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Media Has It "Our, the American People's" President Donald J. Trump is extending Mexico tariff (trade tax) hike by three months while trade deal negotiations drag on. A proactive American sovereign citizenry could let President Donald J. know, as a consumer practicality. American businesses strike deals with Mexican businesses so company and customer win out. Give-take trade works for traders.

"The function of free speech under our system of government is to invite dispute."

~ *William O. Douglas*

The cashier at Costco selling me a 1L jug of Canadian maple syrup for \$250



Tariffs (Trade Taxes) Work To Enable government to leverage trade in return for policy influence. Why sovereign citizenries allow governments to levy add-on taxes to imports, thus, raise consumer costs, is mind-boggling. Tariff (trade tax) revenue to governments could be more than replaced by point-of-sales taxes where consumers lay money in cash register attendant hands. Sales enable taxes.

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"We, the American People," had we our wits at hand, could see to it American consumers set stage for imports, as opposed to government controlling import levels based on anticipated tariff (trade tax) revenue. Tariffs (trade taxes) generate revenue based on consumer demand for imported goods (or services). Not a lot different, if at all, from tax revenue - all tax revenue – generated by sales.

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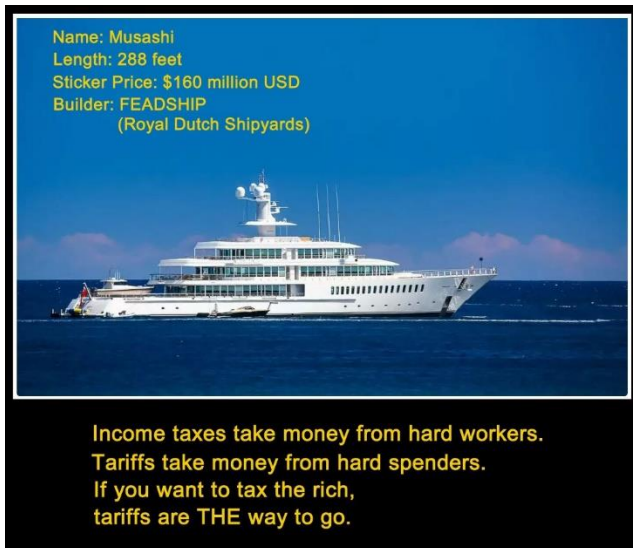
**TARIFFS RAISED
THE PRICE OF YOUR GOODS?**



It Would Be Smart for "Us, the American People" to keep in mind there can be no sustained tax revenue unless goods and services are exchanged for goods and services using money as an exchange medium. No tax money can be collected on a lasting basis if business and consumer do not produce and purchase goods and services. All taxes, including tariffs (trade taxes), are paid, directly or indirectly, from sales.

"The privacy and dignity of our citizens [are] being whittled away by sometimes imperceptible steps. Taken individually, each step may be of little consequence."

~ ***William O. Douglas***



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"It is better, so the Fourth Amendment teaches us, that the guilty sometimes go free than the citizens be subject to easy arrest."

