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BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND!

Of course I am, I hear you say, after all I am the only one who will be there with me from the beginning until the end. You are correct and yet are you really your own best friend I wonder?

Perhaps if we take a look at what we would want for our best friend we may get an idea whether we treat ourselves as we would treat someone important to us.

Are we kind to our mind and body supplying them with what they need, whether it is positive inspiration or good food, exercise and sleep? Or do we poison our mind and body, and we both know there are many different poisons readily available for both? If we do, would we really do that to our best friend? Of course not, I hear your indignant reply.

Do we have faith in ourselves, encouraging ourselves and telling ourselves that we know we can do it? And no, that doesn't necessarily mean that we will be champions but it does mean that we trust ourselves to handle whatever needs handling just as we would trust our best friend to do.

Do we beat ourselves up for what is past or do we know when it is time to forgive ourselves and to trust that each day will bring us opportunities to do better? Why? Because yes we must move on because after all we do forgive our best friend, don't we?

The good book tells us that we must love our neighbor as ourselves and so my question to you is how can you love your neighbor if you don't love yourself? But you know what? I know you can do it and when you do I can promise you that not only will you discover an interesting, gentle and reliable best friend but, equally important, that you will truly be a great friend to those who you love.

Esther

Hello Everyone,

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**THIS NEWSLETTER WAS WRITTEN,
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ROW AT HOLMAN PRISON**

As more states continue to move away from the death penalty, Alabama continues to immerse itself in the cloak of justice, as it prepares RELIGIOUSLY to remain on its course of state-sanctioned murder. Building a gas chamber reminiscent of Hitler's reign of terror, and — resurrecting his favorite method of execution to carry out its very own reign of terror on innocent, mentally disabled, and people of color. With that said, I'm saddened to say that the state of Alabama has set an execution date for our friend and brother Willie Smith Jr. for October 21st, 2021. We ask that everyone please raise your voices and let your feelings of dissatisfaction with the powers that be in Alabama be known. Thank you.

We would like to commend our esteemed Executive Director, Esther Brown, on the wonderful, insightful, and educational interview she did with Mr. David Person.

Recently, some information was presented to us, (let's say, it came across my desk-smile), and it seemed more a question of math, which I've never been too good at math, so I'll run it by all of you to see what conclusions come to your minds. This may or may not be on the test(smile), so studying would be the best option. (haha)

In the state of Alabama there have been approx. 800 plus people sentenced to death. Presently, there are about 170 still on death row. Of the approximately 800 plus, about 35-40 have either died on death row, or gotten off death row due to tainted convictions.

What happened to the other 595 people??? Didn't study, huh?!? (smile) Okay, well those 595 people obtained a lesser sentence. The government would argue self-righteously, that having 595 people get off of death row shows that the system works. However, it is in fact proof that the system does not work. There are obvious problems with ineffective counsel, the juries, and of course the overzealous prosecutors who are out to use a human life as their launching pad for the next big political step in their lives. Of the 170 still on death row, how many suffer because of procedural bars that arose from ineffective counsel...

(cont...)



Amicus Curiae Briefs

For those of you who don't know, the words amicus curiae, in Latin, means "Friend of the court"

The definition in Black's Law Dictionary for amicus curiae is: A person who is not a party to a lawsuit but who petitions the court or is requested by the court to file a brief in the action because that person has a strong interest in the "subject matter."

In cases all over the U.S. attorneys, and attorneys general file to the courts in the form of an amicus curiae "friend of the court" brief. As we know, these attorneys and attorneys general that are filing amicus curiae briefs are not parties to the actual lawsuit itself, "BUT"...they do have a strong interest in the "subject matter."

My question to the people reading this article is, "does this effect the impartiality of judges?" I ask this question on behalf of the many people whom have been affected by the filing of an amicus brief. It's not like amicus curiae is an unknown legal word that just came out of nowhere. It's just that I'm paying closer attention now.

After I saw the trend, I began asking myself questions like, "Why would an attorney general in one state file a brief to protect a law that may be about to get struck down in another state as unconstitutional? Then I saw where the attorney general for the state of Alabama and Montana filed amicus briefs in support of Florida in Hurst v. Florida.

