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The Truth Is Within You

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The New Imperialism

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Recently, Serbian forces were attacking the people in Kosovo. Those people are ethnically distinct from the Serbians, and wanted their region to be independent. The Serbians wouldn't allow it. They destroyed houses, created thousands of refugees, and killed or wounded hundreds of people.

For some time now, Russian forces have been attacking the people in Chechnya. Those people are ethnically distinct from the Russians, and want their region to be independent. The Russians won't allow it. They're destroying houses, creating thousands of refugees, and killing or wounding hundreds of people.

In response to Serbian activity in Kosovo, NATO launched a series of brutal and destructive air attacks against Serbia. The action was praised as courageous and morally justified. Since then, the U.S. government has tried every tactic to force Slobodan Milosevic from office. Even today, it continues trying to interfere in the internal politics of Serbia.[1]

In response to Russian aggression in Chechnya, a few politicians have asked the Russians to please stop killing people. There isn't any sign at all of any impending NATO action against Russia. The U.S. hasn't suggested that Boris Yeltsin should step down.

Why the different response to situations that are identical, in terms of so-called "human rights" violations? The reason is that NATO is willing to strut and thump its chest when the odds are 19 to one against a second-rate little country that can't defend itself but, when faced with a foe that might actually be dangerous, NATO suddenly has other, more pressing business, elsewhere. While some people will excuse this as justifiable caution, I can suggest a different motive. I believe that the attack on Serbia didn't have anything to do with "human rights" or justice. NATO intends to expand its own power and the fight with Serbia strengthened the alliance. A fight with Russia would certainly weaken it, and maybe destroy it.

NATO should stop insulting our intelligence with high-sounding weasel words about moral justification. It should stick to its original purpose of defending its member nations from aggression. It doesn't have any business dictating the morality, beliefs, internal politics, or domestic behavior of other nations. ☚

[1] ...and whining when China tampers with U.S. elections.

She Can, He Doesn't Dare

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> "And one other note about the bombing of Belgrade during the war. The U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky was asked this week why negotiations with China about joining the World Trade Organization have dragged on for so long. 'What happened,' she said, 'is that men never ask for directions and mistakenly bombed the Chinese embassy, in Belgrade' ". —ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings
> Wednesday, November 3, 1999

Well, I suppose it isn't really such an outrageous statement. I suppose that it wouldn't particularly annoy me, except for one thing. If a man dared publicly utter such a general criticism of women, he'd be denounced as a sexist pig. The news agency that reported the statement would be inundated by feminist outrage. Women can, with impunity, denigrate men in public, in whatever way suits them. A man doesn't dare make the slightest criticism of women for fear of political crucifixion.

Hypocrisy continues to be the foremost feminist accomplishment. ♂

Notice

I didn't have space for Letters to the Editor this month. However, I'll provide copies upon request of any letters that I received and also post them on *The Pharos Connection*. —editor

The Fundamental Principles of Liberty

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The Principles

The Right to be Assumed Innocent

I need not prove my innocence. I must be assumed innocent.

Freedom from Self Incrimination

I need not provide information that might prove my guilt.

Burden of Proof

If someone believes that I'm guilty of something, then the accuser must prove it without my help.

The Right to Remain Silent

My refusal to prove my innocence cannot itself be used to support a presumption of guilt.

DNA Testing

The Right to be Assumed Innocent

I need not take a DNA test to prove that I'm not the source of any particular blood, hair, sperm, etc. It must be assumed that I'm not the source.

Freedom from Self Incrimination

I need not take a DNA test that might prove that I am the source of any particular blood, hair, sperm, etc.

Burden of Proof

If someone believes that I am the source of any particular blood, hair, sperm, etc., then the accuser must prove it without my help.

The Right to Remain Silent

My refusal to take a DNA test cannot itself be used to support a presumption that I'm the source of any particular blood, hair, sperm, etc.

"Lie Detector" Testing

The Right to be Assumed Innocent

I need not take a "lie detector" test to prove that I'm not lying. It must be assumed that I'm not lying.

Freedom from Self Incrimination

I need not take a "lie detector" test that might prove that I am lying.

Burden of Proof

If someone believes that I am lying, then the accuser must prove it without my help.

The Right to Remain Silent

My refusal to take a "lie detector" test cannot itself be used to support a presumption that I'm lying.

Drug Testing

The Right to be Assumed Innocent

I need not take a drug test to prove that I'm not using illegal drugs. It must be assumed that I'm not using them.

Freedom from Self Incrimination

I need not take a drug test that might prove that I am using illegal drugs.

Burden of Proof

If someone believes that I am using illegal drugs, then the accuser must prove it without my help

The Right to Remain Silent

My refusal to take a drug test cannot itself be used to support a presumption that I'm using illegal drugs.

Airport "Security" Checks

The Right to be Assumed Innocent

I need not prove that I'm not carrying bombs or weapons. It must be assumed that I'm not carrying them.

Freedom from Self Incrimination

I need not provide information that might prove that I am carrying bombs or weapons.

Burden of Proof

If someone believes that I am carrying bombs or weapons, then the accuser must prove it without my help.

The Right to Remain Silent

My refusal to prove that I'm not carrying bombs or weapons cannot itself be used to support a presumption that I am.

Background Checks

The Right to be Assumed Innocent

I need not prove that I have a right to carry a weapon. I must be assumed to have that right.

