE STORY LINE, MOVING, AND IT COSTS LESS THAN HAVING THE WRITERS AND PRODUCERS COME UP WITH NEW CHARACTERS, BACKGROUNDS, ETC., BUT BENEATH THE SURFACE THERE IS MORE OF CONCERN.

THE CHILD, WATCHING REPEATEDLY THE LACK OF CONSEQUENCES FOR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR, TAKES NOTE SUBCONSCIOUSLY AND FILES IT AWAY. LATER, WHEN LIFE TURNS IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS THAT CALL FOR CHOICE, IT MUST THINK AND THEN ACT. IF THE THOUGHT PROCESS DRAWS UPON A SECTION OF THE BRAIN WHERE ANTI-SOCIAL RULES OR EXPERIENCE ARE DOMINANT, THE CHANCES FAVOR THAT HE/SHE WILL CHOOSE AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

IN OUR SOCIETY, THIS IS A TERRIBLE, TICKING BOMB. WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN IT PLAY OUT IN OUR GENERATION WITH VERY NEGATIVE RESULTS. BUT THE BEAT GOES ON! MORE AND MORE VIOLENT PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE TO OUR GROWING POPULATION CAN ONLY HAVE A DISASTROUS EFFECT ON MEDIA SATURATED YOUTH!

IF PRESENT TRENDS CONTINUE, WE ARE EXPECTED TO ADD WELL OVER 100 MILLION TO OUR POPULATION BY MID-CENTURY, AND OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IS ALREADY OVERTAXED. THIS PROBLEM WILL NOT GO AWAY; IT WILL GROW IN NUMBERS AND CONSEQUENCES AND IS AS SERIOUS AS ANY PROBLEM THAT OUR COUNTRY FACES. OUR MSM IS ONE OF OUR LARGEST AND MOST POWERFUL INSTITUTIONS. IT IS FAILING US ON A GRAND SCALE!

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IMMIGRATION AND THE MSM ARE INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH WE HAVE GIVEN OUR TRUST AND SUPPORT; AND YET, IN THE END, WE ARE BETRAYED. BUT IT IS NOT THE CONCEPT OF AN INSTITUTION THAT GENERALLY FAILS US. IT IS THE HUMAN FACTOR; THOSE WHOM WE APPOINT OR ALLOW TO MANAGE THEM AND WHO THEN IMPOSE THEIR OWN POLITICAL AND/OR PERSONAL AGENDAS.

THERE ARE OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF DIFFERENT KINDS AND CIRCUMSTANCE. ONE IS THE US DOLLAR, A CURRENCY THAT HAS BECOME AN INSTITUTION BECAUSE OF ITS GLOBAL USE AND ACCEPTANCE, AND WHICH WE HAVE TOUTED FOR ITS STRENGTH AND STABILITY FOR POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL REASONS. IT HAS POSSESSED MOST OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A WORLD RESERVE CURRENCY, BUT VALUES HAVE A WAY OF CHANGING.

LET'S LOOK AT SOME COMPARATIVE PRICES. IN

1948 THE TUITION AT AN IVY LEAGUE UNIVERSITY WAS \$600; TODAY IT IS AROUND \$40,000<sup>2</sup>. IN 1946, A WORLD SERIES "BLEACHER" SEAT COULD BE HAD FOR \$1.20; IN 2012 IT COST \$110. AND STAYING WITH "THE NATIONAL GAME", A HOT DOG AND BEER THAT THEN SOLD FOR \$.50 IS NOW PRICED AT \$10.25<sup>3</sup> ANOTHER TYPE OF MEASUREMENT, FROM GOVERNMENT AS OPPOSED TO THE PUBLIC CONSUMER MARKET, IS THAT IN 1940 OUR NATIONAL DEBT WAS \$43 BILLION COMPARED TO \$16.5 TRILLION LAST YEAR<sup>4</sup> WITH THE CERTAINTY THAT IT WILL BE RAISED AGAIN SOON.

THE PERCENTAGES OF THESE INCREASES VARY BY CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS, BUT WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THE VALUE OF OUR DOLLAR HAS DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY. SOME WOULD ARGUE THAT THESE INCREASES ARE DUE TO INFLATION, BUT RISING INFLATION AND DECREASING CURRENCY VALUES ARE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN. ALSO, IN MANY COUNTRIES THE DETERMINATION OF HOW MUCH INFLATION TO ALLOW IS AS MUCH A POLITICAL AS AN ECONOMIC CHOICE. INFLATION CAN BE CONTROLLED, AS WE SAW WHEN THE PRESIDENCY PASSED FROM CARTER TO REAGAN, BUT THE TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED TO MANAGE IT CAN CAUSE ECONOMIC PAIN AND POLITICAL TURBULENCE. IT TENDS TO GROW BY SUCH SMALL INCREMENTS THAT IT AVOIDS BECOMING A MAJOR CAMPAIGN ISSUE UNTIL IT IS ALLOWED TO GET OUT OF CONTROL AND MUST BE DEALT WITH AS IN THE CARTER/REAGAN ELECTION.