After reading this brief, it became as clear as it gets. The states of Alabama and Montana stated, "But we have an interest in seeing the Court reject the petitioner's broadside attack on capital sentencing structures that were designed to make the imposition of capital punishment more consistent and less subjective."

Alabama and Montana's capital sentencing may come under fire if the ruling became favorable to the petitioner in Hurst. See, for decades, Alabama has used language in defending the constitutionality of its capital sentencing scheme by comparing it to the one used by Florida. This is why Alabama jumped to the defense of Florida's capital sentencing scheme, "to actually try and save its own." Should this be legal? What purpose does this type of brief actually serve? Does the filing of these briefs effect the outcome in some cases? It didn't in Hurst.

Some petitioners think that it's unfair to already be in a dog fight with the attorney general in his or her own state, while two or more attorneys general from other states are filing as "friends of the court" in the defense of petitioner's state. Seems as though the scales of justice are tilted against them. So, as I was saying, "does this effect the impartiality of the judges?" Speaking of impartiality, Penn State Law Professor Eleanor Brown-Kanq said. "We have all been sold this notion that there is an impartial independent judiciary working for the common good. People on the left have disproportionately bought that fiction." Now, I'm asking what do you think?

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Distractions and Smokescreens

A man amongst men. In hell resides many men filled with joy over their moments of pleasure which is but a vapor... disappearing in an instant.

Nothing is serious until it gets serious.

How can a man who professes his love for which he lives, but nails himself to his own cross through his willful ignorance.

How can a man find joy in the bottom of a soup cup, lest he's hungry?

For which I see amongst many men are men who desire life, but not the strength to reach out for help which will pull him to his feet. Knowledge. Lost is a man who craves that which is not worthy of his circumstances.

Where a man ceases to have visions and dreams, there is where the rest of him perishes.

I look to the left and I see mummies, I look to the right I see mummies. What my eyes see I am forced to behold.

Distraction, Hey you... you got a date
Smokescreen, They got everything handled

Thoughts that speak until their tomorrow is upon them.

How can you look in the eyes of a man with a desire to live and tell him the truth... I can't help you.

Where do you find such a man? In the eyes of the one who beheld him or them.

Houdini once said: "I cannot afford to be unconscious. Not even for a second..."

Factual Riddle to Puzzle Your Mind
Randy "The Great" Lewis

which prevents the person whose life is actually on the line from receiving a just break?! Answer: more than half! When the protections of life and liberty are subverted, and eradicated by the very people who are supposed to be upholding them, no justice can be had!

The big question is, how do we bring these southern states back in line with the rest of the progressive world?

Think about that.

In the meantime, please continue to be the other voice, and make sure your voice is heard.

In solidarity,
Anthony Boyd
Chairman, PHADP

*When you see a tree
Think of my course my
roots are deep.*



Maturity

Raindrops on the window,
blocking our walk but not my view,
cleansing a world,
that'll be dirtied anew,
when the sun comes out,
sadly it's true,
so I hope these seeds I've left in my wake,
grow into a clue,
for you,
to help you get thru,
the rough patches while on your journey,
where hopefully you'll have planted some seeds,
too,
because passing through this valley of the shadow of death,
at times it'll have you sailing with no crew,
at sea in a whirlpool, swirling like,
a pot of stew,
dazed and confused,
stop trying to be Yogi, boo-boo!
you can't be you, trying to be me,
that's why we were born at different times,
I thought your all knowing eye could see,
that pretending,
to be comprehending,
is your missed opportunity,
Maturity..

Omen
A.K.A. Tony Barksdale

MY JOURNEY TOWARD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

I am pleased to be a part of Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty. Thank you to everyone for your warm welcome. I appreciate Chairman Anthony Boyd and Executive Director Esther Brown for their inspiring leadership that is making a positive difference. I'd also like to thank Randy Lewis for sending important information about legal updates and the absence of an Equal Protection Clause in the Alabama state constitution. Thank you everyone for including me.

I'd like to share my experience growing up in Michigan and why I came to oppose the death penalty. I am the son of a homicide victim. My father was shot and killed when I was 11. Even before this tragedy, our family opposed capital punishment. My brother and I were taught that the taking of a life is always wrong unless absolutely necessary for self-defense. That always made sense to me. Why kill when nothing positive will result? Why take a life when nobody will benefit?

