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PI2026 #0456 – Are Of Greater Value

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~ **Doug Gwyn**

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~ **George Bernard Shaw**

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July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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**Whenever A Law, Policy, Or Regulation** is imposed on market activity, natural market activity is subject to forced change. “We, the American People” who, then, decide to exchange goods and services for goods and services, stand to be required to alter how we might conduct exchanges to satisfy gove4rnment policies, laws, or regulations. Traders are no longer free to decide mutual benefit.

“War is just one more big government program.”

~ *Joseph Sobran*



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## Fast food chains find a way around \$20 minimum wage: Get rid of the workers



***“Our, the American People’s”*** media outlets are reporting debate over minimum wage is erupting again due a rash of Washington D.C. restaurant closings. Restaurants are no different than any business. Every business sets its prices on cost-of-sales and profit required to stay in business and remain competitive. No business can stay in business by charging prices greater than customers will pay.

“Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.”

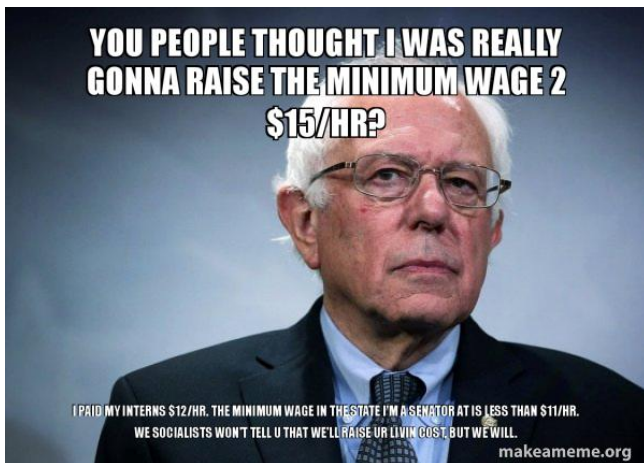
~ *John Adams* )



**Restaurant (Any Business) Prices** are not based on business owner whim. Prices are, in final analysis, set by “Us, the American People” as customers. Cost of sales, in contrast, are set, in part by government action, including taxes, regulatory costs, applicable laws including minimum wages. When cost-of-sales sum total exceeds prices customers will pay, businesses go out of business. Restaurants close.

“They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

~ *Benjamin Franklin*

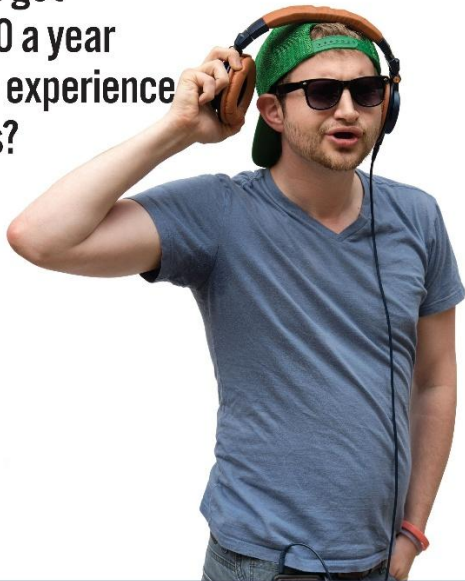


**Much As ‘Fair wage’ Advocates Might Like,** no business is guaranteed enough sales revenue to stay in business after meeting all costs-of-sales. Customers pay prices customers are willing to pay, not prices set by government or ideological social activists demanding higher minimum wages. People looking for greater compensation from employers have to show their services are of greater value.

“One of the greatest delusions in the world is the hope that the evils in this world are to be cured by legislation.”

~ *Thomas B. Reed*

What? I get  
\$30,000 a year  
with no experience  
or skills?



Who needs an education or hard  
work when Gov. Cuomo is raising the  
minimum wage to 15 dollars an hour?

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**People Intending To Live In Liberty** do not allow legislators – or other public officials within These United States of America, to subsidize private enterprise with public money. They uphold free markets.

“If you are not free to choose wrongly and irresponsibly, you are not free at all.”

~ ***Jacob Hornberger***

**IF YOU BELIEVE THE MINIMUM  
WAGE IS TOO LOW...**



**HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED  
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PI2026 #0455 – Try To Eradicate Ideas

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“Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.”