~ **William O. Douglas**



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~ *William Hazlitt*

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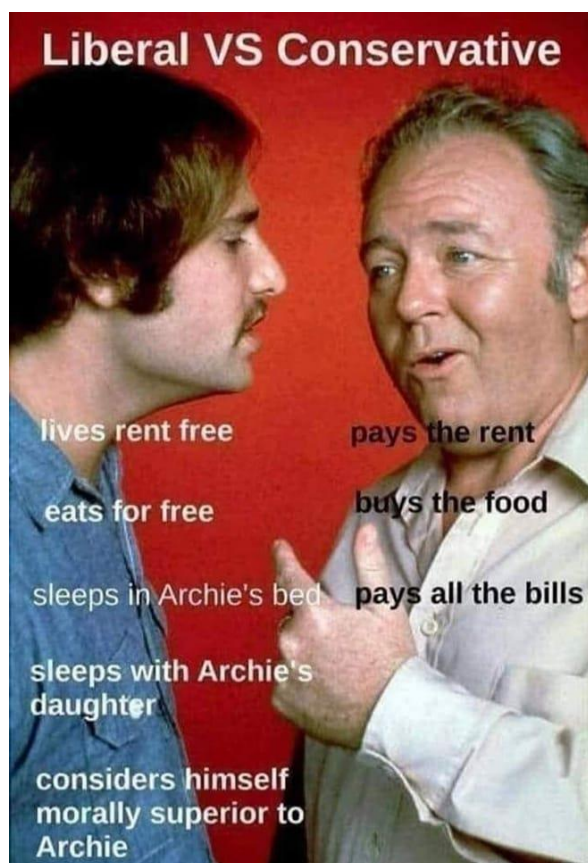
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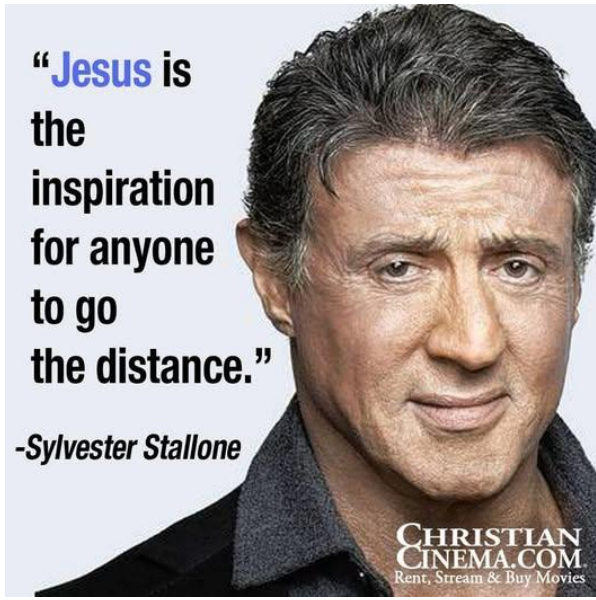
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"The proliferation of bureaucrats and its invariable accompaniment, much heavier tax levies on the productive part of the population, are the recognizable signs, not of a great, but of a decaying society."
 ~ *William Henry Chamberlin*

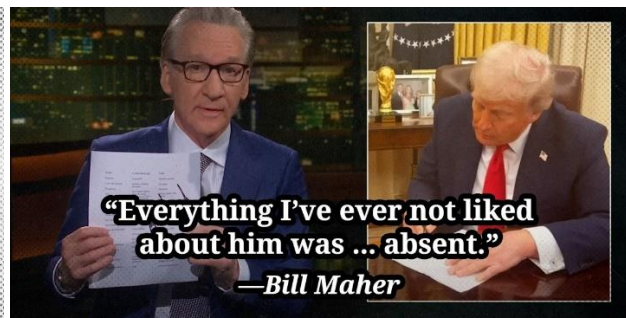




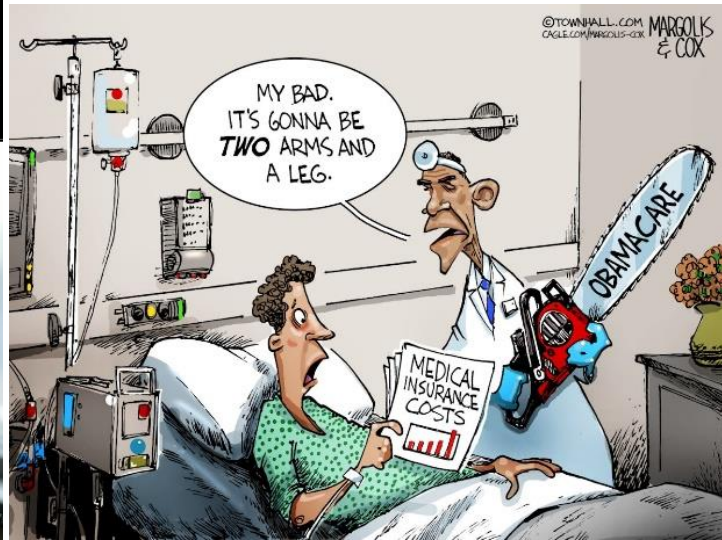
"We, the American People," if we are nothing else, are not like-thinking Lemmings. We have radically differing views on just about anything. No surprise if we, polled, would come up with as many ways we like Hot Dogs or Sushi as were number of people polled. When Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) Justices are branded, oddly, they are said to be conservative or liberal. And so vote.

