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DEAR MELANIE,

HI, I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE & FOR SENDING THE INTERVIEW FROM NPR. IT IS VERY INTERESTING THESE NEW DISCOVERIES IN SCIENCE. I JUST HAD MY CELL RIPPED APART & SEARCHED BY GUARDS. IT TOOK ME OVER 2 HOURS TO PUT IT BACK TOGETHER. ABOUT 10 MINUTES AGO I WENT TO THE BLOCK GUARDS TO LET THEM KNOW I KNOW THEY SENT THEM TO MY CELL TO TEAR IT UP BUT I WANTED TO KNOW WHY. I DON'T CAUSE PROBLEMS, I DON'T BOTHER ANYONE IN HERE, ESPECIALLY GUARDS. THEY TOLD ME IT WAS BECAUSE I WROTE A COMPLAINT. I WROTE A COMPLAINT ON THE UNIT MANAGER. HE GIVES US 1 ROLL OF TOILET PAPER PER WEEK. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE SUPPOSED TO GET 2, HE ONLY ALLOWS US TO HAVE 1. SO I ASKED FOR A 2ND ROLL WHEN I RAN OUT & WAS TOLD NO. SO I WROTE A COMPLAINT. I WAS REFUSED A BASIC HUMAN EVERY DAY NECESSITY. SO FOR THAT, IT LOOKED LIKE A TORNADO CAME THROUGH MY CELL. THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT, THEY TRASH YOUR CELL, BREAK SOME OF YOUR BELONGINGS BUT IF YOU COMPLAIN, THEY'LL DO IT AGAIN & THE NEXT TIME, IT'S EVEN WORSE. BUT I TALKED WITH THE GUARDS, I HOPE IT'S ALL IRONED OUT NOW BUT IN HERE, YOU NEVER KNOW.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK MELANIE, DO YOU BELIEVE THE SCIENCE? OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE DIFFERENT AGES FOR ADULTS. KIDS WANT TO GROW UP TOO FAST THESE DAYS & LIFE MAKES IT THAT WAY. COLLEGE AT 18, JOIN THE MILITARY, YOU CAN BUY CIGARETTES LEGALLY, TEENAGERS ARE JUST TOO OBSESSED WITH BECOMING ADULTS SO QUICKLY. I'M NOT EXCLUDING MYSELF EITHER. CHASING GIRLS, DRINKING, SMOKING, LEARNING TO DRIVE, GETTING A JOB, IT'S ALL APART OF THE TEENAGER LIFE. BUT IN A SOCIETY THAT HAS SET ITS ADULT AGE TO 18, HOW WOULD ONE EVER CHANGE THAT? IN ILLINOIS, THEY ARE CONSIDERING CHANGING THE ADULT AGE LIMIT TO EITHER 19 OR 21. BUT IF THEY DO IT ONLY THERE, HOW WOULD THAT AFFECT OTHER KIDS IN OTHER STATES? WOULD IT HAVE TO BE CHANGED NATIONWIDE? WOULD IT BE SENT TO CONGRESS? THE US SUPREME COURT? THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. OUR COUNTRY'S HIGHEST COURT HEARD THE "DEFLATEGATE TOM BRADY CASE" & THIS IS SO MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN FOOTBALL.

I AM ALWAYS INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW PEOPLE COME TO READ WHAT I WRITE? WHO YOU ARE & WHATS ON YOUR MIND. I TRY MY BEST TO KEEP THIS INTERESTING, BUT PRISON CAN BECOME QUITE BORING. THE WARDEN JUST TOLD ME 2 DAYS AGO THAT I PISSED TOO MANY PEOPLE OFF BY TRYING TO GET TRANSFERRED TO A PRISON CLOSER TO MY MOM SO I CANNOT HAVE THE JOB IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL'S HOSPICE UNIT LIKE I HAD BEEN PROMISED. NOW THEY ARE NOT ALLOWING ME TO VOLUNTEER ANYMORE EITHER. I HAD BEEN GOING TO HELP (& KEEP COMPANY) TO MEN WHO ARE TERMINALLY ILL. BUT THATS OVER NOW. I ANGERED TOO MANY STAFF HERE. NOW I AM UNSURE AS TO WHAT TO DO NEXT . I FEEL LOST LATELY, ALL MY EFFORTS TO BE MOVED A TINY BIT CLOSER TO MY MOM HAVE FAILED.

I AM TRYING TO GET MY MOM UP HERE FOR A VISIT SOMETIME SOON. HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. ALOT OF PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT THIS TAKE A TOLL ON ONE.

MOST PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT OVER 90% OF ALL PEOPLE CONVICTED OF KILLING ANOTHER HUMAN BEING IS AGED 16-22. THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT THIS COUNTRY DOESN'T SEEM WILLING TO LOOK AT OR DISCUSS. OUR GOVERNMENT SPENDS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OVER "DEFLATEGATE" BUT THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO LOOK AT THIS YET. MAKES NO SENSE TO ME. WHY WAIT UNTIL THE PROBLEM IS TOO OUT OF CONTROL. LIKE THIS ZIKA VIRUS, THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA BEGGED WASHINGTON DC

FOR THE FUNDING TO BATTLE THIS, BUT THEY SHOT HIM DOWN. OUR COUNTRY SEEMS TO BE SET ON WAITING UNTIL A PROBLEM GROWS TOO BIG BEFORE THEY'RE WILLING TO FIX IT.