~ *P.J. O'Rourke*

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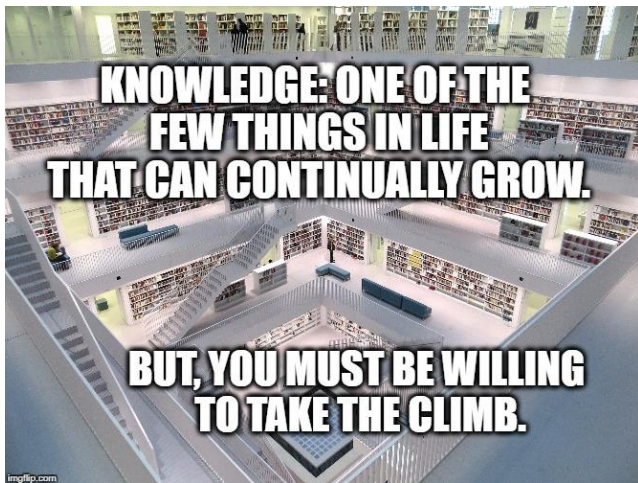
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“The more corrupt the state, the more it legislates.”

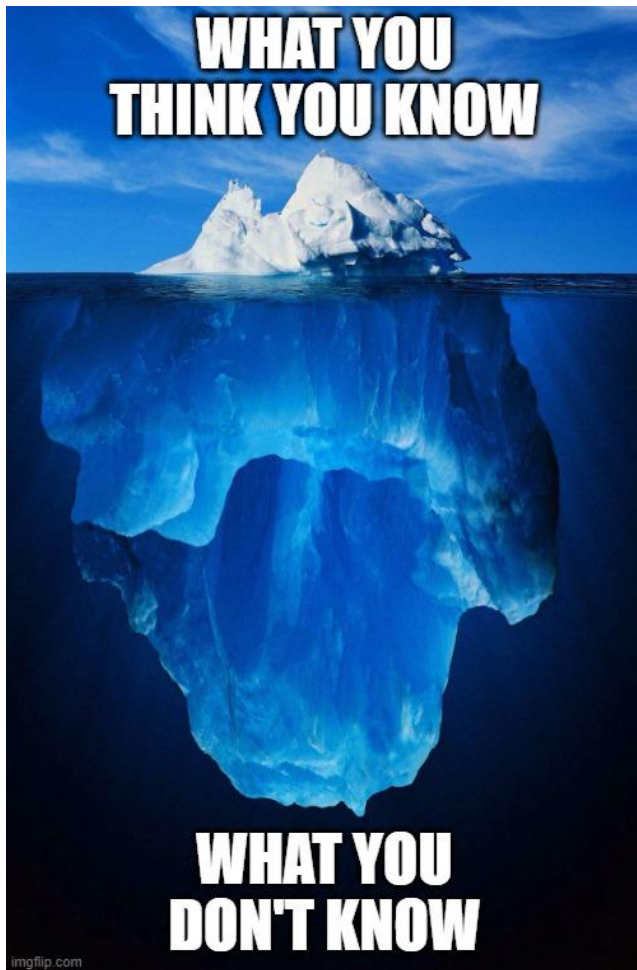
~ *Tacitus*



**A Little Learning Is A Dangerous Thing.** Might even be more dangerous than a, say, 100-ton nuclear bomb. Nuclear bombs kill people, break things and radiation fallout stays around a while. Learning lasts forever. Ideas alter history's course. Ideas permeate entire nations, entire civilizations. Once rooted, ideas are, for all intents and purposes, indestructible. People still try to eradicate ideas.

“Government is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.”

~ *George Washington*

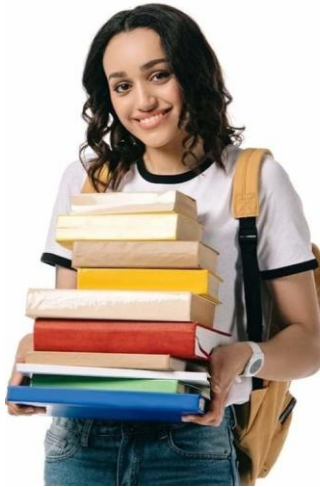


*“We, the American People”* who are suspicious to change are not too keen on how ideas can prompt change. We, in guarding against change, will do about anything we can to stop change. We are, especially, against changing personal attitudes, values, and beliefs (PAVB) we hold near and dear; so near and dear we are reluctant to trust anyone with dissimilar PAVB. Faith-based PAVB are sacrosanct.