Shortly after entering the sixth grade, an assailant who met my dad a week earlier attempted to rob him of twenty dollars. A struggle ensued. Within seconds, my dad's life ended after he was shot in the face five times. Relatives soon arrived and we faced the tragedy as any normal family would. This experience was especially difficult. My brother and I were lucky to have a phenomenal uncle in New York who took upon himself many of the responsibilities that my dad left behind. We also had cousins and friends who were helpful. Yet the grief that we experienced is an unforgettable one. I still feel it even though the homicide occurred more than 40 years ago.

About six months later, the Dearborn police arrested the man responsible. He was prosecuted for first degree murder and convicted. I was unable to attend any of the trial because my family insisted that I not take off any time off from school to watch. They were also concerned that I might say something in court that might lead to a mistrial. My brother and I therefore had no mental image of the accused aside from a grainy black and white photograph in the local newspaper. I later had nightmares of what I perceived to be a faceless monster because I was not allowed to attend the trial. The nightmares were difficult and yet I don't recall having serious anger issues at the time. The primary feeling I experienced was grief, not all that different from the loss of a loved one in any other type of situation. At times I felt guilty for not feeling more anger. Yet after giving this more thought, I realized that each individual experience is different. Emotions come and go, and it became clear to me that what truly matters is what we do. The behavior in response to a tragedy, and not the feelings alone, are the things that determine whether we can have a meaningful outcome to the experience.

Years later I decided to reach out to the man responsible because I still did not have a real image of a human face on him. This troubled me greatly. I sent a letter reaching out to Arthur, and he responded quickly. He invited me to visit him. I accepted. We chatted on phones for more than two hours on opposite sides of plexiglass. My first impression was that this could not be the man responsible. He seemed so human, not the monster that I had imagined him to be at all. Yet here it was, right in front of me. Our conversation was a meaningful one. We shared many stories and even joked sometimes. Not long after this chat, my nightmares ended and I decided to forgive Arthur.

My journey to forgiveness was not a selfless act. I did it to create a new beginning for myself. I felt a sense of relief that I had not experienced in a long time. Arthur felt the same even though he realized that nobody was going to reduce his sentence. I later concluded that meetings between offenders and victims are the best ways to achieve restorative justice – a healing that can happen if people work together and reach understandings with each other.

At about the same time, bills were introduced in our state legislature to bring the death penalty to Michigan. I got involved with a group of other homicide victim families to oppose this effort.

Thanks to the hard work of many church groups and others, the bills were defeated in committee even before they were introduced on the floor of the legislature. I later learned about Project Hope and decided to join. I have discovered that the members of Project Hope, especially those living on death row in Alabama, have enormous courage because they are standing up for their beliefs and principles. They are doing the right thing. I encourage all opponents of the death penalty to join and support PHADP. Project Hope is really a family of folks who want to see human dignity respected in the criminal justice system. It's a great honor to be a part of this. Thank you very much.

Dave Guard
Midwest Representative, PHADP

The past is behind us let's look towards our future.

*Change our ways and we change the world.
Mario Woodward*

ALABAMA NEWS

Third Quarter 2021

- * Alabama has set a second execution date for Willie B. Smith Jr. Despite unresolved legal issues that previously persuaded the courts to stay his execution. For a full background explanation and how you can get involved, check our Facebook page often.
- * Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals reversed the relief granted to Brandon Mitchell for a new penalty phase, granted during his Rule 32 appeal.
- * United States Supreme Court reverses penalty phase relief granted by the 11th Circuit to Matthew Reeves. Both Mitchell and Reeves had trial counsel who failed miserably at presenting the overwhelming mitigation evidence in the sentencing phase of their trials.
- * 11th Circuit denied habeas relief for James Barber.
- * Alabama Arise will host its all-remote annual meeting on September 25. We appreciate all of our supporters who have volunteered to represent us and vote for a moratorium on executions as a priority issue for the lobbying group in 2022.
- * July 14th, Patriots Against Gas Executions delivered a joint letter to two companies associated with Alabama's nitrogen gas execution. The letter was signed by over 70 organizations, investors, and business associations, and delivered to FDR Safety and Clinical Pharmacology Services. We would like to thank P.A.G.E. as well as Worth Rises, for their efforts, and encourage all of our supporters to promote this issue to stop corporations from profiting off of executions. Share the petition, and keep the spotlight on what is happening in the shadows in Alabama.
- * Inmates on life row have received their personal education devices (tablets). It may be too soon to say how much of an impact these devices will have because there are still many glitches in the system, but like most things here, we figure out what works and what doesn't and go from there.

