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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: July 09,1996 21:36:23
To: BETTY COLEMAN (DFLJ12A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

If a crazy person can manipulate the system so well just think how a deadly serious person with money or a well connected group can make life miserable for those they don't like.

What you describe is an anomaly. The real injustice is done on a regular basis by people with wealth and power at their disposal. The target of these "legal" bullies is anyone who is weak and unsophisticated who dares raise his head against whatever these bullies hold dear.

Ever hear of a S.L.A.P.P? Its a Strategic Lawsuit Against some individual or organization that opposes the bullies, such as consumerists or environmentalists. These SLAPPS rarely succeed in their stated goals, but their actual purpose is to intimidate, harrass, sidetrack and bankrupt all opposition, and scare away future ventures.

Because they are well organized and funded they get a lot further than the lady you describe, but both occupy the same moral (or amoral) plane.

Will there ever be a law to stop this lady or the SLAPPS? Of course not. The SLAPP wielders also give mucho\$\$ bribes to corrupt politicians (of both parties) to protect them and allow the continued use of SLAPPS.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: July 09,1996 01:11:52
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: BETTY COLEMAN (DFLJ12A)

There is something seriously wrong with the whole American justice system which I fear is being taylored strictly to feed lawyers ,judges, magistrates, police and other people sucking off the criminal and civil justice system. At this present time I see a system that enables stalkers, Harassers and downright crazies to insult, file false charges against anyone no matter how innocent they are and the courts make no effort to determine if these people have proof or reason to harass people. I know of a case of a nut harassing a couple and their child by simply usyng the system to file

charges of all kinds. The poor couple has been appearing in court and answering and trying to do the right thing but the man has to work and the wife is cracking because she never knows what the day will bring. The woman is systematically breaking every window in the house. following the daughter and claiming the parents are prostituting the kid who is an honor student . The parents are about at the wits end and beg the judges to listen to what is happening. Finally today the woman was arrested because she made a mistake and charged the daughter with a crime and the kid is a minor so they told her she couldn't do it and she turned around and charged the mother with the same crime. So they had her and arrested her. months of agony to go. What a travesty. I feel so sorry for them. Bec.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: July 08,1996 15:21:10
To: DANIEL RICHMOND (YCHM15A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Dan,

Sounds to me like you don't like excuses. Good, we need more folks like you.

The sorriest collection of excuses I've ever heard is the one Wall Street's been squawking about for these past 64 years: Big Government! Big Government is the cause of all the ills of society, Big Government is the anchor hindering the enrichment of Big Business, Big Government is the albatros spoiling all their luck. If its not labor law then its environmental regulations that hold back Big Business. If its not OSHA then its consumer protection that thwarts the hegemony of Big Business. If its not Securities Law then its regulations against bribing foreign officials that keeps Big Business in a straight jacket. And its ALWAYS taxes! (Not to mention trial lawyers.) Always some excuse to convince the faithful that it is someone else's fault that Big Business doesn't live up to its own propaganda, that Big Business could do sooo much better if only it were not hounded ceaselessly by the Big Bad Government.

A mark of intelligence is the ability to manipulate one's surroundings. That Big Business obviously feels so powerless and abused by Big Government just shows how much of an inferior position it is in. If Big Business cannot find a way around this Behemoth, if it cannot adapt to changing circumstances without moaning and groaning and prattling on about the unfairness of it all, then why should we Americans respect it and continue to ascribe any societal leadership to it at all?

Big Business is incompetent. Big Business is a wimp before Big Government. Big Business is a World Class A#1 whiner!

Big Business is Member Emeritus of the International "We're-so-terribly-misunderstood" Crybabies Club and right next door is the Blacks' "we're-the-victims-of-centuries-of-racism, hostility and oppression-at-the-hands-of-the-White-ruling-class" Fraternity.