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ANOTHER INSTITUTION THAT HAS FALLEN UPON DARK DAYS AND THAT AFFECTS EVERY AMERICAN IS THE PREVIOUS MENTIONED DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ). IT HAS GROWN TO KEEP PACE WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE NATION'S POPULATION AND GOVERNMENT, AND HAS ALSO HAD NEW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES ADDED TO ITS MIX OF RESPONSIBILITIES.

ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE AND PROTECTION TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, IT NOW HAS A FAR BROADER AGENDA AND SERVES AS A POLITICAL ARM OF THE WHITE HOUSE. IN DOING SO, IT ENGAGES IN ACTIVITIES THAT SERVE POLITICALLY CONNECTED INTERESTS AND CONSTITUENCIES. IT IS ON CONSTANT CALL TO SERVE AS THE BUREAUCRACY'S ENFORCER, AS IT CAN RESPOND TO CRITICS AND OPPONENTS IN WAYS THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN'T.

THE DOJ, ITSELF, IS PROTECTED BY THE HEAVY ARMOR AND POWERFUL WEAPONS OF OUR FEDERAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN WHICH ITS PARTICIPATION IS SECOND TO NONE. AT ITS HEAD IS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) WHO DECIDES THE EXTENT AND DIRECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INVESTIGATIVE, ENFORCEMENT AND LITIGATION EFFORTS.

THE AG'S OFFICE IS FILLED BY PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT AND ENJOYS CABINET STATUS. IN TIMES PAST ITS OCCUPANT WAS USUALLY A DISTINGUISHED ATTORNEY WHO HAD SERVED THE PRESIDENT, OR THE PARTY, WELL PRIOR TO ELECTION. THAT MOLD WAS DISCARDED WHEN PRES. KENNEDY CHOSE HIS BROTHER, THEREBY ESTABLISHING A MORE PERSONAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DOJ.

FAST FORWARD TO OUR PRESENT ADMINISTRATION

IN WHICH IT IS HEADED BY AG ERIC HOLDER AND WHERE THE GUIDING LIGHT OF POLITICS BURNS EVER MORE BRIGHTLY. ALTHOUGH GIVEN EXCEPTIONAL POWER AND LATITUDE, THE OBAMA DOJ HAS NOT PRODUCED AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT MIGHT BE VIEWED AS IN THE NATION'S INTEREST.

IT WAS EXPOSED AS BEING BOTH THE ORIGINATOR AND MANAGER OF THE "FAST AND FURIOUS" PROGRAM WHICH SUPPLIED GUNS TO MEXICAN DRUG CARTELS IN THE COURSE OF WHICH ONE OR MORE OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WERE KILLED.

A CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY WAS LAUNCHED, BUT KEY INFORMATION WAS WITHHELD AND BOTH MEDIA AND CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES WERE DEFLECTED OR STONAWALLED. WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE EVIDENCE, THE DOJ'S RESPONSE AMOUNTED TO AN AGENCY INVESTIGATING ITSELF — A PROCESS RARELY FAVORED TO PRODUCE RESULTS; AND A CERTAIN DEAD END IN WASHINGTON.

ON OTHER FRONTS, THE DOJ'S PERFORMANCE HAS ALSO FALLEN SHORT OF WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO EXPECT. REGARDING IMMIGRATION, IT HAS FILED LAW SUITS AGAINST AZ AND OTHER STATES AND LOCALITIES OVER THEIR ENFORCEMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES. IT HAS CLOAKED THESE LITIGATIONS IN CONSTITUTIONAL TERMS, BUT THE REAL REASONS BEHIND THEIR BEING FILED IN THE WAYS AND AT THE TIMES CHOSEN ARE IDEOLOGICAL, AS THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE STATES AND LOCALITIES IN FAVOR OF EFFECTIVE BORDER CONTROL DIRECTLY OPPOSED THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S PARTY LINE.

THERE IS A STUNNING CONTRADICTION IN THIS SITUATION REMARKABLE EVEN BY WASHINGTON STANDARDS. THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY AZ AND ITS COMPANIONS IN LITIGATION TO ENFORCE OUR BORDER SECURITY WERE CONSISTENT WITH AND IN SUPPORT OF EXISTING FEDERAL LAW WHICH GOVERNMENT HAD CHOSEN NOT TO ENFORCE FOR OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. ACCORDINGLY, THE HOLDER/DOJ SUITS AGAINST AZ ET AL WERE DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE OBSERVANCE/ ENFORCEMENT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S OWN LAW!

IN ANOTHER IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT MATTER, SHERIFF THOMAS DART OF COOK COUNTY, IL (CHICAGO) REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH A STANDARD REQUEST FOR COOPERATION BY A FEDERAL AGENCY, DRAWING THIS COMMENT FROM VERDICT.

