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To: DAVID GRIFFITH (NEDW07A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

I'm the last person to laud government power, but the truth is it was Federal troops, not "emerging consensus" that got Blacks through the front door.

Abraham Lincoln asked, "if you call a tail a leg, how many legs does a dog have? Four. Calling a tail a leg doesn't MAKE it a leg." And if a majority made a law requiring all Hispanics to leave the country, and the Supreme Court upheld that law, it couldn't morally be enforced because it is STILL unconstitutional no matter what the Supreme Court called it. A corrupt Supreme Court, appointed by corrupt political hacks can NEVER change the immutable truth that all People are endowed by God with unalienable rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." And if any black robed Federal Ayatollahs say otherwise, it is time to "lock and load."

Cromwell said: "Trust in law but keep your powder dry."

Why do you believe I'm undecided about how judges get power? At the Federal level a judicial candidate gets nominated by a Senator as a reward for some job well done and then (usually) appointed by the President as a courtesy to the Senator. On the local level they get appointed by Governors (and sometimes Mayors,) OR elected by the public after conducting often emotional campaigns replete with advertising, just like any other political hacks. It wasn't that long ago that the Supreme Court allowed lawyers to advertise, and once that foot was in the door, the whole "justice" system began to crumble.

Dave, to answer your question, I just don't know why "everyone is a sleazebag politician or judge." Maybe, to paraphrase Willy Sutton, "that's where the power is." I certainly hope it isn't a case of Americans getting the government they deserve, cos we deserve much better. So tell me, what "moral principles that lie behind and guide the emergence of consensus" caused folks like Ellender and Stennis and Eastland and Ervin and Talmadge and Russell and McClellan and Fulbright and Dole's buddy Thurmond to try to use parliamentary tactics to thwart the South's "emerging consensus" during the mid-sixties? Weren't they afraid their constituents would vote them out of office for NOT supporting civil rights?

You did a lot of "supposing" on page four, why don't you try thinking instead? Reason is the ability to make distinctions

and the examples you cite are just plain silly. You don't seem to see that the greater problem in this society is the tendency to believe that a majority opinion makes it right. You're confusing fascism with democracy. The United States government believes that power comes from the barrel of a gun, but if public opinion is with them, that's just icing on the cake. But its still not right what they do to us. The Nazis had public opinion on their side, but that sure wasn't democracy in action. Rational People have a God given right to self defense and this right was employed on April 19 1943 in the Warsaw ghetto and it flowered best on April 19 1775 by the "rude bridge." If you trade liberty for security you'll end up with neither. And if you give up your gun the ruling class will eat you like they eat cake.

But keep your chin up, Dave, I agree with you on health care.

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Does a convicted murderer have a right to life? Of course! Especially if he was convicted in the South. Down there Blacks were routinely railroaded, framed and executed by the State (if they weren't lynched first by folks that you claim have the "true spirit of decency and universal morality prevalent among white people...") There were oceans of blood shed by Blacks at the hands of whites and if Blacks didn't have the courage to march into the jaws of police dogs and be torn to shreds they'd still be waiting (patiently) in jail cells for your precious consensus to emerge.

Before the Struggle white people up north did not place a high priority on Civil Rights. As a matter of fact they did not place ANY priority (with the exception of Jews) on Justice for Blacks. The issue was far, far from everyday consciousness and it was only when Blacks became fed up and started demonstrating that fair minded whites began taking notice and admiring what faith, courage and conviction could do in reality.

And this right to life applies just as strongly today. Today is the era of wall-to-wall politics. It is extremely expensive for a candidate to get elected to ANY office and high name recognition is a political commodity more valuable than gold. Courthouses around the country are crawling with evil ambitious prosecutors totally bereft of scruples willing to kill Black men (legally, of course) because the headlines give them free publicity and name recognition, and thus

votes, all the better to advance their seedy "careers."

But the consensus says this outrage is popular so it exists. Even judges are this way nowadays, such is the corruption that mindless consensus has allowed to slip into the Justice system. Judges run for election and re-election promising to "get tough on crime," when in fact and principle judges are supposed to be "fair, equal and impartial." But every death sentence they impose is worth a few thousand votes. And sleazebag politicians who appoint judges suffer the same moral bankruptcy.