Henry Kissinger was fond of pointing out that even paranoids have real enemies. It seems to me that if anybody has the historical right to complain and make excuses its the People who actually, physically suffer from present and past injustice. If Big Business can make excuses ad-nauseum about how tough it is to have all that power and wealth, why can't poor Blacks find excuses that are at least grounded in reality?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: July 05,1996 22:53:10
To: MATTHEW NELSON (NLLD11A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Good points, Matt. The reason we're filling our jails with non-violent drug offenders is just to get an unpopular racial group off the streets while building up loyalty among the white middle-class for these vicious and politically ambitious prosecutors. The further these fascists get the American majority away from the Bill of Rights, the easier it becomes to enslave us all. As long as groups hate each other, the less likely they are to unite against their common oppressor. Its not drugs the fascists hate, its Freedom. Using the drug problem as a weapon against a race is a convenient and cloaked way to attack and limit the Freedom of ALL of us.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: July 05,1996 22:40:23
To: DANIEL RICHMOND (YCHM15A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Dan,

Perhaps if Blacks want to get ahead in the TRADITIONAL WAY

they should just bribe the crooked politicians to pass laws that will benefit them. Then they should hire the public relations firm, "Major Media," to publish and air stories that cut down their competitors using dishonest arguments.

But wait...in order to bribe and hire you need \$\$\$\$ to bribe and hire with...and Blacks don't have these...hmmm, looks like what we have here is a classic Catch-22,... oh well, back to the old drawing board...

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: July 02,1996 12:44:29
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: MATTHEW NELSON (NLLD11A)

"Three strikes" sounded good, but it was a stupid law. It should have had specific language to target violent, habitual, life-long criminal types (if there is such a thing). What is the point in keeping someone in jail long after they are past the "crime stage" of life. After around 45 yrs old, and usually younger, they are not likely to continue much criminal activity anyway, especially violent crime. Those extra 15-20 yrs of prison expenses do not make much sense. Going to build "nursing, geriatric" prisons?

And, many "felonies" and "crimes" should not be CRIMES to begin with - such all the "drug law" garbage. We are filling our jails with nonviolent "felony" drug "offenders."

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: July 02,1996 08:22:57
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: CARL ODOM (LGJA28A)

Pure, unmitigated bull\$hit.

Until going online, I had no idea so many people were pure flakes. I wouldn't have believed it.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT

Posted: June 30,1996 00:08:29
To: MARK DIETEL (XLXM36A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Mark,

Get a mind!!! If the People of Hong Kong are so much better off than the People of China, how come we are allowing them to lose their Freedom in just a year and a day? By selling-out these six million freedom loving capitalists to the communists in Beijing we are virtually declining our victory in the Cold War and disavowing our very political principles for no greater reason than mere profits for Wall Street.

The Hong Kong Chinese, who are among the greatest natural creators of wealth in the world, are being sold down the river, simply to mollify the CCP and keep open the door to a POSSIBLE, (and I emphasize doossible,) huge future market. Capitalists, like sharks, are perfectly willing to eat their young, even if it costs them \$40,000,000,000+ a year!

And who's to make the things we need when we dismantle the Corporate State? Why, the same folks who made them before there WAS a Corporate State, Jefferson's small entrepreneur, Smith's shopkeeper.

And how will we know we "need and want" something? Those decisions will be arrived at through Reason, NOT through the deus ex machina of Wall Street's kid sister, Madison Avenue.

Don't worry. Keep an open mind, and after the Revolution perhaps you'll be Smart Two.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 29,1996 23:38:46
To: DANIEL RICHMOND (YCHM15A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Jackie Robinson was a real eye opener for whites just like he was a real door opener for Blacks. Whites quickly realized Blacks had enormous natural athletic talent and whites simultaenously realized many white players would soon lose their positions.

Whites learned their lesson and joined in a subtle determination that Blacks would not be allowed to advance in other areas of endeavor that would directly threaten the continued hegemony of the white ruling class.

Big business is the Bastile. Black business talent would be quarantined away from the true levers of economic power.

Many Blacks, of course, would be allowed to have certain positions in the corporate ladder, but mostly as window dressing. This would be limited to Blacks who could be trusted to toe the corporate line, or, as George Orwell may have pointed out, have been "made harmless by being allowed to rise."

There remains one huge racial problem for the ruling class: There are MANY other Blacks who have an enormous NATURAL talent for business, for capitalism, but who have not been trained in the ways of upper-middle class culture, who have not sold out their People for wealth and prestige, who have demonstrated in great numbers and beyond any doubt that with the proper opportunity they could walk away with Wall Street because their business acumen comes Naturally, from their very souls.