Vice Versa

America the Beautiful
 Where everybody is equal in the eyes of the law
 Amerikkka the Beautifully Broken
 Where for the majority the social contract has been broken
 Amerikkka the Beautiful
 Where behind closed doors you have no civil rights or liberties
 America the Beautifully Broken
 Where your civil rights and liberties are always protected
 America the Beautiful
 Where the courts fight to uphold your constitutional rights
 Amerikkka the Beautifully Broken
 Where the courts say your constitutional rights can be violated
 if you had a fair trial
 Amerikkka the Beautiful
 Where lady justice can see
 and if you don't look right, you're guilty
 America the Beautifully Broken
 Where justice is administered equally amongst its citizens
 America the Beautiful
 Where equality is just a word
 Amerikkka the Beautifully Broken
 Where equality is what this broken country is all about
 Amerikkka the Beautiful Beautifully Broken
 From sea to shining sea

I love my country, it has freedoms that people in other countries don't get to enjoy. Is it broken, yes, but it could be fixed, if the people running it stop spending millions on things like the death penalty and start investing millions in our children and the country. Do we as a nation not care how tax dollars are spent? Or is it that we as a nation care more about killing than we do about our countries future?

Think on this, the Olympics were just on, I think we had the most gold medals. So we run around screaming about how America is better at sports than every other country on Earth. But if you replace those athletes with our children so they can show the world just how great the American education system is, how many gold medals do you think we would have had?

We have the audacity to say we have a great country when our children are getting a subpar education. It's third world countries that have better education systems than we do. But you go right ahead and let them keep spending million, "dare I say billions when it's all added up" on the death penalty. In 25 years we'll all be speaking Chinese.

Jaleel

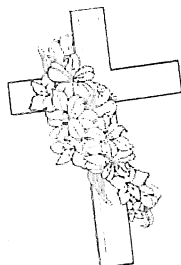
*If you see me
 You saw it done
 Right!!*

*DO UNTO OTHERS THEN SPLIT....JUST KIDDING!
 DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE DONE
 TO YOU.... THEN DO A LITTLE MORE!*

*MAKE THE
 WHEELS
 SQUEAK*

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Greetings Friends and Family,

Seasons change and so do we, turning challenges into opportunities is what we're striving to do in this season. Our shake-up here has forced us (given us the opportunity) to re-evaluate our priorities. As things here are constantly in flux, we keep our eyes on the most important objectives and goals so that we're prepared for whatever happens next.

Of course, we couldn't navigate like we do without Esther on the outside and Ant on the inside doing what they do best. Kudos and thanks to them for their dedication.

Another opportunity that came from the move is an enhanced prayer life. Both collectively and individually.

Our Brother Willie Smith, who continues to be a miracle and a blessing started a 7:45 pm prayer circle, where we sing praises to the Lord, share testimonies and the word, and pray. It is uplifting and a powerful experience. Willie hasn't been able to join us lately though, as the state has again set him an execution date (October 21). We pray with great hope that there will be a reprieve from this latest attempt by the state of Alabama to play God.

Personally, my prayer life continues to grow, I'm learning to be more vigilant (after all, I'm not alone with God all day in the cell anymore) and that what comes after the Amen is just as important as what comes before it. That when I ask God for help, that I've got to let Him. To act like my prayer has been answered and not continue to try and figure it out on my own. Then watch Him work it out and share the testimony when he does.

Have a blessed season.

Yours in Christ
Bart Johnson
Vice-Chairman, PHADP



If people are not bringing
you closer to your future
Don't allow them to give you
temporary distance from your
present situation/circumstances
Bundy The Heart Leader's

He Who Knows All Things

I have a Maker, He formed my heart to love, even before time began, my life was in His hands.

He knows my name, He knows my everything. He sees each tear that falls, and He hears me when I call.

I know that His eyes are on the sparrow, and I know that His eye watches me. He is from everlasting to everlasting. God and Father, He sees where I am at, He knows my interest in Him, He knows my interest in His King and Kingdom. He knows exactly where my heart is. (wow!)

