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A. Law as a Battle Inside a Hallucinated Cartoon Imposed on Reality

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I. The Deceptive Simplicity of Law

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Compared to physics, law seems pretty mundane. Like sitting at a restaurant, reading a menu and talking to your friend. You don't have to think about how if one twin flew on a rocket going 1/1000th the speed of light, he would come back younger than his twin brother. Dunbar's number isn't mentioned in Supreme Court opinions, the way the Dirac limit or Planck length are important to physicists. Law seems more about memorization than such mystery.

I'm probably the only one who will tell you that the battles people fight in law every day, are shaped by a Matrix-like problem that law's practitioners are living in a hallucination. This is at the root of why five Supreme Court Justices say one thing and four say another, and why innocent people spend their lives in prison.

Imagine if you worked at NASA, and every day you had to do battle with people who thought that after a rocket launches, it will have to keep turning like a car going in a circle, to orbit Earth. Your job would not just be to solve simple calculations proceeding from the assumption that objects drift in a straight line through curved space. Your job would be to do battle every day, with people who attempt to sabotage and undo your work based on the human hallucination that space is Euclidean.

They would rewrite your computer programs to fit this hallucination. When you locked them out of the system to prevent this, they would get around it by feeding your program fake position data to trick the rocket into turning because they think it needs to. The criminal hackers who did this would be seen as heroes.

The bad model input in law, is assuming people share a single vantage point more than they do, and that information is therefore cheaper and more perfect than it is. And then

rewriting law to proceed based on this assumption, rather than to do law's actual job, which is to solve the problem that we don't share a vantage point and perfect information. Law evolves to make use of the fact that each person sees only a little bit of information, and no conscious mind sees all of it.

The way this is perceived by the people hallucinating, is that there's a collective mind that can see things and make decisions. And that this nonexistent entity has traditional "sovereign" rights under law even though this isn't written anywhere. So that the rights of any other decision-maker to oppose it are required to be written somewhere. "Collective wisdom" in *City of Grants Pass*, "chain of dependence" in *Trump v. Slaughter*, "it can decline to enforce waivers" in *Hunter v. United States*, and "the broader public interest" in *Imbler*, are all based on this hallucination.

The implication is that by using informal social communication, private institutions and spontaneous social patterns have greater information-processing capacity, than individual human minds or specified networks of distributed decision-makers formally allocated specific domains. To say political speech shouting in some metaphorical town square can decide (and act on) who is guilty of crimes, or what medicines work, not just propagate lies and war. Without any formal process specified, other than occasional majority elections.

Law requires a model of the physical world as much as launching a rocket or editing DNA. But it's complicated and obscured by people's self-perceptions -- by the brain's built-in instinctive way of thinking about other people -- more than those other fields. Similar to autism or object permanence, but a reflex belief about what the social group knows and sees. These model assumptions are not the product of logic but of instinctive ways of perceiving things. These assumptions are rarely directly questioned by logic in policy debates, because pretty much everyone shares them and proceeds from the same assumptions. To different degrees, and projects them onto different subjects.

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II. Imagining the Group as a Single Mind

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Imagining multiple people see the same thing is a vestigial simplifying assumption, used for efficiency in the paleolithic mind. It's produced by dedicated neurological structures for perceiving groups of multiple people and social organization, from when people lived in small groups. For 99% of human history, when the human brain supposedly evolved from monkeys to what we are today, men lived in groups of around 30 people.

They suffered more than benefited from competing populations of strangers, who saw different information or visible surroundings. And therefore, they had little use to think about multiple-vantage-point complexities, that we have today when millions of people interact and coordinate and serve each other over large distances.

When everyone in the group has nearly the same vantage point and perfect information about other members, there is less use for the brain tracking vantage points (and information in them) individually like billiard balls or other physical objects. At the same time, there is a need for tracking or imagining things you will never see, the contents of the minds of others, the common circumstances of the tribe. The collective-mind hallucination imagines something you will never directly see, the contents of the minds of others. The way object permanence works for things after you no longer see them.

So for efficiency, the brain adapted to thinking of members of the social group as a single mind. And grew physiologically separate parts of the brain for thinking about physical objects with individual momentum, and the single "will of the people". This created two separate coexisting perceptions of the world. One for the (visible) locations of physical objects. And another for what other people think and see, which is imagined like a single collective mind which sees and controls the larger world.

So that even today, people say things like "courts and the executive branch", as if "the" executive branch is a single decision-maker. Where thinking about multiple courts forces

them to use a different part of the brain. And to think of courts as a physical force outside the hallucinated collective will. This physiologically predisposes people to thinking about courts (and businesses) as benighted independent adversaries of some "will of the people". Even though the second one doesn't exist -- it is a hallucination. And courts are the only place the will of "the people" is actually expressed, through legislation.

This neural machinery for constructing perceptions is prone to errors and misinformation, when it attempts to work on thousands of people at different locations. And inserts a constant reflex of thinking of a person's role in them in some distorted incorrect way.

Perhaps when astronauts go to space, they imagine released objects dropping for a second. Before realizing they are just drifting. The human impulse to incorrectly perceive that multiple people share the same information, is never compared to any visual observation of what's actually going on in the minds of millions of strangers. So the false perception doesn't stop after a second, and get replaced with something people can actually see. It never ends.

Today this perception is a hallucination in the literal sense, of being something projected onto the physical world that isn't there. And while it doesn't perceive any physical reality that actually exists, it is still a ready machine to perceive things. Into which machine all kinds of nonsense can be poured by demagogues. So that thought leaders centrally create, and people try to live and participate in a cartoon world, divorced from the unobservable physical world they are actually participating in.