"YOU WOULD THINK THAT THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE STANDING WITH US, SUPPORTING THE RULE OF LAW, BUT IL IS A SO-CALLED BLUE STATE AND HOLDER SEEMS ONLY INTERESTED IN SUING STATES THAT VOTED AGAINST OBAMA."<sup>5</sup>

THAT MAY, OR MAY NOT, BE TOO BROAD A BRUSH TO APPLY ONLY TO OBAMA, AS ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES HAVE LANGUISHED IN A POLITICAL ZONE OF INDIFFERENCE FOR ALMOST A HALF A CENTURY.<sup>6</sup>

A SIMILAR ABANDONMENT OCCURRED IN RELATION TO THE GAY RIGHTS ISSUE. THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAD PASSED THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT WHICH DENIED GAYS SOME OF THE RIGHTS AFFORDED BY TRADITIONAL SOCIAL LAW AND CUSTOM TO HETEROSEXUALS.

IN AUGUST, 2012 AT THE LGBT "LAVENDER LAW

CONFERENCE & CAREER FAIR", KEYNOTE SPEAKER HOLDER "REMINDED THE AUDIENCE THAT THE OBAMA DOJ WAS REFUSING TO DEFEND THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT, THOUGH AT THE TIME IT WAS STILL THE PREVAILING LAW OF THE LAND."<sup>7</sup>

THE AG HOLDER/DOJ LITIGATION AGAINST STATE LAW SURFACED AGAIN IN THE ISSUE OF VOTER ID LAW. LAST YEAR THE US SUPREME COURT STRUCK DOWN SOME ELEMENTS OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT (VRA) AFTER WHICH HOLDER SUED THE STATE OF TX CLAIMING THAT ITS VOTER ID LAW VIOLATED PROVISIONS OF THE VRA THAT HAD NOT BEEN INVALIDATED, AND ALSO STATED THAT DOJ WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A SEPARATE SUIT AGAINST TX OVER ITS REDISTRICTING LAWS.<sup>8</sup>

AS WITH ALMOST ALL OF THESE GOVERNMENT VS. GOVERNMENT LAWSUITS, THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF CLAIMS AND COUNTER CLAIMS AND THE SPECIOUS REASONING BEHIND THEM. HERE, AGAIN, IDEOLOGY WAS THE DOMINANT FOCUS, AS THE PURPOSE BEHIND THE PURPOSE WAS TO ALTER TX'S VOTING PRACTICES IN WAYS THAT WOULD FAVOR GREATER DEMOCRATIC PARTY PARTICIPATION AND ELECTORAL VICTORIES.

THE IDEA OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUING STATES/LOCALITIES TO IMPOSE IDEOLOGICAL LIMITS OR FORMS ON THEM IS OFFENSIVE TO MOST AMERICANS. THE STATES' RIGHTS VS. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARGUMENT HAS BEEN WITH US SINCE OUR BEGINNING AND, AS IT IS HIGHLY INTERPRETATIVE BY NATURE, WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE. BUT INTERPRETATIONS ARE ONE THING AND LAWSUITS ANOTHER.

WE SHOULD SEE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S IDEOLOGICAL PRESSURE ON STATES AND LOCALITIES FOR WHAT IT IS — AN EASY WAY TO ACCOMPLISH A DIFFICULT TASK. IF OUR LAWS, AT STATE OR FEDERAL LEVELS, DO NOT PRODUCE INTENDED RESULTS, FAIL THE PEOPLE'S INTEREST OR HAVE BEEN OUTDATED BY TECHNOLOGY OR WORLD EVENTS, THEY CAN BE CHANGED BY THE SAME LEGISLATIVE BODIES THAT CREATED THEM.

THAT'S A SIMPLE FACT THAT IS NOW MOSTLY OBSCURED BY THE POLITICS OF OUR TIME, RATIONAL DEBATE AND PERSUASION HAVING FLED THE LEGISLATIVE SCENE AND BEEN REPLACED BY UNRELENTING ANTAGONISM AND IDEOLOGICAL POLARIZATION. IT WAS OUR EARLY RELIANCE UPON DEBATE AND PERSUASION THAT SUSTAINED OUR "NOBLE EXPERIMENT". WITHOUT THEM WE ONLY MANAGE TO GET BY, AND ARE MIRED IN FAILURE FOR ALL TO SEE.

THIS IS NO ACCIDENTAL FAILURE BEYOND OUR CONTROL, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD BEGIN TO REALIZE IT. ANY TIME SOMEONE HAS THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO DO A JOB AND REFUSES TO USE THEM THEIR LACK OF ACTION IS TANTAMOUNT TO WILLFUL DESTRUCTION.

CONGRESS HAS THE MANDATED CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY TO PASS AND AMEND LEGISLATION, BUT MOSTLY AVOIDS THE LATTER BECAUSE THE PROCESS OF REFIGHTING FORMER BATTLES OPENS OLD WOUNDS. IT ALSO OFFERS OUR POLLING SERVICES THE CHANCE TO COME UP WITH NEW, AND PERHAPS DIFFERENT, RESULTS WHICH MAY REQUIRE AN AWKWARD SHIFT IN POSITION FROM A FORMER STANCE.