Not one Black drug dealer in a hundred can articulate even the most basic ideas about market capitalism, yet every one of them practices it each and every day. They just KNOW what its about.

They recognized a desire, identified a market, staked out a territory, consumated deals, took risks and filled an economic niche. Some are quite well organized.

Doing, in other words, the exact type of thing that today's capitalists do, but in a socially unacceptable manner. But does society try to channel these capitalist impulses in a way that will allow these individuals to flower? No, of course not. The ruling class does not want to have to compete on the capitalist playing field with the business equivilant of Willie Mays and Henry Aaron and Ernie Banks and Frank Robinson. They know a lot of their fellows will lose their positions. Instead, they try to get rid of this pre-incipient competition with Draconian "laws" that will put away the Blacks where they can do no harm. Or, if they're Rockefeller liberals, to constrict them into dead-end "training programs" that will divert their energies away from business and into welding or auto mechanics or computers.

Always remember what Ayn Rand said: "The power to make laws is the power to destroy." Corrupt legislators, taking bribes from the ruling class, will create corrupt "laws" to keep control over Blacks, and indeed, the American People. Luckily, we all still have Thomas Jefferson and the Right to Revolution.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 26,1996 22:59:51

To: DANIEL RICHMOND (YCHM15A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Three Strikes is the camel's nose under the tent. Its purpose is NOT to rid society of habitual criminals, but to advance the careers of politicians and politically ambitious prosecutors. These people don't care about Justice, about the Bill of Rights. They're willing to trash the Constitution with easy, popular answers, the kind political operatives call "sexy," issues that attract publicity and free media exposure for candidates.

Nixon was the first to declare a "war on crime" and that was over 25 years ago and crime has gotten worse, a lot worse. But it got him votes and that's all that counts to professional politicians. And Nixon was never convicted of anything; he had friends in high places. Lots of rich people get away with all sorts of crime because they can afford fancy lawyers, but poor folks who are members of unpopular groups get the shaft. Where's the justice in this? Justice in America is a charade. We're expected to pretend its equal when in fact its for sale.

People in power don't like Blacks so they create laws that give much greater penalties for the crack form of cocaine that Blacks use than for the powder form that whites use. The idea is not to stop crime; the idea is to put away Blacks. That's what gets the votes (and the contributions!)

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 25,1996 22:10:52
To: KEVIN CORCORAN (PDXV12A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

There are elements in the government that hate right wingers and anyone who would oppose the government and so they go after the Weavers to make an example of them.

There are ALSO elements in the government that hate Blacks and so they go after them wherever possible. Putting a Black away for LIFE for stealing a pizza is the moral equivalent of putting away a Jew in a 1942 concentration camp. In both cases the government just wants to get rid of an unpopular group. They look for any excuse, any means to do so and Three Strikes is the current Crystalnacht. But whatever its called, the ulterior motive is revealed by the disproportion between the crime and the punishment.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 23,1996 01:22:56
To: KEVIN CORCORAN (PDXV12A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The "law" said Weaver was a suspect in bank robberies in Eastern Washington and Western Montana. He wasn't, of course, but the "law" needed an excuse to blackmail him or put him away.

When the "law" is allowed to get away with such injustice then the "law" is encouraged to go after others, not only the political ones. Put away a guy for life for stealing a pizza and it becomes a lot easier to put away someone for publishing criticism of that very "law." Cowards shake and quiver at the pizza thief, but when the "law" steals our Freedom they say: "at least they didn't take my precious pizza."

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 23,1996 00:26:56
To: HARVEY KING JR (VDXD30A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Its not the government's role to decide what makes a religion. In this country we're supposed to be free from government interference in matters religious and political, but now the government, on behalf of the ruling class, tries to peel off unpopular groups and individuals from the mainstream, isolate and dehumanize them so as to strengthen the conformity of the majority, and make the majority feel superior to all those who don't fit in. This is exactly what the Nazis did.

How do we know the Davidians broke the law? It all started when a UPS driver accidentally (on purpose?) broke open a box containing ornamental hand-grenade shells. We know from long experience that the government blackmails people into become operatives and informants. How do we know this UPS driver didn't get caught with cocaine and then bargained to help the government get "evidence" against the Davidians? Deals like this happen all the time.