"The first thing to learn in intercourse with others is non-interference with their own particular ways of being happy, provided those ways do not assume to interfere by violence with ours."

~ *William James*



BREAKING: U.S. federal judge orders President Trump to bring him a glass of milk



"Our, the American People's" SCOTUS Justices are said to comprise six conservative Justices, three liberal Justices. If, in fact, SCOTUS justices were to vote conservative or liberal, then it would be reasonable to think, of 99 cases, 66 would be decided by conservative Justices, 33 by liberal Justices. Case statistics show otherwise, according to a media article summarizing case outcomes during 2024.

"All our liberties are due to men who, when their conscience has compelled them, have broken the laws of the land."

~ ***William Kingdon Clifford***

**Islam is not compatible with
western civilization.
End of Story.**

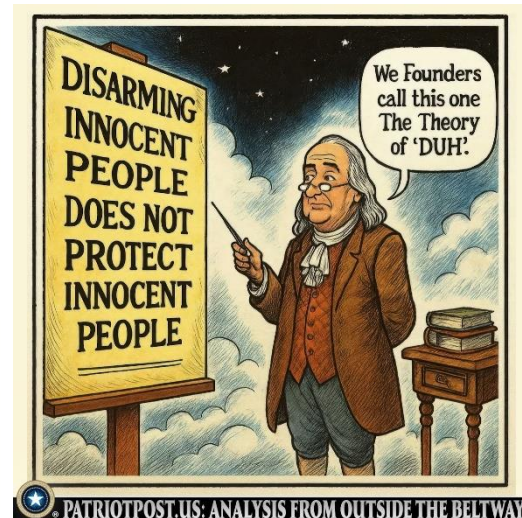
My friend got a degree in egyptology,
but can't get a job, So he's paying
more money to get a Phd, so he can
work teaching other people
egyptology. In his case college is
literally a pyramid scheme.



A Major Media Outlet Writer, summarizing 2024 SCOTUS decisions points out one in eleven SCOTUS decisions were ideologically split. Writer further notes SCOTUS Justices found unanimously on 42% cases. 42% is well above a 1/3rd liberal/conservative SCOTUS majority-leaning ratio would infer. May well be observation on SCOTUS proclivities are rooted in politically-driven perceptions.

"Enslave the liberty of but one human being and the liberties of the world are put in peril."

~ *William Lloyd Garrison*





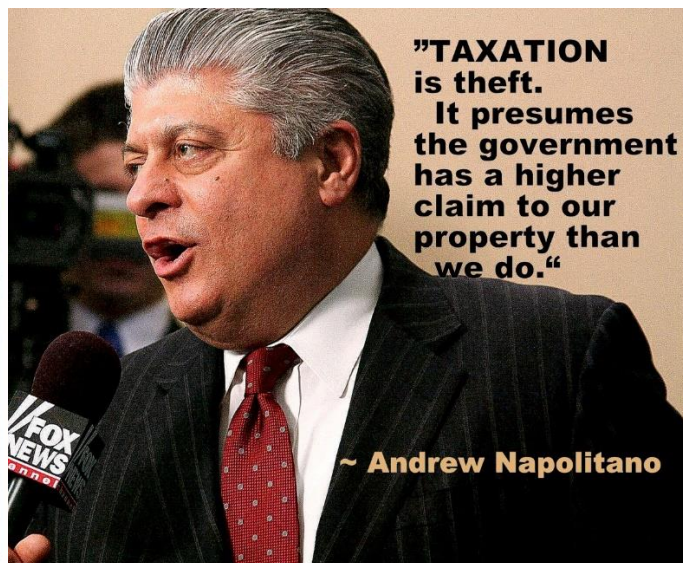
How America's SCOTUS Does Business, in terms of how SCOTUS decisions impact our socio-economic life, is, ultimately, under control by "Us, the American People." We, as a sovereign citizenry, have power to annul SCOTUS decisions if we so choose, and are willing to act. Or, we can go passively along, and have courts decide our fate as a free society. Whereafter we will surely become Lemmings.