REMEMBER, EVERY REPRESENTATIVE IN THE HOUSE AND ONE-THIRD OF THE SENATE MUST FACE A REELECTION

CHALLENGE IN TWO YEARS. THIS IS LIKE PLOUGHING A FIELD CONTAINING LAND MINES FROM A PREVIOUS BATTLE. SOME FARMERS WILL ESCAPE INJURY; FOR OTHERS DEATH OR MORTAL WOUNDING CAN BE INSTANTANEOUS.

IN ADDITION TO ELECTORAL CONSEQUENCES, REVISITING OLD LEGISLATION CAN OFFER OPPONENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNCOVER ACTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS OR CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO FOLLOWING THE ORIGINAL PASSAGE WHICH MIGHT NOT PASS A CURRENT FRAGRANCE TEST WITH FELLOW MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OR THE PUBLIC.

## INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

“IT IS THESE POWER LINES THAT DRAW THE TRUE MAP OF WASHINGTON.”

WE DO NOT HAVE TO LOOK FAR TO FIND OTHER INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RIPPED FROM THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE/ STATUS AND PUT TO FALSE USE BY THOSE TO WHOM WE ENTRUST THEM. THE LATTER “WORK” OUR GOVERNMENT’S THREE- LEGGED STOOL (LOBBYISTS, CONGRESS AND BUREAUCRATS) AS THEY TRAVEL THE POWER LINES THAT VISIBLY AND INVISIBLY CONNECT ALL THREE. FORGET THE MAP THAT COMES WITH THE RENTAL CAR OR HOTEL ROOM. IT IS THESE POWER LINES THAT DRAW THE TRUE MAP OF WASHINGTON.

THERE IS ONE INSTITUTION THAT WIELDS EXTREME POWER EVEN BY GOVERNMENT STANDARDS. IT IS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST (100 YEARS OLD LAST YEAR) OF ALL OUR FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS AND, ALTHOUGH THE PUBLIC’S RELATIONSHIP WITH IT IS SELDOM AFFECTIONATE, IT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT POWERS OF WHICH OTHER AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS CAN ONLY DREAM.

IT IS THE IRS AND IT HAS THE RIGHT TO INQUIRE INTO EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES. IT MANAGES, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, INTERPRETS OUR MULTI-THOUSAND PAGE TAX CODE. IT HAS SPECIAL TAX COURTS AVAILABLE TO ADJUDICATE COMPLEX ISSUES. AND, WHEREAS IN CONVENTIONAL CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LAW MATTERS THE DEFENDANT IS PRESUMED TO BE INNOCENT AND THE PROSECUTOR MUST ESTABLISH GUILT, THE IRS CAN INITIATE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO WHICH THE DEFENDANT MUST PROVE INNOCENCE.

THIS IS AN ENORMOUS DIFFERENCE AND RUNS COUNTER TO SOME OF OUR MOST CHERISHED AND FREQUENTLY STATED LEGAL PRINCIPLES — INCLUDING INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. HOW IS IT THAT IN ONLY A CENTURY WE HAVE UP-ENDED PART OF OUR BASIC LEGAL STRUCTURE AND ADDED POWER AFTER POWER TO ITS EXPANDING REACH AND CODE?

THE ANSWER, LIES AGAIN IN THE HUMAN FACTOR. THE PEOPLE TO WHOM WE HAVE ENTRUSTED THE RUNNING OF OUR GOVERNMENT ARE OVERWHELMED BY ITS MONEY AND POWER, BOTH OF WHICH ARE CONCENTRATED AT THE IRS. THE TAX CODE IS AN UNWIELDY AND OFTEN CONTRADICTORY MESS OF MANY THOUSANDS OF PAGES. EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS WILL PUBLICLY CONDEMN IT, BUT, WITH LESS PUBLICITY, WILL

FIND PARTS THAT HE/SHE HEARTILY SUPPORTS AND INSISTS ARE ESSENTIAL.

THESE PARTS ARE FAVORED TO BE LOOPHOLES, MAKING THE TAX CODES WHICH APPEAR DENSE, QUITE LIKE SWISS CHEESE STRUCTURALLY. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON IN OUR CODE TO FIND A STATEMENT OF TAX IMPOSITION OR COVERAGE FOLLOWED BY MANY PAGES OF EXCLUSIONARY LANGUAGE PUT IN PLACE TO BENEFIT SPECIFIC CONSTITUENCIES, LARGE OR SMALL, GEOGRAPHIC OR POLITICAL, TEMPORAL OR SPIRITUAL, ETC.

THE LOOPHOLE “GAME” IS AS BIG AS ANY OTHER IN WASHINGTON, AND THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN IT KNOW WHERE THE MONEY/POWER LINES START AND END. THEY HAVE BECOME ADEPT AT NOT ONLY FOLLOWING THESE LINES, BUT ALSO MOVING THEM UP OR DOWN, TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT, AT THE SUGGESTION OF REAL OR IMAGINED POLITICAL BENEFITS.