The government uses high profile events to publicize its power to all the other dissidents who oppose the government: "Get in line or you'll end up like them."

I'm sure you've heard of people being prosecuted for lying to the FBI. But when an FBI pig like Larry Potts lies to the FBI he gets suspended with pay for, what is it now... a year? Its a two tier justice system. If you're in the FBI or ruling class you get the kid glove treatment, but if you're an average American they come at you hammer and tong.

Grow up, Harvey. This is not the same America we were born in. Our Country and our Freedom has been stolen from us by the lying, greedy ruling class and its puppets in government and if you "don't trust the politicians at all," take the next step and see the conspiracy for what it is: Whose lives are getting better and whose lives now suffer?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 22,1996 10:01:48
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: HARVEY KING JR (VDXD30A)

No, I don't trust politicians at all. I don't buy into your theory of the govt. conspiracy to make people affraid to speak up for their rights, either. The Davidians broke the law, but then I guess that should have been overlooked, since they claimed to be a religious sect....

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 22,1996 00:47:15
To: DREW DURIGAN (VUBS79A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

I sure didn't see any mad dash for a Constitutional Amendment to cure the Supreme Court's decision against term limits.

Make no mistake about it. If the People can be manipulated to advance the power of politicians, the politicians will do so shamelessly.

But if the People try to limit the power of these same politicians, the politicians will ignore them totally.

Do you REALLY trust these scoundrels to tinker with our Constitution?

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Board: NEWS BB
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Posted: June 22,1996 00:10:35
To: DREW DURIGAN (VUBS79A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

"Final answer" or final solution?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 22,1996 00:09:33
To: ARTHUR WAUGH (UHYS56A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The whole idea of these increasingly punitive laws is to create a climate of fear among ALL Americans because folks who live in fear are not free or even wholly rational so they become more prone to manipulation by the ruling class.

The IRS, FBI, ATF, OSHA etc as well as local police and politically ambitious prosecutors can exert much power and influence, way out of proportion to their numbers, by breaking down the common sense and decency of the American People by exploiting fears of both crime and persecution by the authorities. Randy Weaver, Donald Scott and the Branch Davidians were all intended to be examples to others of the government's power to run roughshod over our Constitutional rights. The fear of crime, and hatred of criminals is exploited to increase government's power by subverting our Fifth, Fourth and even Second Amendment rights.

In other words, the fascists are eager to gut 200+ years of the Bill of Rights using as justification only 10 years of increased crime. Shooting a flea with an elephant gun causes grave consequences but when people are desperate they'll sit still for anything. (Including the shot that will hit them as well.)

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 21,1996 23:44:22
To: GEORGE SILVERDAHL (VAJU98A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Three Strikes wasn't a dream, George. it was a binge. Now we are suffering the morning after.

20,000 cases are now open to appeal. The courts are already clogged by defendants who previously would have plea-bargained, but now, given the stakes, demand a trial by jury- at taxpayer expense, of course.

But it got attention (and votes) for the politicians, but since when were they ever shy about wasting public money to advance their own careers?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 21,1996 23:28:18
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: DREW DURIGAN (VUBS79A)

Don't count "Three Strikes" as "out" just yet.

My guess is that a constitutional amendment, approved by the voters, will restore what our joke judicial system has once again taken away from us.

-Drew in Sunny Central Florida-

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 21,1996 00:42:56
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: DREW DURIGAN (VUBS79A)

Looks like good old-fashioned vigilante justice may be the final answer. Obviously, the police and the courts aren't getting the job done.

-Drew in Sunny Central Florida-
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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 21,1996 00:00:11
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: GEORGE SILVERDAHL (VAJU98A)

"..Can you believe it? The mostly Republican-appointed SupremeCourt of California has decided it is not right to sentencea person to life in prison for stealing a slice of pizza!"

WHAT!?!?! So 3 strikes was really just a dream?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: THREE STRIKES IS OUT
Posted: June 20,1996 21:54:11
To: ALL
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Can you believe it? The mostly Republican-appointed Supreme Court of California has decided it is not right to sentence a person to life in prison for stealing a slice of pizza!

When one of these felons gets out and kills someone will he be Wilson's Willie Horton?

And we thought the conservatives were reliably, tho subtly, racist!

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