Daniel Gwynn Blog Update Date: 4/8/13 Subject: "Proud To Be An American"

Sometimes it's difficult to say that I'm proud to be an "American" when I see injustices like Louis Taylor (Tucson, Arizona), bullied & threatened into taking a plea of "No Contest" (guilty) for an Arson/Murder he didn't commit in 1970. The evidence against him was flimsy, and he was finally awarded a new trial on appeal 40+ years later. The DA offered him a deal to plead guilty and go home; or face four more years of the DA appealing his new trial. This man is 58 years old, and wanted to go home to be with his family. Taylor couldn't face another minute falsely imprisoned, so he took the plea.

The saddest part of this story is that there's no public outcry for this man. America should be marching on Tucson demanding that they clear Taylor's name!!! He was 16 years old and the government stole 42 years of his life!!! He was helping people out of the fire, then end up getting blamed for it. Has American grown indifferent to the many wrongful conviction & misdeeds perpetrated by the officials entrusted with meting out justice.

Yeah, sometimes it's difficult to be proud of a people that continues to let injustices like this go on unchecked. But then there's a blinding light shining in the distance like a beacon during this dark stormy night. It reads: "We The People! We The People!" A symbol of hope reminding us what makes us proud to truly be an "American" despite the corrupt inebriated foolishness of our government officials.

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