

WE HAVE LOST OUR SENSE OF "RIGHT" AND "WRONG"

For more than 230 years, the United States of America has been a nation steeped in the notions of liberty, freedom and the ideals of self-governance. This is due in large part to the genius of our Constitution and how it spells out what a government can and cannot do.

But more than anything else, it has been the due diligence of active and involved citizenry in all facets of our government that has helped us *stay* the course. Our national and local leaders were free to govern as they saw fit, but with the acute awareness that they were not only accountable to the people, but served at their leisure.

The prevailing attitude of that day, "of," "for," and "by" the people, guarded against an out of control government and proved a necessity in keeping our government healthy and smart. With this virtue also came a modicum of common sense; an inept ability to know what was right and wrong, what needed to be done and how to do it. Unfortunately these traits which have made the United States a great and free nation are sorely lacking in today's generation. ¹

Today we are witnessing the death of shame in this country (and maybe globally as well). Name anything reprehensible that someone in power has done and you will find a line of people vociferously defending it.

Recently during an awards ceremony, a Rap star takes the stage away from one winner and shouts that another should have won.

A political pundit calls the President a racist.

In the middle of the President's address to a joint session of Congress, a representative shouts, "You lie!" and then is hailed as a hero by some.

Lumbering through a moral wilderness of incivility and unreason, we are losing the best of ourselves to fear and uncertainty.



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