Freedom from Self Incrimination

I need not provide information that might prove that I don't have the right to carry a weapon.

Burden of Proof

If someone believes that I don't have the right to carry a weapon, then the accuser must prove it without my help.

The Right to Remain Silent

My refusal to prove that I have a right to carry a weapon cannot itself be used to support a presumption that I don't have the right.

The Inescapable Conclusion

The Fundamental Principles of Liberty are general. They apply in all situations. Tyranny is the only exception. The Principles obviously don't operate in the USA. Obviously, the USA is a tyranny.

The War on Muffshots

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On November 10, Inside Edition ran a piece about women who're aghast upon learning that men will discreetly follow them on the street and secretly point hidden video cameras up their skirts. I don't know where those women have been, but men have been peeking up women's skirts and down women's blouses for as long as women have been wearing skirts and blouses. Most of us make the effort, although some of us are less discreet than others. I heard of a man who taped a $20 bill to the floor outside his office and watched for women to bend over to pick it up. Another man taped a mirror to the floor below his office partition adjacent to a female colleague's desk. Video cameras are a tactical variation but otherwise nothing new. Whether such peeking is good or bad is a matter of opinion, but it certainly shouldn't surprise anybody.

Another point that should be raised is that these women are utterly unaware that they've been videotaped. I'm reminded of the Indians who believed that their souls were stolen if their pictures were taken. The objections raised by these women are similarly puzzling. That is, how can they say they're harmed if they're utterly unaware of it and totally unaffected by it? Nevertheless, they're outraged and demand an end to their "victimization". OK, if they want to protect themselves they can easily do it. All they need to do is wear pants, long dresses, or bathing suit bottoms under the short skirts. Will they bother to protect themselves? Of course not. They'd rather demand that government do it for them by passing repressive legislation intended to regulate the behavior of men. Such legislation is now being enacted. Two states have already outlawed such videotaping. As of this writing, California is in the process of becoming the third. We can be sure that other states will fall in line because any man who dares opposition will be demonized as a pervert.

OK, maybe taking pictures up a woman's skirt is bad and maybe it isn't. We all have our opinions. However, just because something is bad doesn't necessarily mean that it should also be illegal. As long as it's possible for this particular group of "victims" to easily, effectively, and non-coercively protect themselves, then they don't need a police state to do it for them. Nevertheless, the War on Muffshots is under way. Soon, extra cops will be needed on the streets to conduct Muffshot surveillance of backpacks, brief cases, and baby strollers. We can have random Muffshot checks at work and our homes can be subject to Muffshot raids. Cops will be able to search motor vehicles, without a warrant, for Muffshot violations. We can have a Muffshot Czar. The Muffshot Enforcement Agency can train dogs to sniff for cassettes at airports and schools. Muffshot "busts" will be common. The courts can be crowded with plaintiffs claiming that their videotapes weren't shot from an illegal angle, but from a few degrees higher, while cops busily falsify the angle measurement data. The prisons can be filled with Muffshot violators serving three-cassette sentences. Vice squad women, sans panties, can conduct miniskirt stings, enticing men to videotaping they "probably would have done anyway" (the perverts!). We can have Muffshot turf wars and criminal gangs that sell Muffshot paraphernalia, including scratch 'n sniff screens, probably manufactured in somebody's bathtub. Legally registered video cameras will be required to have lens locks and be stored in child-proof cabinets, and anyone who wants to buy one will have to submit to a three day waiting period and a background check for a Muffshot history. Scratch 'n sniff televisions will be outlawed and TV screens will be routinely dusted for fingernail prints.

Well, it might not get quite that silly, but even so the entire coercive so-called "common sense" methodology of the wars on drugs, cigarettes, fireworks, pornography, domestic violence, guns, smog, terrorism, drunk driving, male-only institutions, abortion, child abuse, dolphin abuse, and every other reformer's repressive agenda can now be applied to the Muffshot War, thanks to a bunch of women who refuse to act like adults and take the simple precautions by which they could protect themselves. In the end, they will have created thousands of times more victims, of far worse atrocities, than they would ever have numbered themselves, even by their most exaggerated claims. You know the most ironic and predictable part? When they're done, we'll still take a peek whenever and however we can. Nothing they do, however outrageous or irresponsible, is going to stop it. ♂

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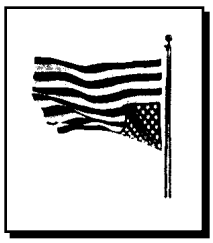

Nation in Distress

Jurisdiction **MUST** be voluntary. The alternative is slavery.

Buck Hunter Shoots Off His Mouth

Dear Buck

What do you think about the recent spending bills? —Interested Voter

Dear Interested Voter

I've heard of 'em. I guess they made 'em so them spendin' caps wouldn't look like beanies.

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—editor

Sightings

Source Unknown — forwarded by Sir John the Generous (from Tech Support):

Tech Support: "How much free space do you have on your hard drive?"

Induhvidual: "Well, my wife likes to get up there on that there Internet, and she downloaded ten hours of free space. Is that enough?"

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Induhvidual: "Now what do I do?"

Tech Support: "What is the prompt on the screen?"

Induhvidual: "Enter Your Last Name."

Tech Support: "Okay, so type in your last name."

Induhvidual: "How do you spell that?"

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