“No man’s life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session.

~ *Mark Twain*

## MY KNOWLEDGE OF SERIAL KILLERS



## MY KNOWLEDGE OF MATH



**It Would Be Smart -Very** smart – for “Us, the American People” to be careful when anyone decides we should change school curricula to reflect PAVB modification they proposing change embrace. Education has no purpose superseding behavior control. Lone Star State education law-makers have decided Lone Star State schools shall include Biblical passage reading. To understand America’s core.

“There is no worse tyranny than to force a man to pay for what he does not want merely because you think it would be good for him.”

~ ***Robert Heinlein***

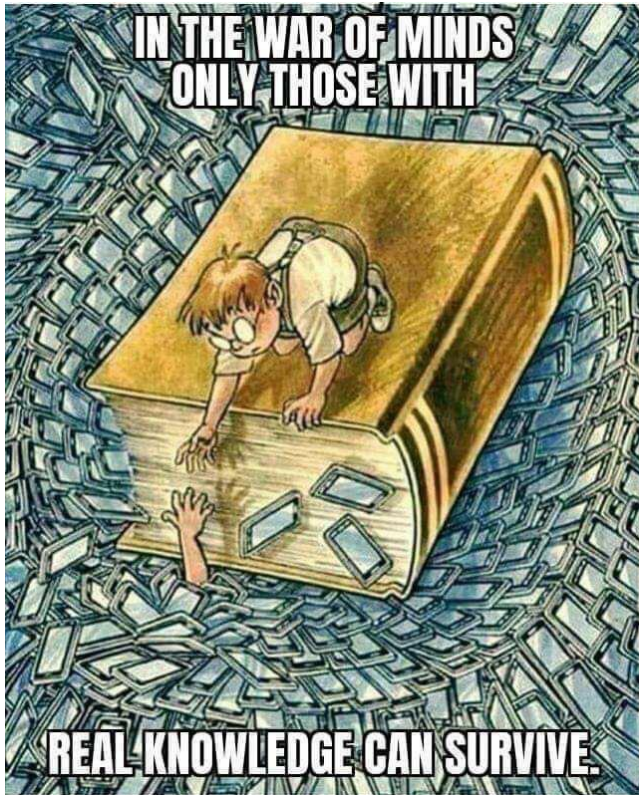
knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit,  
wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad



**No One But Lone Star State Law**-makers know why Lone Star State law-makers have decided to mandate Bible reading in Lone Star State schools. If it is because they intend religious indoctrination, Lone Star State parents ought hang them out to dry. If it is to do nothing more than develop appreciation for America’s political freedom under Liberty, then it is academic. Knowledge is not our enemy.

“The true danger is when Liberty is nibbled away, for expedients.”

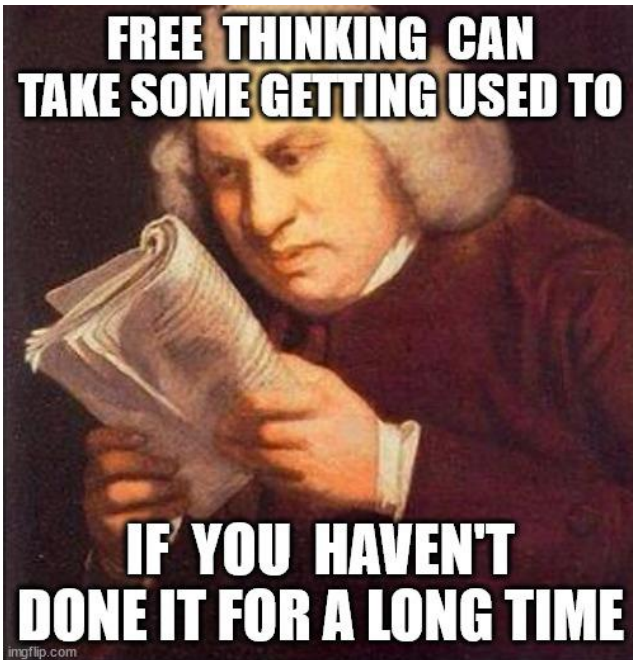
~ *Edmund Burke*



**People Resolved To Live In Liberty** do not allow legislators – or other public officials within These United States of America, to permit federal authorities or courts to define or limit their 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment powers beyond specific Constitutional constraint. They protect their lives and property against “State” intrusion.

“Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none.”

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PI2026 #0454 – (BA) 250 Years Later Brings a New Test for Liberty

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“As citizens, we all have an obligation to intervene and become involved - it’s the citizen who changes things.”

~ **Jose Saramago**

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**AAH Reader (<[bethannscstalkradio@substack.com](mailto:bethannscstalkradio@substack.com)>) Circulates Periodic** perspectives under “*Beth Ann From Beyond the Microphone*.” Commentary (***250 Years Later Brings a New Test for Liberty***) below.

**AAH Considers Beth Ann’s Observations** on point in “Our, the American People’s” clash with those who would undermine Liberty.

**Please Help Spread** Beth Ann’s message far and wide.

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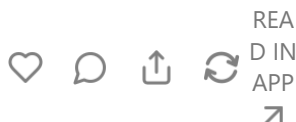
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“Guard with jealous attention the public Liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel.”

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The barbeque charcoal is now cold, the bottle rocket debris has been cleared from your backyard, the blister on your finger is nearly healed but the pride and thankfulness for being an American lives on.

**The Red White and Blue runs true!**

**Let History be our grounding.**

**We Declared Independence July 4, 1776.** War was already breaking out but the words in that declaration were not just meant for the king, it was intended for the world, especially for the ears of France; **America is a free and independent nation!**

The United States effectively won the Revolutionary War on October 19, 1781, when British General Charles Cornwallis surrendered his troops at the Battle of Yorktown. This decisive victory forced Great Britain to negotiate, and the conflict officially ended on September 3, 1783, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris, which recognized the United States as a sovereign nation.

But wait, we have some unfinished business yet! Our new nation of states was a bit discombobulated; we needed laws, we needed stability, we needed a form of governance, we needed a Constitution! After months of heated discussion accomplishing nothing,

there was a welcomed interruption by the elder Doctor Benjamin Franklin. Franklin reminded all of them how when we were active in war, they met there in prayer daily. He suggested that the assembly be paused and pray for divine guidance now. Opening prayer is still a tradition in Congress, unfortunately the opening prayer is more ritual and less spiritual.

The United States Constitution was officially ratified on June 21, 1788, when New Hampshire became the ninth state to approve it, meeting the requirement for it to become the framework of government. It went into full operation on March 4, 1789. The document was originally written and signed by delegates on September 17, 1787, and all 13 original states eventually ratified it by May 29, 1790.

The number of signatures needed were accomplished. This is an important statement made by Dr. Franklin, one which many today have either forgotten or they ignore it. After the Constitutional Convention finalized their job and Dr. Franklin exited Liberty Hall, Mrs. Powell (we all love this woman), ran up to Ben Franklin and asked him, *“Well sir, what kind of a government do we have?”* Dr. Franklin quickly replied, **“A Republic, if you can keep it.”** Notice, he did not say, “A democracy so you can socialize it.”

There was a bit of a hiccup, as you might remember. The time arrived for all the delegates to sign the Constitution, but Colonel George Mason refused, in fact swore he would rather *“Chop off his right hand than sign that Constitution.”* When James Madison asked him why, Mason stated, *“Because it doesn’t have a Bill of Rights!”* To which James Madison replied, “But we have not given the federal government enough power to infringe on our rights.” But George Mason said, **“But they will, they always do!”**

**Unfortunately, Colonel Mason’s words have turned out to be an intuitive and prophetic statement.**

**America continued to push forward for Liberty!**

The Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791. Specifically, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution were officially adopted on December 15, 1791, when Virginia became the three-fourths majority state needed to secure their ratification.

