

junelily,

Thank you so much for your encouraging response. I'm very grateful. I apologize for not being able to get back to you right away but between the lockdowns, limited access to the typewriter and dealing with a counselor who wants to eliminate our access completely, I will always find a way.

Know that it is and will be people like you who will make the difference. The government can only survive on the authority of the people. Like any other living entity it wants to live. It feeds on the authority we either give it or it takes from us.

Whatever the people allow the government to do to prisoners it will eventually be done to the people. There is always a pattern. Recognize it whenever you can. If there is a Constitutional Right that they want to take and know that the public will strenuously object to they will be presented a boogey man to frighten them into giving up that right. It usually begins with prisoners, then the poor, then a small working class community before moving on to everyone else. An example in progress would be the mass collection of DNA.

Again, thanks for you wonderful response. I'll have IN THE LIFE OF A CONNECTICUT PRISONER #9 posted soon. Continue to be the wonderful person you are.

Rich.