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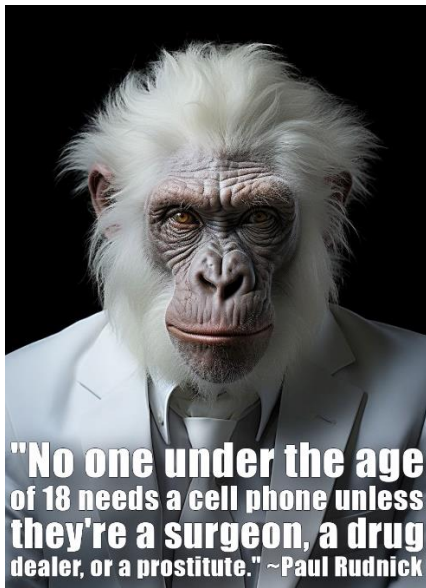
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"Wow Grandpa, with no video games to play you must have been very bored"



~ **Andrew Napolitano**



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PI2025 #0806 – (BA) To Tax or To Tariff, That Is the Question

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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 (<bethanncsctalkradio@substack.com>) **Circulates Periodic** perspectives under “*Beth Ann From Beyond the Microphone.*” Recent (**To Tax or To Tariff, That Is the Question**) below.

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

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To Tax or To Tariff, That Is the Question

Whether it be nobler to tax the American citizens, or to charge foreign governments for the privilege of selling their goods to these United States of America

BETH ANN

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Disclaimer upfront here: I am no economist!

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Taxes have long been an argument of necessity (by government) throughout the history of this nation. The king taxed our Founding Fathers to help him pay for his wars and they rebelled in the way of “The Boston Tea Party.” Taxes remain a sore rub with **We the People**. We are taxed on nearly everything in our lives; income tax (fed & state in many places), sales tax, property taxes, gas tax, license and permits (yes those are a tax), and then the fines (also taxes) for not complying; death tax, inheritance tax, real estate tax, gift tax, luxury tax, use tax, social security tax, services rendered tax, excise tax, progressive and regressive taxes too; utility taxes, capital gains tax... the list goes on. All that we are taxed make the “Boston Tea Party” seem like a useless dispute.

I know that list is not all inclusive of the taxation we must endure. Did you know that the IRS has over 800 forms and schedules to “figure out” what you owe to the government. The instruction booklet for filling out the main tax form, (known as the 1040) is over 113 pages long. Page 112 is a patriotic page titled: **“Your Rights as a Taxpayer.”**

See: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1.pdf>

Observe #9 on that list: *“The Right to Retain Representation Taxpayers have the right to retain an authorized representative of their choice to represent them in their dealings with the IRS. Taxpayers have the **right to seek assistance from a Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic** if they cannot afford representation.”*

When we actually stop and think about it (we don’t because it’s too infuriatingly painful) **We the People** are not free at all. It’s almost as if we own nothing, even the income we make from our hard work is not ours; we simply rent out our lives to the US Government. The musical, **West Side Story**, had a song that captured the ugly truth of bureaucracy in America; *“Everything’s free in America, for a small fee in America.”*

We pay a lot of unnecessary taxes! We have suspected for years that our tax dollars were being misused. With the recent auditing being done by DOGE, we

now have evidence that the D.C. Occupiers, and their bureaucratic branch of governing, treat our hard-earned money with indifference and disrespect.

While there have been only a few whispers of conversations regarding the discontinuation of income tax, I dare say, that is only a pittance of the taxes we are forced to pay to government. With all that American citizens do pay, Congress has put us in such a debt, that it is completely unsustainable; and they are about to continue with the same insanity, come March 14.