### **Is Liberty ever truly won?**

The British made yet another attempt to subdue “the colonies,” but failed again during the War of 1812. Once more the defeated redcoats did “turn tail” and run.

Our Founding Fathers were not saints, by any means, however they understood tyranny, for they had lived it. Of the Constitution Patrick Henry stated, ***“The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government - lest it come to dominate our lives and interests.”***

### **250 Years Later Brings a New Test for Liberty**

I took us through this quick brief history to emphasize that We the People must cling to who we are!

**“When the past no longer illuminates the future, the spirit walks in darkness.”** Alexis de Tocqueville

Yes, the official day of July has passed, however America is one of the youngest, if not the youngest, nations in the world; but the longest lasting Republic. Unique is our freedom and our lust for Liberty, and Independence. **America is, or was, known for serving a Sovereign God, as a nation as well as individuals.** The United States of America is also the most powerful nation in the world. The world looks to us for protection, and they look to us for freedom.

The Declaration of Independence has 27 grievances listed by our Founding Fathers against their tyrannical king. I challenge you to look at these grievances and compare how our government officials today, in particular Congress and the two-party political system, have infringed upon our inalienable rights.

**We the People, Consent of the Governed**, have failed to restrain our government; Congress. Without our personal watch care over them, the elected officials have grown puffed up. Did you know there is a plot among the RINO republicans, salivating for the end of President Trump's term in office, so that "they" can take their party back? Their Party, as Mitt Romney put it, seems to be leaving out **We the People**, for which any political party should exist. What arrogance! What tyranny!

The Democrat Party is dead to our Constitutional Republic, for they are pushing communism and tyranny. They believe in Government, not God. They detest **We the People**, and reject completely the phrase, "**Consent of the Governed.**" They work tirelessly to divide and conquer our Constitutional Republic for their tyrannical communism-Marxism form of government. Before they can take over, they must cause chaos, promote lawlessness, death and destruction.

In America **We the People** are the "*government.*" We the People must never give up; we must take charge – "**Consent of the Governed!**"

To quote one of my favorites however, "**THESE are the times that try men's souls.**" **America has reached a moment in time where we must step up to protect and preserve our Liberty.**

**The Democrat Party has turned against America.** They opened the door for our enemies, they ignore the laws, they ignore the Constitution and they threaten judges, so that they will rule in their political favor. They are communists and are attempting to take over our cities, making promises of a free utopia, which of course is the lie of communism. They are perverting and erasing our history and dividing our nation.

Certain leaders of the Republican Party, such as Majority Leader John Thune, refuse to accommodate the will of **We the People**. Like Paul Ryan, Thune despises President Trump and he will continue to stall and obstruct the will of **We the People**. Their hate for President Trump is their hate for **We the People!** Is it that Thune is a horrible negotiator, or is it that Thune is a RINO and clings to his globalist platform and not our Constitution or the safety of this nation?

I encourage all of you reading this to make a phone call to Washington, D.C. Call 202-224-3121 and tell Senator Thune to “knock it off” and stop with his obstruction; pass the SAVE AMERICA ACT now!

The power of our government belongs to **We the People...** we must embrace our power and “lead” these leaders...

Patrick Henry, also said, ***“Guard with jealous attention the public Liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel.”***

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“The triumph of persuasion over force is the sign of a civilized society.”

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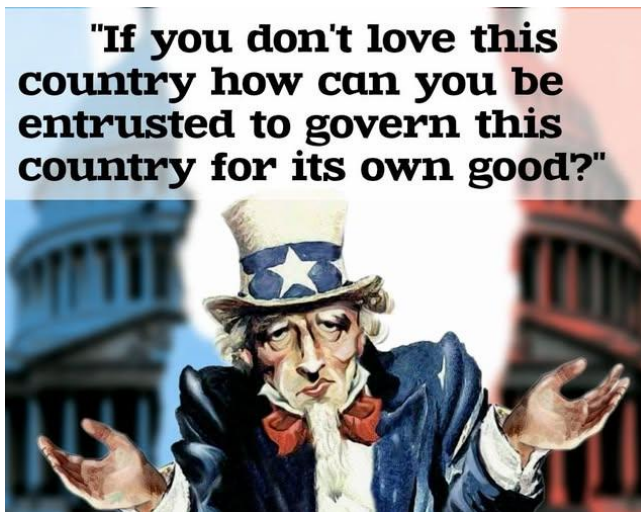
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*If you are for the positives and against the negatives, we are with you. Please forward to as many as possible—anyone.*

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“A wise and frugal government which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government.”

