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George Gleason: A Wisconsin Political Prisoner

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The Wisconsin city of La Crosse is situated at the foot of bluffs where three rivers — The Mississippi, the Black, & the La Crosse — meet. It's also the seat of La Crosse County, where the Circuit court meets & where both my fellow W.S.P.F. captive George Gleason (D.O.C. # 143568) & I received our prison sentences from. But, while I've been locked up these past 14 years for a murder I did commit, Mr. Gleason has been locked up for around 12 years for holding & expressing the opinion that all lawyers are participating in a treasonous drag war against the American people & should be treated as traitors.

In Case No. 99-CF-706, State v. Gleason, Mr. Gleason was convicted of violating Wisconsin statute §940.203(2), Battery or Threat to Judge, as a habitual criminal (& a superfluous, multiplicitious Disorderly Conduct charge) & sentenced to 22 years in prison. Because the basis for the original charges were so vague, Mr. Gleason's counsel asked the then prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney (A.D.A.) Todd W. Bjerke, to clarify them, which A.D.A. Bjerke (now a Circuit Court Judge) did in a "Response to Defendants' Bill of Particulars," in which Jerky stated:

"It is the theory of the state's case that the defendant despises all lawyers, which would include judges, as well as law enforcement officers and probation officers. The defendant communicated these opinions to the witness, Colle[n] Berle[n]t, and he also wrote down his opinions. [...] Unfortunately, the precise nature of the threat as related by the witness is vague...."

If you are not disturbed at Jerky's theory, you may be unaware that, in the U.S. of A,

"If there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein."

West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette, 319 U.S. 624, 643 (1943)

In the United States, citizens are supposed to have the right to hold & express opinions that are offensive to others, including burning crosses, see R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul, Minnesota, 505 U.S. 377, 382 (1992), holding racist rallies, see Forsyth County v. Nationalist Movement,

505 U.S. 123, 134 (1992), even burning the country's flag in public, Texas v. Johnson, 491 U.S. 397, 419-420 (1989).

Thomas Jefferson himself is often quoted for his observation that the blood of tyrants is the natural fertilizer for the tree of liberty. The same man penned the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Gleason's opinions, the ones used to incarcerate him, were that the war on drugs, which lawyers are deeply involved in, is illegal, because: 1) Congress never declared it, & Article I, §8 & Article I, §10 of the Constitution only permit Congress to declare war; & 2) Article III, §3 of the Constitution prohibits U.S. Citizens from going to war against each other or giving... aid and comfort" to those who do, which constitutes treason. Mr. Gleason opined that because the entire law-enforcement complex is participating in what he concludes to be a treasonous war against U.S. citizens, it needs to be held accountable. This opinion was expressed by Mr. Gleason in a cruder version of an essay he now titles "The Art of Civil War - that & the vague accusation of a woman whom Mr. Gleason says owed him money, along with the opportunistic exaggerations of an ambitious prosecutor have kept a 63-year-old man in prison for more than a decade!

Be aware that I strongly oppose drug abuse and advocate for sobriety, as I know that sober & developed minds are essential to improving our lives. Yet I know of & agree with this final opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court,

"[D]ebate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust, and wide-open."  
New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, 376 U.S. 254, 270 (1964).

We should all be offended at how a man has been wrongfully imprisoned for more than 10 years, including being buried alive in a supermax prison, all because he dared to criticize the legal system. This is not just and, to me, smacks of the kind of oppression that occurred under Stalin's Russia or Hitler's Germany.

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LET GLEASON GO!

Hugs & Kisses  
Prometheus

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Mr. Gleason read & approved this piece. All the info' in it is a matter of public record.