NORMALLY, THE IRS CAN DEFLECT CRITICISM OF ITS OPERATIONS, BUT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS IT HAS SUFFERED THE EXPOSURE OF TWO VERY SERIOUS, UNPOPULAR AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES.

THE FIRST WAS THE DENIAL OF 501(C)(3) TAX EXEMPT STATUS TO APPLICANTS WITH A LARGELY REPUBLICAN OR CONSERVATIVE BACKGROUND. AND THE OTHER WAS PERMITTING, OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, THE PAYMENT OF CASH TAX BENEFITS TO FALSE OR FICTITIOUS NAMES/ADDRESSES CLAIMED ON TAX RETURNS SUBMITTED BY ILLEGAL ALIENS.

THE IRS IS UNIQUE IN THAT WE HAVE GIVEN IT POWER AND RESPECT WITHOUT AFFECTION. OVER ITS EXISTENCE OUR TRUST HAS LARGELY BEEN REPAID BY A MID-LEVEL EVEN- HANDEDNESS, BUT THAT TRUST HAS BEEN ABUSED IN RECENT YEARS.

MUCH OF THIS AGENCY’S POWER HAS DERIVED FROM ITS ABILITY TO DEFLECT PUBLICITY AND TO CONTROL THE NEWS CYCLE OF ITS ACTIVITIES, BUT TECHNOLOGY CHANGES EVERYTHING. AND IN OUR PRESENT ERA OF INSTANT AND MASS COMMUNICATION THE IRS’ PRIVACY ZONE IS NEITHER AS LARGE NOR AS EFFECTIVE AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. WHISTLE BLOWERS ARE NOW PART OF THE MIX AND THE IRS, WITH ITS HUGE BUDGETS, RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES, OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES SECOND TO NONE.

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WE SHOULD ALSO NOTE THE FAILURE OF BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SYSTEMS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO THE STATE DEPT. (DOS) REGARDING THE ATTACK UPON OUR DIPLOMATIC OUTPOST IN BENGHAZI AND THE MURDER OF AMBASSADOR STEVENS.

THERE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH “HE SAID/SHE SAIDS” IN THIS SITUATION TO GO AROUND, AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT WE WILL EVER HAVE VERIFIABLE EVIDENCE TO DRAW AN EXACT TIME, ACTION AND CONSEQUENCE LINE FOR THOSE INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN LIBYA — THE DEPTS. OF STATE AND DEFENSE, THE WHITE HOUSE, CIA, ETC.

BUT, REGARDLESS OF THE FAULT INVOLVED AND WHO COMMITTED IT, BENGHAZI STANDS AS A FIRST RANK

INSTITUTIONAL FAILURE. THIS IS BECAUSE OUR DOS HAS, THROUGHOUT ITS LONG HISTORY, MOSTLY MANAGED TO CULTIVATE THE ATMOSPHERE OF QUIET DIGNITY AND SUCCESS THAT DIPLOMACY AIMS TO PROVIDE.

TWO MAJOR INSTITUTIONS, THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE DOS, AND SEVERAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES IN BETWEEN, COOPERATED IN THE FABRICATION OF AN OBVIOUSLY PHONY COVER (UP) STORY AND PLAYED IT OUT ON THE MSM FOR SEVERAL DAYS UNTIL THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF EMERGING TRUTH AND INTENSE PUBLIC INTEREST CALLED A HALT TO WHAT HAD BECOME MORE OF A POLITICAL CARTOON THAN A REASONABLE ACCOUNTING OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT ACTIONS.

“IT AMOUNTED TO LITTLE MORE THAN POLITICAL VAUDEVILLE.”

AMERICANS HAVE A HIGH EMOTIONAL INVESTMENT IN THEIR INSTITUTIONS (I.E., “MY COUNTRY, RIGHT OR WRONG”)<sup>9</sup>, AND WILL GO MORE THAN HALF WAY TO SUPPORT THEM, BUT THE BENGHAZI PR EFFORT WAS OFF THE CHART. IT AMOUNTED TO LITTLE MORE THAN POLITICAL VAUDEVILLE.

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INSTITUTIONS DO NOT SPRING FORTH, FULLY FORMED, FROM THE HEAD OF A REAL OR IMAGINED DEITY, BUT HAVE TO ACHIEVE THEIR STATUS, SOMETIMES BY INTENT AND SOMETIMES NOT, OVER TIME.

WE INVEST THEM WITH OUR RESPECT, PATIENCE, AUTHORITY AND SOMETIMES AFFECTION, SO THAT, BY COMBINING OUR MANY INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS, THEY CAN MUSTER THE WISDOM AND JUDGMENT REQUIRED TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF OUR NEEDS AND INTENTIONS.