You may fear that the Lord has passed you by, but it is not so, He who counts the stars, and calls them by their names is in no danger of forgetting His own children.

Awesome God and gracious Father, thank you for this gift called today. Refresh me and invite me to discover your presence in each person that I meet and every situation I encounter.

Teach me when to speak and when to listen; when to ponder and when to share. In moments of challenge and decision attune my heart to the whispering of Your wisdom.

As I undertake simple and unnoticed tasks, gift me with simple joy. When the day goes well, may I rejoice, and when it grows difficult, surprise me with new possibilities. (Hope)

When life is overwhelming call me to restful moments to restore Your peace and harmony in me. May my living today reveal your love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control. Amen

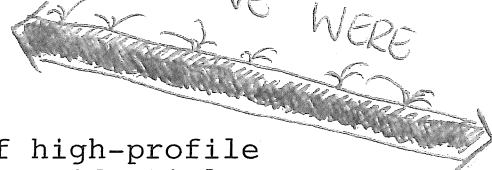
May the blessing of the Lord God continue to rest, abide and surround the supporters and readers of PHADP. With much love and appreciation,

Pete McGahee
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If you knew
your attitude was
contagious, you'd be more
careful of what you spread
to those around you

THEY TRIED TO BURY US.
THEY DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE
SEEDS!



Legal reform advocates and a committee of high-profile Supreme Court practitioners have urged the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States to recommend changes to the way the court handles emergency applications for stays of executions in death penalty cases.

The Innocence Project's Executive Director, Christina Swarns has argued before the court in cases before and would like for the court to raise some standards like the 4 justices it takes to permit a stay of execution; the same number needed to review the merits of a case.

For so long, death penalty cases have been denied a hearing on their merits just because they would be dead before they would be heard. If anything, death sentence cases should be heard when a life is at stake and there is no turning back to check after they are gone. On top of that, the Supreme Court is our last hope and it wouldn't be that much of an issue to review the merits.

Then, when you think about reliability, accuracy, and fairness; they are more critical in capital cases than they are in any other area of the law, if truth be told.

It takes 4 justices to vote to review the merits and 5 votes in order to grant a stay. So it's still an uphill battle when you need 5 of the 9 justices to vote in your favor when by this time in your case, this will be the third trip up to this Court.

Now - you probably are wondering why they only need just 4 votes to review your merits? It's because the specific purpose is to prevent a majority of the Court's members from controlling their docket. I don't know how or what system they go by to pick the 4 justices that make that choice. The more we find out, the more we can make people aware of how the highest court in the land runs.

Also, they can change like the wind and they might overturn one of their own rulings, or rulings of the lower court that just granted a stay, but next time they might grant a stay on the same reason they reversed a lower court ruling.

We just have to wish for the best and hope to avoid the worst.

Jarryl Turner



Never change God's facts
into hope or prayer, but
simply accept them as real-
ities, and you will find them
to be powerful as you believe!
Pete McJaher

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR, YOU MIGHT GET IT.
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR, IT MIGHT GET YOU.

Continue to push the
doors shall open up.

Don't just settle
Keep pushing til
you reach your goals.

Darryl Turner

Liberty Is Not A Right, It's A Bargaining Tool

Just when you thought liberty was a right, you were tricked and targeted. When you 'disobeyed' man made laws, which are construed daily, your liberties become a bargaining tool. How much of your liberty are you willing to sacrifice to be free from bondage? Enter into a courtroom anywhere in this country and you'll witness plea bargaining for lesser time or a person being sentenced to probation (even when innocent) just to be free from prison.

It gets worse, but i Don't have that much paper! Then to add insult to injury, the high courts (USSC, Federal District Court, State Supreme Court, etc.) ask you to bargain again -- How long is too long? (drug crimes) How do you choose to die? (capital crimes) How much can you pay? (civil penalties) / I need coupons!