A stellar example of immutable truth is that all People, and all groups, have an absolute right to self-defense. If they are being hunted down and killed, methodically or otherwise, they can and should fight back, especially when the perpetrators do so under color of law and in the light of public consensus. After all, the Nazis had consensus too.

Benjamin Franklin said "We must hang together or we will all hang separately." If any of those gentlemen who signed the Declaration of Independence had instead walked up to and shot a Redcoat he'd be called a lone nutcase, but when they acted together in concert (and, dare I say, consensus) and killed thousands of the oppressors they became heroes!

The Declaration speaks in philosophical generalities, underlined with specific grievances. The grievances no longer exist (at least viz Britain) but the generalities are universal and immutable. God created a rational planet but Mankind is everywhere in chains. These chains were broken in 1776 because the Founding Fathers appealed to God's Reason and God's Genius. And they were willing to fight, kill and die for Freedom.

And the result was a greater abundance of happiness than

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Canada and Australia never declared their independence from Britian. God smiles on those who undertake to help themselves. After all, that is what free will is for. When people allow themselves to be subservient to a ruling class they are denying God's greatest gift, Liberty.

Why do you rely on "consensus" and "evolving recognition" to achieve desirable ends when the Enlightenment tells us there are self evident truths? That People are endowed by God with

certain unalienable rights, (unalienable being another word for immutable,) is the moral basis of America that few, if any, other Nations recognize. Virtually every other country demands from its People loyalty to the ruling class/government but in America, (until recently,) the opposite was true. Here the government derived its just powers from the consent of the governed. In other words the People were in charge of their own destiny and had the RIGHT to VIOLENTLY overthrow the government when that government became destructive of the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

People in all Nations at all times have that right because it is immutable (endowed by God) but only in America was it institutionalized. And it worked! Over a period of nearly 200 years We the People kept government reasonably honest and during that time we enjoyed freedom and prosperity unequalled in history. A huge, secure middle class that was the envy of the world protected from, and protected by, a democratic government.

The proof is in the reality. Nowhere and nowhen else has a People (or a collection of Peoples) achieved what we did under the immutable truths of the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence. How can the hand of God be more visible than that? This degree of happiness pursued and attained by vast numbers is utterly unprecedented! "Consensus attained over generations" is not the anchor to keep us from drifting but a wisp on the wind blown hither and yon by the various changes generated over, and by, time. Its true what you say that until recently the entire South opposed Black equality, but such a super-majority doesn't make it right, especially when held in the light of God's Truth. Or as Mark Twain might have said, "With God on your side, ain't that a big enough majority in any town?" Who can deny that God's Spirit was present in the civil rights movement and when we finally fixed that flaw America became better and God smiled wider. If Black activists had waited patiently for consensus to form they'd still be waiting in the back of the bus. Facing the lions is service to God.

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Dave, In 1776 when they said that Freedom is the only King they could have added that Reason is the only God. Just create an image of perfection, call it God, and then judge all things by it.

Consensus is for politicians of the moment, an easy cop-out. Consensus is a transitory, whimsical notion of a distracted populace that is apt to change overnight in accordance with the latest headline. We need something weightier, an anchor that will save us from being blown off course. We're America for a Reason, the greatest force for good this world has ever experienced.

The historians of philosophy use a concept they call "The Great Conversation." Look therein for true consensus.

We need to take the long view, to see things with a clarity uncluttered by the passing fads and fashions of evolving cultural ideals. As Joe Friday would say, "just the facts, man."

The long view tells us that even if a society has achieved what it believes to be perfection, the immutable laws of social entropy will always be eating at the edifice and this "perfection" can come crashing down at any moment.

That's why we must never give up our right to keep and bear arms. No matter how unnecessary they may be at the moment, no matter how perfect and peaceful and just the society appears, tomorrow it may all be different and we'll need those guns to kill off dictators.

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Actually, Dave, time didn't stand the test of enlightenment.

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