THIS IS A PRIMARY ASPECT OF CREATING GOOD GOVERNMENT. IT IS NOT AN EASY ONE, AND, IN A SOCIETY WITH AS MANY GOALS (AND SHOALS) AS OURS, WE ARE CONSTANTLY FACED WITH DIFFICULT EVALUATIONS AND COMPLEX CHOICES NECESSARY TO MOVE THE COUNTRY IN THE DIRECTION MANDATED BY THE POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY ITS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.

AND THEREIN LIES A KEY CONTRADICTION THAT AFFECTS ALL OUR GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS — WHILE TO SOME DEGREE, IN ORDER TO SUCCEED, THEY MUST RESPOND TO PUBLIC OPINION, THEY ARE NOT DIRECTLY FORMED OR MANAGED BY THE PUBLIC, BUT RATHER BY THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT CREATED IN THE CONSTITUTION.

WE HAVE SEEN HOW THIS BLANK SPACE BETWEEN PUBLIC OPINION AND GOVERNMENT CAN BE MANIPULATED BY ALL THREE BRANCHES OF OUR GOVERNMENT WITH DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR BOTH POLICY AND RESULTS (I.E., SELECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT).

OUR DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS NOT BOUND BY CENTRALIZED POWER ELEMENTS SUCH AS ROYAL PRIVILEGE, RULE BY HEREDITARY DESCENT, UNFETTERED USE OF SURVEILLANCE AND ARREST (ALTHOUGH WE ARE INCHING

TOWARDS FEWER FREEDOMS), A SINGLE PARTY ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND/OR THE IMBALANCE BETWEEN AN ALL POWERFUL EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND A NEUTERED POPULARLY ELECTED CHAMBER.

STILL AND ALL, OUR SYSTEM IS VERY CLEARLY SHOWING SIGNS OF THE STRESS APPLIED TO IT BY COMPETING POLICIES, PRACTICES, CONSTITUENCIES, VALUES AND VISIONS, BOTH OF OUR PAST AND WHAT WE HOPE TO LEAVE TO OUR DESCENDANTS AND THEIR FUTURES. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE NOT HONEST AMONG OURSELVES EVEN AS TO WHAT FORCES WILL REQUIRE OUR ATTENTION AND EFFORTS.

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HAVING GIVEN A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF OUR CURRENT INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS, LET’S TAKE A LOOK AT THE JOB DESCRIPTION OUR FOUNDERS WROTE FOR THE CONSTITUTION:

“... TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION, ESTABLISH JUSTICE, INSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY, PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENCE, PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE, AND SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY . . .”<sup>10</sup>

THIS IS A VERY TALL ORDER COMBINED WITH A HIGH MEASURE OF HOPE IN A VERY FEW LINES. AND WITH EACH SUCCESSIVE READING THE MAGNITUDE OF WHAT IS TO BE ATTEMPTED BECOMES MORE APPARENT. THE FOUNDERS WERE DRAWN FROM MANY ACTIVE LEVELS OF COLONIAL LIFE — LAW, COMMERCE, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, POLITICS — WHO HAD RISEN TO THE TOP OF THE POLITICAL FROTH FORMED BY OUR DETERIORATING RELATIONSHIP WITH ENGLAND.

THEY FOUND COMMON GROUND IN BELIEVING THAT THEY COULD CREATE A GOVERNMENT BASED ON FREEDOM AND UNITY THAT WOULD REJECT THE FAILURES OF THE EUROPEAN MONARCHIES.

THIS WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN DREAM AND BEARS NO RELATION TO THE COMMERCIAL VERSION BASED ON CONSUMERISM WHICH IS SO OFTEN TOUTED TODAY BY POLITICIANS OF BOTH PARTIES AND AT EVERY ELECTORAL LEVEL.

KNOWING THEIR DAYS WERE LIKELY LIMITED TO A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AFTER THE CONSTITUTION’S RATIFICATION, THEY THOUGHT, WROTE AND ACTED WITH THE URGENCY OF KNOWING THAT THEIR YOUNG AND LARGELY UNTESTED GOVERNMENT WOULD VERY SOON HAVE TO STAND ON ITS OWN WOBBLY LEGS. WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISHED WAS SO HUMAN AND POWERFUL THAT IT SURVIVED CRISIS AFTER CRISIS FROM WHICH OUR GOVERNMENT WAS ABLE TO GAIN INCREMENTAL STRENGTH. THE MIRACLE THAT ENABLED THIS WAS THE UNITY AND CONTINUITY THAT THE FOUNDERS DREAMED INTO REALITY AND LEFT TO THEIR SUCCESSORS.

THE CONSTITUTION STANDS, WITHOUT SERIOUS CHALLENGE, AS OUR GREATEST, MOST ENDURING AND PROLIFIC INSTITUTION. IN SEEDING OTHERS, BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY, IT HAS BEEN A KEY ELEMENT IN THE MOSTLY BENEFICIAL GROWTH AND PARTICIPATION THAT HAS MARKED OUR

TWO PLUS CENTURIES OF POLITICAL EXPRESSION. FOR MUCH OF THIS TIME IT HAS SERVED AS A SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION FOR OTHER NATIONS ENGAGED IN THEIR OWN PROCESS OF POLITICAL AND HUMAN ADVANCEMENT.