~ **Thomas Jefferson**



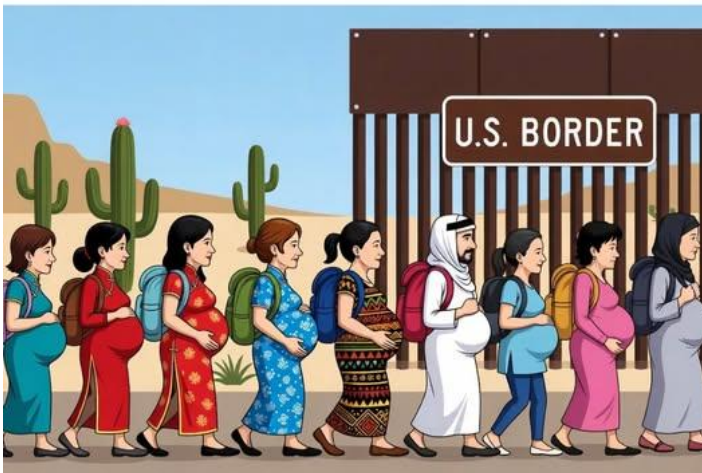
**"Our. The American People's"** Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) is controversial and contentious. Hardly a wonder. Nine SCOTUS Justices are Constitutionally empowered to decide if and how our legislative-jurisprudence actions will bear on Americans who are some 338 million strong as of 2025. Each of nine SCOTUS Justices vote to impact lives of 37,555,556 million Americans.

"The evils of tyranny are rarely seen but by him who resists it."

~ **John Hay**



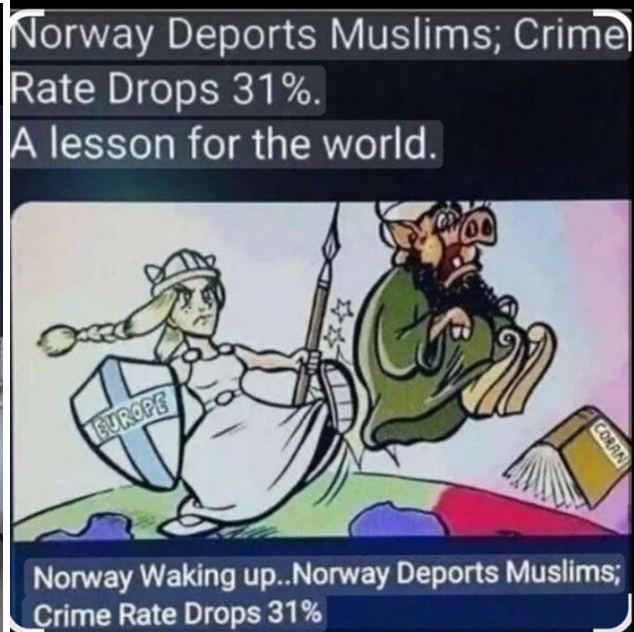
**TIME TO BAN PREGNANT WOMEN  
THAT AREN'T CITIZENS OF THE USA  
FROM COMING INTO THE USA  
UNTIL AFTER THEY GIVE BIRTH  
IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES**



**Media Articles Offer A Steady** stream of SCOTUS news on how SCOTUS is politically oriented or how spats between SCOTUS Justices indicate how divided SCOTUS can be when it comes to rendering opinions on laws as laws bear on Constitutionality. Recent media articles report SCOTUS effort to get more security funding from Congress and SCOTUS clashes centered on 6:3 conservative/liberal divide.