LETS TAKE PRISON FOR EXAMPLE. WHY NOT TRY TO HELP PEOPLE BEFORE THEY EVEN GET HERE? OUR SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM CAN BE ALOT BETTER. OKAY, LETS LOOK AT HILLARY CLINTON. SHE WANTS TO BRING IN OVER 100,000 SYRIAN REFUGEES. THE U.S.A. WILL FEED THEM, CLOTHE THEM, TAKE CARE OF THEM, THEIR FAMILIES. SPEND HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO TAKE CARE OF THESE PEOPLE. MOST PROBABLY DON'T EVEN SPEAK ENGLISH SO THOUSAND & THOUSANDS OF TRANSLATORS WOULD HAVE TO BE HIRED. NOW THIS IS OKAY IN MY OPINION WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP. BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR OWN HOMELESS? FAMILIES WHO LIVE IN SHELTERS? I NEVER LIVED IN A SHELTER BUT I WAS HOMELESS ONCE. BELIEVE ME, ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN HOMELESS KNOWS HOW BAD IT SUCKS! I FROZE MY BUTT OFF. COULDN'T GET A JOB BECAUSE I HAD NO ADDRESS. A GIRL I CARED FOR TOOK ME IN UNTIL I WAS ABLE TO FIND A PLACE TO LIVE. WITHOUT HER HELP, WINTER OF 1996 WAS A VERY BAD TIME FOR ME. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON THE STREETS. LOOK AT SAN FRANCISCO. THEY WANT TO USE AN OLD NAVY SHIP TO PUT HOMELESS ON SO THAT THEY HAVE A WARM PLACE TO SLEEP, FOOD TO EAT & THIS WOULD BE THE BEGINNING OF HELPING THEM GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. BUT THE CITIZENS OF SAN FRAN ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW THEIR TAX DOLLARS WILL HAVE TO FOOT THE BILL. BUT WHO WILL PAY FOR THE 100,000+ REFUGEES HILLARY CLINTON WANTS TO ALLOW IN THIS COUNTRY? NOT HILLARY. HER FOUNDATION ISN'T GIVING ANYONE ANY MONEY FOR THIS. YOUR TAX DOLLARS WILL PAY FOR ANOTHER COUNTRIES REFUGEES, BUT IT DOESN'T WANT TO PAY FOR ITS OWN REFUGEES. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE POLITICS BEHIND IT. SOMEONE'S GETTING PAID OFF. BUT LETS LOOK AT PRISONERS. TAX PAYERS UNFAIRLY FOOT THE BILL. PA HAS ABOUT 25 OR SO STATE PRISONS. ALMOST EVERYONE OF THEM COULD HAVE A PRISON FARM, GROW ALOT OF THEIR OWN FOODS, YOU COULD HAVE GARDENS, COWS, BUTCHER SHOPS, PRISONERS COULD MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES IN HERE & EDUCATE THEMSELVES IN THIS AREA. THIS WOULD CREATE THOUSANDS OF JOBS FOR PRISONERS IN HERE INSTEAD OF THESE MEN JUST SITTING IDLE DOING NOTHING. BUT PA D.O.C. IS AL ABOUT WAREHOUSING & MONEY. IT'S NOT ABOUT HELPING, TEACHING OR ANYONE LEARNING ANYTHING.

WELL I HAVE BEEN RAMBLING. WHEN I FEEL PASSIONATE ABOUT SOMETHING, I TEND TO GO ALL IN ON IT. MY BRAIN DID NOT MATURE UNTIL I WAS IN MY MID 20'S. TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO REALIZE WHAT AN ADULT ACTUALLY WAS. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS INFO. I WILL BE SURE TO SHARE IT WITH OTHER LIFERS IN HERE WITH ME. IF YOU COME ACROSS ANYTHING ELSE ON THIS TOPIC, I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD SEND IT TO ME. YOU CAN SEND IT THRU MY BLOG, YOU CAN MAIL IT TO ME VIA POST OFFICE (ANY MAIL SENT TO ME MUST HAVE A NAME & RETURN ADDRESS OR IT WILL NOT BE DELIVERED) OR SIGN UP & SEND IT TO ME IN AN E-MAIL ([WWW.CONNECTNETWORK.COM](http://WWW.CONNECTNETWORK.COM) LOOK FOR PA DOC). WHEN IT ASKS WHAT STATE, I AM TOLD YOU HAVE TO TYPE IN PA DOC. SUPPOSED TO BE SIMPLE ENOUGH.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR COMMENTS, I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AGAIN. WHERE ARE YOU FROM MELANIE? I WENT TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITH A MELANIE, CAN'T REMEMBER HER LAST NAME THOUGH. TIME TO FINISH CLEANING UP MY CELL. GOD BLESS, CIAO.