THERE IS A BODY OF THOUGHT IN AMERICA KNOWN AS EXCEPTIONALISM WHICH VIEWS OUR SINGULAR, SUPERPOWER ACHIEVEMENTS AS EVIDENCE OF DIVINE CHRISTIAN FAVOR TOWARDS OUR NATION AND PEOPLE. THIS IS OFTEN EXTENDED TO THE BELIEF THAT AMERICANS ARE INHERENTLY A SUPERIOR PEOPLE ENTITLED TO A GREATER SHARE OF THE WORLD'S RESPECT AND RESOURCES THAN OTHERS.

WE ARE A YOUNG NATION WITH AN ADMITTEDLY UNUSUAL RECORD OF SUCCESS, BUT HAVE NOT YET EXPERIENCED THE FULL CYCLE OF RISE AND DECLINE THAT HAS REGULARLY BEEN VISITED UPON OTHER DOMINANT EMPIRES. IT MAY COMFORT SOME TO THINK WE CAN ESCAPE THIS COMMON FATE, BUT HISTORY SUGGESTS THAT WE WILL NOT. ALL GREAT EMPIRES HAVE AT THEIR CENTERS HUMAN NATURE AND BEHAVIOR WHICH INVARIABLY PLAY FREQUENTLY AND IMPORTANTLY IN THE FINAL PROCESS WE NOW REFER TO AS REGIME CHANGE.

FROM ITS BEGINNING AMERICA WAS BLESSED WITH EXCEPTIONAL RESOURCES AND CIRCUMSTANCE. IT ENJOYED A VAST AND WEALTHY CONTINENT IDEALLY SUITED TO AGRICULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

“TO PUSH FURTHER AND FIND EDENESQUE QUALITIES IN AMERICA TODAY IS A FAR REACH, INDEED.”

AND IT IS TRUE THAT BOTH IN THE EARLY 17TH AND 19TH CENTURIES SOME RELIGIOUS GROUPS VIEWED AND PROMOTED AMERICA AS A “NEW EDEN”, ALTHOUGH THIS VIEW QUICKLY LOST GROUND TO OUR ENORMOUS 19TH CENTURY ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION. TO PUSH FURTHER AND FIND EDENESQUE QUALITIES IN AMERICA TODAY IS A FAR REACH, INDEED.

AMERICA'S FIRST ARRIVALS IN THE 17TH CENTURY WERE COLONISTS, NOT IMMIGRANTS. THEY POSSESSED THE TOOLS AND THE BEGINNINGS OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT'S EMERGING KNOWLEDGE. THEY PAID THEIR WAY, SOMETIMES BY WHOLE CHURCH PARISHES BUYING OR BUILDING A SHIP. AT OTHER TIMES THE PARISH RECTOR MIGHT JOIN ANOTHER GROUP WITH ONLY PART OF HIS PARISH AND THEN RETURN IN A YEAR OR TWO TO BRING OTHERS.

THE RECTOR'S LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THIS ARDUOUS AND TESTING PROCESS OFTEN CARRIED THROUGH IN THE SETTLED LIFE OF THE COLONIAL COMMUNITIES, WITH A GROUP'S RECTOR BECOMING BISHOP, JUDGE OR GOVERNOR.

TRADESMEN, PRIESTS, DOCTORS, FARMERS, LAWYERS, BUTCHERS, TAILORS, SHOEMAKERS, CARPENTERS — THE COLONISTS WERE ABLE TO ESTABLISH SOCIETIES THAT MET MOST OF THEIR COMMUNAL NEEDS AND COULD DRAW UPON WHATEVER PARTS OF ENGLISH LAW SUITED THEM FOR CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PROCESS.

INVARIABLY, COLONIAL LIFE ESTABLISHED COMMUNITIES IN WHICH MORAL AND CIVIL AUTHORITY OFTEN

WERE JOINED AND WHERE THEY WERE EXERCISED BY CITIZEN GROUPS SUCH AS JURIES, COUNCILS, VESTRIES, COMMISSIONS, ELDERS, ETC. IT IS NOT STRETCHING TO OBSERVE THAT THESE EARLY FORMS AND FUNCTIONS SUGGEST THE LATER SHAPE OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

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REGARDLESS OF WHETHER WE ATTRIBUTE OUR EXCEPTIONAL PROGRESS TO DIVINE WILL OR TO A MORE RANDOM COMBINATION OF GOOD FORTUNE, INTENTIONS AND RESULTS, WE HAVE ARRIVED AT A POINT OF GOVERNMENTAL CONTRADICTION.

WE HAVE ACCUMULATED ALL THE WEALTH AND POWER REQUIRED TO BECOME THE SOLE SUPER POWER, BUT WE HAVE SQUANDERED MUCH OF IT AND OUR POSITION GROWS PRECARIOUS.