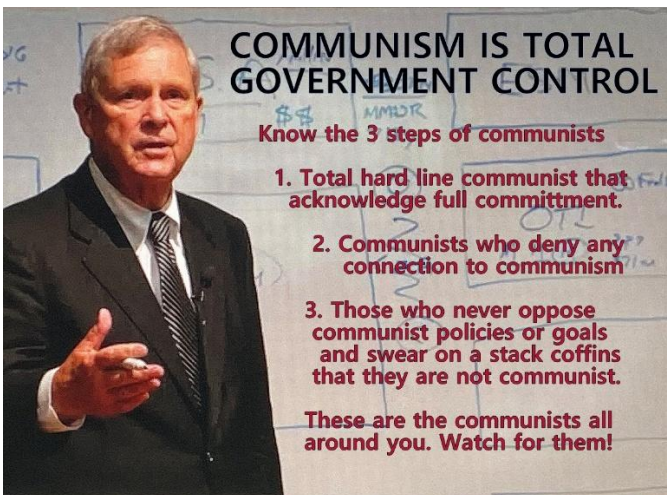
“Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.”

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**One law will stop the Muslims from taking over the country:**

**Any Muslim promoting Sharia Law in the United States gets Deported**



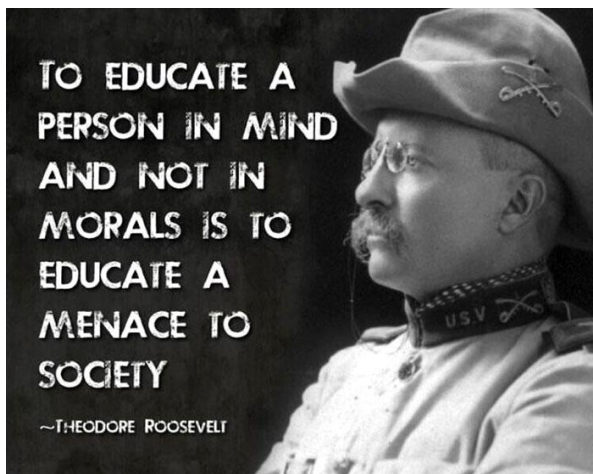
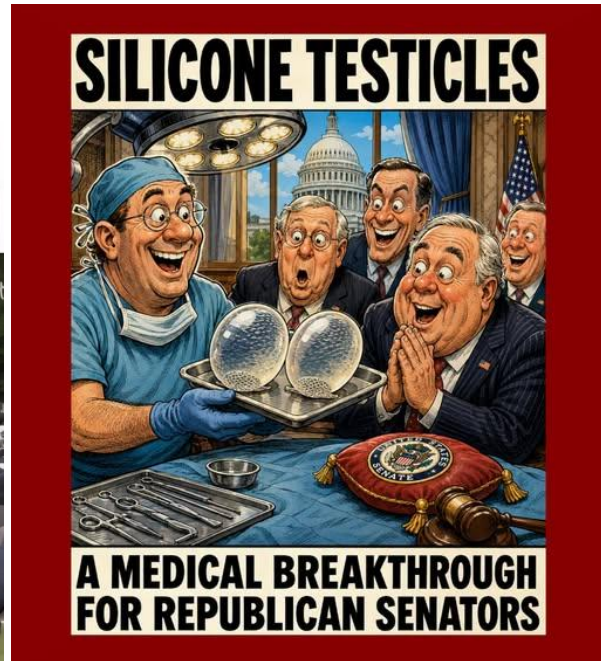
**“We, the American People”** would be smart to consider limiting SCOTUS and virtually all courts to decisions where all Americans are treated without respect to their socio-economic standing or personal attitudes, values, and beliefs (PAVB). For SCOTUS to render opinions on, say, Faith-based disputes result in some people having freedom to act on their PAVB, other people kept from acting on theirs.

“The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground.”

~ **Thomas Jefferson**

You're not being tolerant.  
You're not being inclusive.  
You're not being open-minded.