Your right to be free is determined by how much you can bargain. Since the law began, liberties came with a sacrifice to make amends for disobeying laws (God's Law), sometimes with life, sometimes with limb. Now, man has consistently construed (God's Law) and made it their own. Liberty is now a profitable means when it comes to penal interest. Instead of corrections, punishment is the go-to method! Instead of prevention, detention is at an all time high in the so called "Free World" (U.S.) This third world country (U.S.) treats its citizens (who are all immigrants) as exactly what they see them to be, "property," not people. Not convinced? Explain the social security number, what is it for? I'll wait! Your barcode determines your worth to the federal government. That said, your liberties become bargaining tools for whomever benefits most, i.e. your state government! So, don't get caught up in subliminal messages from presidents, governors, mayors, etc. because at the end of the day "We the people" are more or less a commodity, ya feel me? Don't be tricked by the politically correct, educate yourselves!

N.O.

I BEGIN EACH DAY A BLANK
CANVAS.... I WELCOME THE
DAYS CHALLENGES!

Bring the fight to
the devil by speaking
the word of God over
your life, your family,
and your future. And
believe God is able.



A Strict Constitutionalist

A strict Constitutionalist also known as a strict constructionist, or original intent is a theory limiting interpretation of legal and constitutional language to the literal meaning of this language at the time of passage. This theory contrasts with a loose construction of laws, which allows broader discretion by judges to determine intent in legal language.

When Donald Trump announced his nominee for the Supreme Court in July of 2018, he said he wanted someone who could set aside his political views "To do what the law and the constitution require!" Then Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh followed by saying a judge "must interpret the law, not make the law!" Whether you call it strict construction, judicial restraint, or originalism, it should be as easy as following the directions on a Duncan Hines cake mix.

Another Supreme Court Justice appointed by Trump, Justice Neil Gorsuch, who served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (Colorado Oklahoma). After the botched execution of Clayton Lockett, he ruled against Lockett's estate and even called Lockett's botched execution an innocent misadventure, an isolated mishap, and said that it was not cruel and unusual. And that Oklahoma wasn't deliberately indifferent. Gorsuch favors a strict reading of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA). In 2015, he wrote for the court when it permitted Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to order the execution of Scott Elzember. Even writing a dissent allowing Pruitt to use the same lethal injection protocol that allowed the use of midazolam. The ruling was upheld 5-4 by the Supreme Court in *Glossip v. Gross* in 2015.

Strict Constructionism has its advantages and disadvantages. The advantage is that everyone thinks the same thing - there is no mistake that this is the law. The disadvantage is that it can lead to unjustness and unfairness, because there could be some exceptions to the rules in the Constitution. Even after ratifying the Constitutional amendment that abolished slavery, it is mostly interpreted with the same mindset that it was written. When it was written, this country held part of its people in bondage, while itself was trying to escape bondage from another country. Yet today, in 2021, the wrongful interpretation of this document still holds a part of its people in bondage, unless that's what it's supposed to do!

Jeffery Lee
Sec/Treasurer
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Nobilities True Badge

That is what Shakespeare called mercy. Of course to comprehend nobility, one would have to understand terms such as honor, virtue, character, and moral fiber. These are elements quickly and ashamedly becoming distinctly absent from our society. Mercy is a quality that is undeserved and yet time after time you will hear pro death penalty advocates say the person did not deserve mercy. No one deserves mercy! It is presented by the above mentioned traits of the giver.

Recently I saw where Supreme Court Justice Scalia said that when we hung them it wasn't painless. Seems to me that Justice Scalia needs to actually have someone explain evolving standards of decency. As we have evolved as a people the threshold of acceptancy has changed. That is the theory anyway. In a discussion of the death penalty and the lethal injection issue, Justice Kennedy seemed to rebuke several other justices as they chuckled over what kind of execution lawyers would come up with for clients facing this organized process of murder. I think that speaks volumes as to the mindset of those considered noble.


While the U.S. is quick to lead the world towards democracy, we remain the only western nation in the world to cling to its archaic practice of killing its own citizens. You may think that I have a vested interest, but you'd be far from right. If I have to spend the last day of my life in prison, I'd just as soon it be sooner than later, but for the greater good of society and for the lives of the men that surround me, I fight the fight the only way I can. I fight with words. I beg for mercy. I scream for enlightenment. I plead with citizens to speak out against the decomposure of our societal values. I ask Alabamians and Americans please stop killing in the name of justice.

Nobilities true badge. Do more than pin it on your shirt. Live with it by being merciful, compassionate, kind, and tolerant to all peoples.

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