OUR GOVERNMENT IS GIVEN OVER TO IDEOLOGICAL CARPING AND QUIBBLING, CORRUPTION AND CAREER POLITICS THAT PREVENT THE PASSAGE OF THE RESPONSIBLE LEGISLATION NEEDED TO RESOLVE THE NATIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES THAT SO PERSISTENTLY PRESS AGAINST US.

“THE ENEMY IS WITHIN.  
VIGILANCE IS NECESSARY.”

NOW IS A TIME WHEN OUR INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH, BUT THEY TOO, AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT THEY SERVE, HAVE BEEN WEAKENED, ABUSED AND DIVIDED, AS WE WILL SEE IN OUR NEXT ISSUE. AT NO TIME IN OUR STRUGGLE TO ENDURE HAVE WE NEEDED THE COMBINED STRENGTHS OF OUR INSTITUTIONS AND OUR PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT AS WE DO NOW. THE ENEMY IS WITHIN. VIGILANCE IS NECESSARY.

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## THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT — ITS REAL FAILURE

THE HOOPLA AND POLITICAL IN-FIGHTING OVER THE FAILURE OF THE HEALTH.GOV WEBSITE TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS HAS GIVEN EACH POLITICAL PARTY AN UNEXPECTED SUPPLY OF BROADCAST TIME AND PRINT HEADLINES. BLOOD HAS BEEN LET, BUT TIME WILL PASS AND IN THE NORMAL POLITICAL COURSE OF THINGS, BLOOD WILL FLOW AGAIN. THE ACA IS A MAJOR ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND MEDICAL ISSUE WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY BE RESOLVED IN THE COURTS OF PUBLIC OPINION AND LAW.

BUT ANOTHER, VERY SCARY, STORY HAS EMERGED FROM LAST FALL'S WEBSITE FAILURE. THIS WAS A TOTAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT — TOP ADMINISTRATION PRIORITY, FULL FORCE ATTACK, NO HOLDS BARRED, ETC. AND YET, IT FAILED.

IN ITS THREE PLUS YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT, IT COULD CALL UPON ALL OF THE VAST PERSONNEL, FINANCIAL AND

TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT. AND YET, IT FAILED.

WE CANNOT POINT THE FINGER OF BLAME AT TOO FEW WORKERS OR DOLLARS OR INSUFFICIENT TECHNOLOGY. ALL WERE AVAILABLE IN ABUNDANCE, BUT OUR GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY, HUGE AS IT IS, COULD NOT DO THE JOB. IT FAILED.

THINK OF THE TAXPAYER DOLLARS SPENT ON THIS FAILURE. ONE ESTIMATE IS \$634 MILLION FOR THE WEBSITE ALONE <sup>11</sup> THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE TECHNICAL, LEGAL AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES HIRED BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE NOVEMBER LAUNCH DATE SOME OF WHICH CONTINUE TO BE ENGAGED IN REPAIRS. OUCH! CONSIDER THE SAME AMOUNT OF EFFORT AND RESULT IN ANOTHER SORT OF PROGRAM — NATIONAL DEFENSE, PUBLIC SAFETY, SPACE EXPLORATION, THE POSTAL SERVICE, ETC. WITH A SIMILAR RESULT. SCARY! WHERE DOES THIS LEAD US? THE SHOWCASE PROJECT OF OUR EXECUTIVE BRANCH FOR THREE YEARS CAN'T FUNCTION AS PLANNED.

ALTHOUGH THIS OCCURRED DURING A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION, IT MIGHT JUST AS EASILY HAVE HAPPENED IN A GOP TERM. THE ISSUE OF COMPETENCE/MANAGEMENT PLAYS NO FAVORITES. FORGET THE POLITICS! THE REAL MESSAGE IS THAT THOSE OUR GOVERNMENT DEEMED THE BEST AVAILABLE TO IT WERE UNABLE TO PRODUCE A FUNCTIONING WEBSITE! AND THAT SHOULD SET OUR ALARM BELLS RINGING!

WE WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN ASSUMING THAT OUR PRESENT BUREAUCRACY, BY ITS NATURE AND ORGANIZATION, IS UNSUITED TO ENGAGE IN EARLY STAGE PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT. FOR TRUE PERSPECTIVE, CONTRAST OUR RECENT HISTORY WITH THAT OF OUR CONVERSION OF BOTH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY FROM PEACE TO WARTIME OPERATIONS AFTER PEARL HARBOR. DIFFERENT TIMES! DIFFERENT PEOPLE! DIFFERENT VALUES!

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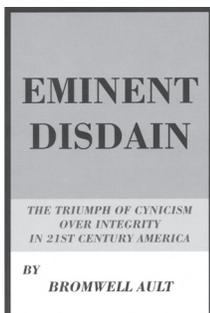
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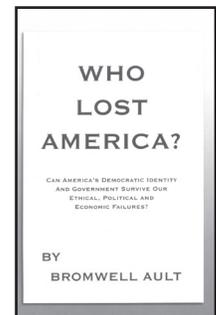
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