



Letters to the Editor

“Good” or Good

TNA’s September 18, 2017 review of Senator Ben Sasse’s book, *The Vanishing American Adult*, reviews a number of concerning American maladies. In passing comment, it also presents an enigma that seems at least as concerning as the theme of the book. The correspondent notes Senator Sasse’s abysmal Freedom Index constitutional voting score of 77 percent as being “quite high” for the Senate. Huh? A pass is granted with such a wink and nod on a record that indicates that nearly one-fourth of the time, this senator votes in violation of his sacred oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution.

Article VI of the Constitution mandates all who hold office shall take the constitutional oath. Founding Father Noah Webster’s definition of “oath” captures the serious nature of one’s oath: “The person invokes the vengeance of God if he should fail to fulfill it.”

Placing this in a context all should understand: When one enters marriage, he takes a sacred oath of fidelity to his spouse. Who would keep a spouse who was only faithful to that oath 77 percent of the time? If such were the case, the person would be unfaithful “only” one week of every month! A 90-percent record would mean unfaithfulness “only” three days per month. A 99-percent record would mean unfaithfulness “only” one day every three months. Such a spouse would be cast off immediately by anyone but the most broken of souls.

Why would we keep such scoundrels in office when put in such a context?

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Spinelessness and Shame

I once read that in a time of ignominy, let someone speak against the cause of the ignominy lest future generations come to believe that we were spineless fools.

What is currently occurring under the banner of political correctness is far more than the destruction of monuments to Confederate icons. It is the destruction of the history of this nation and people.

Meanwhile the current media focus on these deplorable events detracts from the reporting of events that present an immediate threat to the safety and welfare of the people and the security of the country.

It is important to the people of the country that our history become common knowledge. It should be taught in every institution of higher learning and be respected, if not revered, for the importance of its lessons to humanity.

The history of this nation speaks eloquently to its errors, as well as to its many virtues. With a renewed effort to reveal the history of this nation, the current mindless destruction of historical icons might be discredited and consigned to the dustbin of ignorance.

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Hold Out on Healthcare

Does the federal government have constitutional authority to be in the healthcare business?

According to the 10th Amendment, “The powers not designated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the states or to the people.” This means the Affordable Care Act must be repealed. If it were to be replaced by the federal government, it would require a constitutional amendment to be valid.

There seems to be a longstanding drive to transform America to a socialist state, and socialized medicine may be a key part of this. Our wonderful Constitution is designed to create and preserve a constitutional republic allowing freedom and prosperity for us and future generations. However, socialism, according to Margaret Thatcher, “is great, until you run out of other people’s money.”

It seems clear to me our Constitution prevents America from falling into socialism. In order for socialism to happen, our Constitution would need to be abolished or ignored.

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