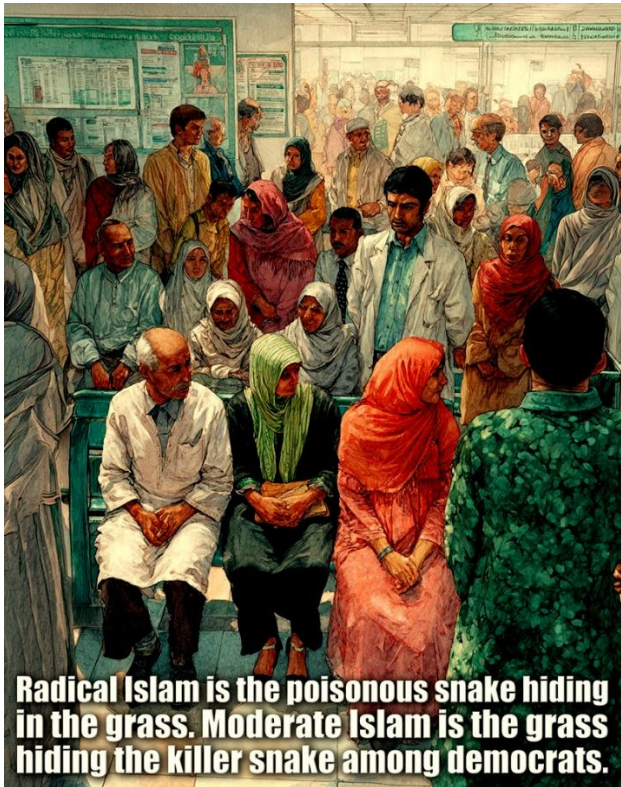
You're being conquered



**SCOTUS Justices Are Graduates** of three law schools. Four SCOTUS Justices have Harvard sheepskins, four Justices have Yale sheepskins, one Justice has a Notre Dame law school sheepskin. Of 674 total United States law schools, 208 are ABA-certified. If SCOTUS Justice law school makeup reflects law school preeminence, we would do well to query adequacy of some 671 other law schools.

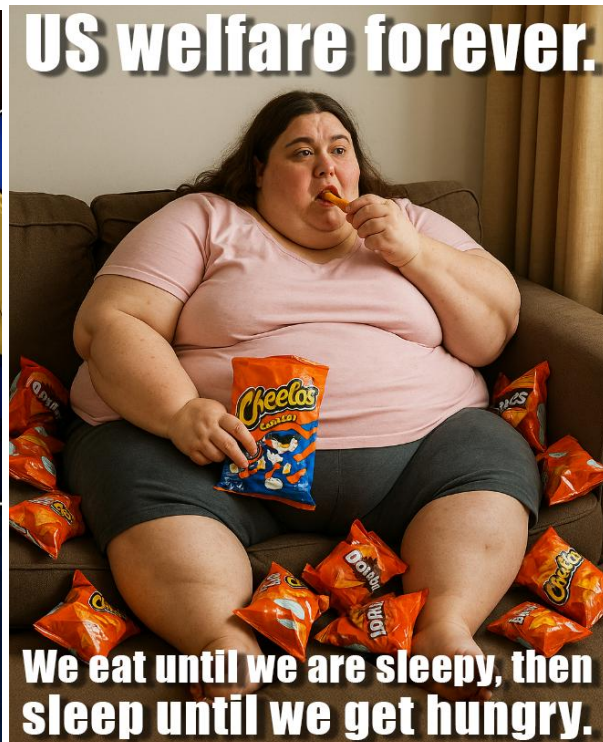
“Timid men prefer the calm of despotism to the tempestuous sea of Liberty.”

~ *Thomas Jefferson*



**Muslims in Dearborn, Michigan Demand Churches Stop Ringing Bells on Sunday**

**Community: “This is a Muslim-majority town and you have to respect us. According to Sharia, church bells cannot be louder than our Islamic call to prayer.”**



**People Intending To Live In Liberty** do not allow legislators - or other public officials within These United States of America, to enter into defined-benefit contracts with collective bargaining units to confiscate American's property. They exercise citizen sovereignty to protect their property.

“None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.”

~ *Goethe*

### Think it Through, See It Through

"I gave my life for freedom -- This I know; For those who bade me fight had told me so."

~ *William Norman Ewer*

- It's your property, not "State" property.

“A limited government is a contradiction in terms.”

~ *Robert LeFevre, The Fundamentals of Liberty*

## Let Freedom Ring – **Abolish** Direct Taxation

## Require Citizen-Controlled Taxation

Best Wishes,

Len Ritchey

“Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than to be able to decide.”

~ *Napoleon Bonaparte*

“No tendency is quite so strong in human nature as the desire to lay down rules of conduct for other people.”

~ *President Taft*

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