

PREFACE

When I received my Master's Degree in Public Administration, little did I know that the American documents like the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights, which I studied ardently and our founding fathers gave their lives for—the documents that have been the mortar that holds the bricks of this democracy together—could be torn apart by one bang of a judge's gavel.

Over 230 years later, a judge is going to tell us that our founding fathers were wrong. They really did not mean it that way. I am sorry, your honor, but I disagree with you. Stop trying to rewrite history, you cannot do it. Why are judges trying to write law? Their jobs are to interpret present law, not rewrite it from the bench. When did the legislative branch of the Government go out of business?

Justice John Paul Stevens said, "It is not our job to apply laws that have not yet been written."

Since that spring of 1980, when I finished my graduate work, attempts to reinterpret the Constitution to fit their views have been led by organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union and other zealous liberal constitutional reformers.

The original significance of the words written on these four pages of parchment that were signed during the constitutional convention of 1787 have been reinterpreted so much, that today the original signers would probably not recognize its intended meaning.

It amazes me how over the past two decades, such terms as "politically incorrect" and "unconstitutional" have crept into our vocabulary like a virus that only wants to tear down the fibers of our democracy.

How these modern day groups can tell us that they know better than our ancestors is beyond my comprehension. It has been said that “if you put two lawyers in a locked room for one hour they could rewrite the Constitution.”

Justice Hugo Black once said, “Our Constitution was not written in the sands to be washed away by each wave of new judges blown in by each successive political wind.”

What is most disturbing to me is the fact that wherever I go I meet people that are irate at the audacity of some groups to use the Constitution as a soapbox for reform. Yet where is the outrage? Why don't these irate people speak up en masse? Why do they just sit back and accept it as a way of life? “It is not my problem and it will not affect me,” they say—or will it?

It will affect you. It will affect you in the work place. It will affect your children in the classroom. It will affect you when you need medical help. It will affect you when you renew your insurance policies. It will affect you if you need the court system. It will affect you every day of your life, so face it. It is time to get outraged and do something about it before it consumes you and it is too late.