

POWER CORRUPTS (Segment 2)  
("The Trial of Rev. Pinkney")

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> segment of Power Corrupts...where genuine cases of public corruption are spotlighted. So far, Power Corrupts has been showcasing the extent to which our government "servants" inflict physical, financial, and legal harm... and oppression... over law-abiding sovereign citizens of the United States.

This Segment primarily focuses on one of many "elephants in the room"... "roaming around America"...which is as visible as black is to white... though it is "politically incorrect" to define the problem in such a manner. So for now, we shall define the problem in terms of the "haves" and the "have nots"...Either way we wish to categorize the problem, it amounts to the oppression of some people by other people.

While government of and by the people tends to reflect the values and the way of life OF the people in various communities across the United States...the rapid changes in technology, and each community's ACCESS to those changes and technology...now means we live in a rapidly changing society with an ever-expanding gap between rich and poor, between the educated and the uneducated...between the employed and the unemployed....and it becomes clear that with an ever-growing amount of government employment...with this "self-policing" of one section, division, or branch of government being carried out simply by ANOTHER "section", "division" or "branch" of the SAME government...and with an ever-increasing number of new government programs... arising to service ever-escalating numbers of Americans for whom the government "system" is already failing.....which is the dwindling....middle class.... there is indeed a vanishing of any and all "gray area" between those who "have"... and those who "have not".

This is not about black and white people anymore...We all see the growing number of "Tea Parties" with demonstrations by angry WHITE patriots across this country who are crying "foul" to the blatant disregard of our Constitutional heritage by government...by the SEC in their disregard of fraud in the securities and exchange industry...and by exponentially rising numbers of complaints about judicial and political misconduct --- which is traditionally defined as "treason" even though today ...it is occurring by judges and politicians...who are our modern-day "domestic terrorists". ....And they are doing it one house-bill and senate -bill at a time...with each bill constructed to favor big business and other special interest groups.... including government interests....with each successive bill designed to eventually erode...and seeping away from American citizens... all of our "civil" and "Constitutional" rights....including our all-important "due process" rights.

Are these "black" issues? White issues? No..... these past couple of decades has changed things so much that it is DEFINITELY not about blacks and whites....The Evidence is compelling....it is about the worldly aristocrats and bureaucrats against the rest of us....It is about the "controllers", the "rule-makers", and the "enforcers" being against the "subjects"...who are "us"...who are being controlled by the enforcement of a prejudicial "cherry-picking"... of the rules...and the laws.

"Discrimination" as we now know it, IS practically "color-blind"...Yet the collective outcry of predominantly white libertarian and conservative republican patriots....such as is seen by the well-known and popular Glenn Beck...demonstrate that many more of us "White Folk" are

getting a little uncomfortable with the climate... under which our neighboring poor and inner-city “Black Folk” always been living....or for at least this past near half-century... since the demonstrations and the marches of Martin Luther King and other civil rights leaders.

Today, we ALL know that the oppressive injustices of the corporate, governmental, and special interest “oligarchies” are color-BLIND. Yet, we fool ourselves if we believe that a revolutionary turnaround or reversal of this oppressiveness will ever simply “level out the playing field” between the blacks and whites. Blacks, in general, have always been oppressed, harassed, unjustly deprived, and wrongly imprisoned...and for far too long.....

Today the outspoken “patriot movement” decries the reported construction of FEMA camps, otherwise called “quarantine” camps....because of the belief that government anticipates a revolutionary resistance to various mandates on our taking the Swine Flu vaccine...to the devaluation of the American dollar and an insurmountable debt that is due to wasteful spending by government... issuing exhaustive bailouts and supporting an exorbitant war spending.

Similarly, ever-increasing numbers in our nation decry the loss of their jobs and the devaluing of their incomes...and they decry other government failures like public school education and prison reforms. Yet, we must not forget that as long as the shoe was on the other foot of most middle-class WHITE Americans, we frankly didn’t give a shit about anything but ourselves...our 401 K’s, our medical insurance benefits, and OUR hope and claim for the “American Dream”.

It is concerning to me now... as a “white” person...that since we too have joined the ranks of the uninsured, we too have lost our retirement savings, lost our credit, our ability to borrow money, and lost our homes....we have only recently started to sing the “blues”....the same song of oppression that poor black families have been singing for centuries....in recognition of the gospel truth that our Rights are God-given, and that NO man is superior to another. This might go double, particularly when it comes to government employees – both elected and appointed – who Americans otherwise collectively pay to be our government “servants”.

Segment 2 of Power Corrupts is the story of “The Trial of Rev. Pinkney”, a black activist and outspoken minister FOR social justice and AGAINST civil rights oppression and the deprivation of Constitutional liberties....We should be reminded that the type of corruption spotlighted by this story...involving the abuse of power by law enforcement, by prosecutors, and by judges is....and always has been...a commonplace experience for poor African-Americans. What Rev. Pinkney is experiencing – being “*railroaded*” to prison and “*forced*” into a lifetime of carrying a felony “conviction” record – is occurring all over the country. Mark my words...it has been continuing to happen... a lot... in the southern parts of Chicago...all over Detroit...in Atlanta... the Bronx of New York...and in every major city and many southern small towns in the United States.

What follows is the story of a true American patriot...who is no less of a leader of freedom and justice than the founding fathers of our U.S. Constitution....And he is no less a fighter...for equality in education, for equality in opportunity, and for the governance of America legitimately BY the people...not corruptly OVER the people. The story is entitled, “*What’s Going On in Benton Harbor?*” The title is presented as a question; however upon viewing this video...we all KNOW what is going on in Benton Harbor. May this story be as disturbing and as insulting to you as an American....as it did disturb and insult me. I hope you too will say “*enough is enough*”

and decide to get “*off the fence*”...“*away from the sidelines*”, and take a stand on this and other matters that concern government corruption.

I think that every “patriot” in this “movement” today will agree that the greatest obstacle we face as a nation – besides the obvious one...of having to deal with an arbitrary, an unrestrained, and a predictably dishonest American government – the GREATEST obstacle we face, is ourselves....especially those of us who wish to be called “Americans”...but who are otherwise just “waiting and watching” others... fighting their battles for them... in DEFENSE of our worldly unique and nationally treasured “Constitution”. We should all recognize that....as one unworthy former U.S. President put it.... the Constitution is otherwise “only a piece of paper”...If it is not supported and upheld in every word and deed by EVERY American citizen for which it serves, the U.S. Constitution does not do anything to defend itself.....EVERY citizen relying on that founding document needs to support it and defend it...by taking action EVERY TIME it is violated.

See what is going on RIGHT NOW with Rev. Pinkney in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Then get mad; get assertive. Do some soul-searching....and take appropriate action... to effect a lasting change AWAY from this and other kinds of government corruption and social injustice.