Would you rather be taxed as we are, or could this nation actually function financially on tariffs?

Did you know:

*Before the Civil War, **tariffs represented some 90 percent of U.S. government revenue**. That share fell to about 50 percent with the advent of new taxes to pay for the war effort. Tariffs would become relatively insignificant as a source of government revenue after the introduction of the income tax in 1913, but they remained an important tool for protecting domestic producers from foreign competition.*

I used the following website to glean most of my information...

Visit: <https://www.history.com/news/what-is-a-tariff>

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, designates to Congress the “**Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States.**”

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What Is a Tariff?

Tariffs have been used to bring in revenue, protect domestic industries from foreign competition and cooperate or retaliate against other nations around the world.

Definition and Purpose of Tariffs

In simple terms, a tariff is a tax that a country's government imposes on goods that are imported from other countries. The importing business pays the tariff when the goods cross the border into the country, typically at a seaport or airport. The most common types of tariffs are "ad valorem" tariffs, which are set as a fixed percentage of the value of the imports, and "specific" tariffs, charged as a fixed amount on each unit of an imported good. In his book *Clashing Over Commerce: A History of U.S. Trade Policy*, Douglas Irwin explains there are three motivations for using tariffs. He breaks them down to what he refers to as the "three Rs": **revenue, restriction and reciprocity**.

The three motivations for using tariffs are to **raise revenue** by taxing foreign countries on the imports; **restricting imports** to discourage foreign goods and encourage domestic production, and of course **reciprocity**; which President Trump has been talking about recently. **Reciprocity** or equal tariffs: if the importer country charges us a tariff of 25%, then we as the exporter will also charge 25%. As I learned in the article: if we have tariffs and other countries do too, we can negotiate to bring those down and promote trade, or if their markets are closed to us, we can raise tariffs against them to retaliate.

Taxes, as we are taxed, is a nation increasing its revenue through the citizens. We don't mind assisting with the maintenance of our infrastructure, our schools and other necessities. However, our tax dollars are being used to benefit other countries, before helping our own in need. Our tax dollars are being used for projects and agendas that are not to the betterment of our own. Because of the lack of respect for American citizens and our tax dollars, our nation now finds itself in a pickle of a debt; unsustainable.

Tariffs, on the other side of this situation, tax importers (other countries). Before the income tax began in 1913 our nation's economy was stable. That year our nation made a drastic turn downward; income tax was established, and **We the People** now paid a portion of our income to our government. 1913 was also the year that Congress decided to forgo its obligation to guard the purse of **We the People**. Congress turned America's economy over to the Federal Reserve. The most misunderstood fact is the belief that the Federal Reserve is part of the U.S., but they are not. While we might have representation in Jerome Powell, the Chair of the Federal Reserve of the United States, the Federal Reserve is made up of outside world bankers, who make decisions regarding interest rates, and they manipulate markets.

Like I mentioned in the beginning, I am not an economist, nor do I pretend to understand all of the ins and outs or pros and cons of Taxes vs. Tariffs. What I do know, however, is that our own Congress continues to approve more and more spending. Our debt is now at \$32 Trillion and growing exponentially by the hour. The unconstitutionally created bureaucratic branch of government should have been audited long ago; in fact, there should be annual audits before the next fiscal budget is written and voted on in Congress.

Americans are excited to finally see an audit by DOGE, but we must stay vigilant. It's important to understand there were a lot of nonpartisan decisions made along the way to create the ever-increasing alphabet departments of bureaucracy. We must also realize that the one thing political parties always manage to unite together on... is spending our money! So, let's keep a closer eye on them varmints in Congress and **Bring America Home. ©**

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~ *Daniel Webster*

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“The peculiar danger of executive power is that it executes,”

~ *Michael Parenti*



“Our, the American People’s” President Donald J. Trump, media sources accurate, has won some one-and-a-half times more court cases than he’s lost. Our assessment of President Donald J.’s court success would be prudent to consider his success rate as indicating a questionable significance of America’s triumvirate checks-and-balance government style. Court-backed executive power bears watching.

“The executive has no right, in any case, to decide the question, whether there is or isn’t cause for declaring war.”

~ *James Madison*



President Donald J. Trump's 2024 Presidential election win, while enough, was not a 60-40 lopsided win. "We, the American People" would not be out in left field to expect President Donald J.'s court win rate to be about 50-50, slightly below his election win margin. Balanced courts would, arguably, closely parallel America's voting differences. Otherwise, courts and public opinion would be at odds.

"The best executive is one who has sense enough to pick good people to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it."

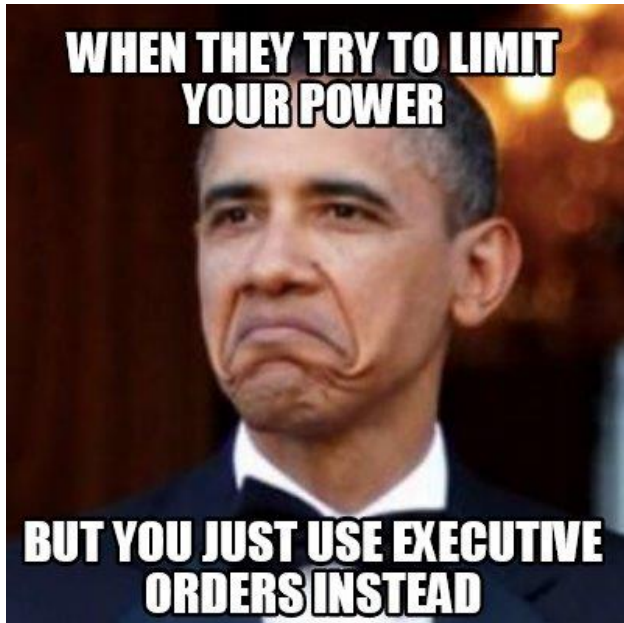
~ *Theodore Roosevelt*



It Would Be Risky for "Us, the American People" to cotton to a judiciary tipped in favor of political ideology other than indiscriminating neutrality. America's courts, with nominated/legislature-confirmed magistrates, have benches seated by judges who came to their seats by way of politically-oriented chief government executives with predisposed personal attitudes, values, and beliefs (PAVB).

“When the legislative and executive powers are united in the same person, or in the same body of magistrates, there can be no liberty; because apprehensions may arise, lest the same monarch or senate should enact tyrannical laws, to execute them in a tyrannical manner.”

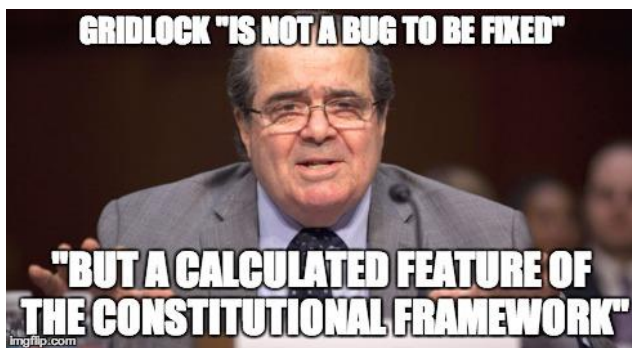
~ *Baron de Montesquieu*



America's Representative Constitutional Republic government system is supposed to hold all people in just regard. America's laws, thusly, are, ostensibly, to reflect Constitutionality at every turn. Legislators, by interpreting Constitutionality after their PAVB, decide how Constitutionality shall be applied. Our freedom supplanted by principles of Liberty, lies in subordinating their PAVB to ours.

“A good president does with executive power what Pablo Picasso did with paint. He takes bills into new and slightly discomfiting territory. He puts extra eyes on policies. He moves the mouth of the Supreme Court from where it should be to where it must be.”

~ *Lyndon B. Johnson*



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~ *Andrew Jackson*



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~ *President Taft*

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