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III. Information-Network Details Aren't in the Common-Perception Cartoon

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In primitive tribes the group had all information and evolved morals, who then directly socially regulated individual experts, such as in hunting or clothing. In large societies, established preferences are conveyed to domain experts as prices, and as laws with local

compliance monitors. Compare these abstractions of the macro processes of human decision-making in small versus large societies. Where the social network is replaced by the unconscious information network, as an influencer of individual behavior in large societies.

(regulator) --> individual

99% of human history:

(30-person tribe with religious habits and conscious social communication) --> individual role

instinctive abstraction built into the human mind:

(collective mind) --> expertise

large-population paradigm:

(personal benefit --> prices --> middlemen) --> expertise

(public benefit --> legislation --> formal or judicial process) --> domain task

communist revival:

(collective mind --> virtuous state economic administrators) --> virtuous experts

(collective mind --> direct democracy --> unitary executive) --> virtuous experts

Primitive people were given an information system they didn't design, and which they participated in without reflecting on what they were doing. They used simplifying assumptions such as that two other people knew the same thing, where information problems were solved without them ever thinking about it. Leaving them only to think about expertise, and morals (applied to common information).

Human designs generally gloss over the information-processing component, assuming it will be filled in somehow. People say something like "we'll collect money from farms to

finance irrigation canals". Or "we'll require flags purchased by government be made in America", or "prosecutors will tell judges which defendants are a risk to society". They just assume the information upon which this decision will be made, is readily available. And then imagine making the beneficial decision will simply be regulated by the social group, or by some experts under its control, whom the collective mind can directly observe.

Some collective mind will spontaneously develop the expertise and give it incentives to make the necessary decisions, of who is kept in prison, and what flags will be purchased. People think about the costs and benefits weighed by decisions, but not the costs of and processes for weighing them; the costly information and incentives and structures of the decisions-makers who will actually make them. Who will decide, under what incentives, and how will information be produced for that person at what cost?

Communism is the instinct to think the collective mind still doesn't have these problems to solve. Communism is the instinct to attack the new processes that solve these problems, prices and formal judicial process, as costly and corrupting. Based on the vestigial hallucination that a collective mind exists which can perform the same information-processing job, basically for free. And more virtuously, from being socially regulated by morals and empathy, and by reasons the collective mind can see.

So that information-processing institutions have had to evolve independent of, and defended against, human designs and impulses. But participants don't even really know what they're defending. So that defenders against communism recognize the importance of prices and private property in commerce. But still don't recognize something similar in law, such as that a jury has "freedom" compared to communism.

Information-processing networks evolved largely without participants perceiving or thinking about them. Even today, people who study economics in great detail still describe them in an incredibly simple way by just referring to it as "freedom". Even

though a legal system restricting people to make decisions on allocated domains called private property, is highly structured and not at all free.

Decision-makers like property owners (and jurors), aren't viewed as being confined to local domains in a distributed information-processing network. They're viewed as being free from control by the single mind that doesn't exist in the first place.

It's recognized simply that when people operate independently of the collective mind, a lot of things happen. To say when people have freedom, they do a lot of cool things.

While opponents of this so-called "freedom", recognize that workers and people in cubicles are more like slaves to the factors that coerce their behavior. Where they think the collective mind would be kinder, and then try to embody it in some sort of institutional design run by "the will of the people".

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IV. Law Expands Information-Processing Beyond Conscious Purpose

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When a person imitates another person by finding a particular kind of stone, and breaking it to make a cutting tool, the purpose of the decision is known entirely to the person making it. People imitate moral commands without knowing their useful end result (other than teenagers), to where it's hard to distinguish morals from instinctive impulses.

But when a Sumerian applied a rule to information by handing over 10 sheep because there were 10 tokens in a sealed clay jar, he became a mere neuron in a structure. Whose workings were not the product of conscious human reason of any person living or dead, much less of any collective social process. And which decision and action he may have found morally distasteful.

Why did a person in Uruk give another person 10 sheep? Not because he woke up and

decided it was a good idea, or because anyone voted on it, or because he was an expert on sheep. But because a repetitive task, using a number recorded in clay as an input, dictated this action. Even though the day the number was written and the reason for it, or what the sheep would be used for, could not be known to the person whose actions were dictated by it.

And more important, the reasoning of all people in the room might be to do something other than what law applied to information would dictate. The recipient might say "How about you do the moral thing, and give me eleven sheep because my community is starving. And in exchange I will tell you a secret you didn't know about your wife."

Such corruption would reduce the ability of the Temple to make long-term investments in irrigation infrastructure. Even though no Sumerian may have remembered a time when there wasn't irrigation infrastructure, or believed that such infrastructure depended on his own following the law (even against his own reasoning) rather than a gift from God.

The purpose of law is to make people do things and participate in systems which human reason cannot verify. Aristotle wrote in Politics 7 that a society cannot function when its population is too large for human reason to verify all activities. But 3,000 years earlier, Sumerians had already developed writing to process information too large for a human mind to remember, to do things for reasons not consciously knowable to the participants. Humans could only try to understand what they were participating in, and write books like Adam Smith's "The Wealth of Nations", after they had already been participating in it for 100's of years.

Aristotle was wrong that millions of people could not be coordinated without a conscious mind, instead using prices, laws, and specialist institutions. But he was right in a way he didn't mean. Because people would attempt to destroy the unconscious information-processing machine even though it worked. And replace it with a conscious one that didn't work.

And people would harm strangers whose existence they benefited from, but where the benefit was not implied in and protected by their instincts or morals, or their conscious reasoning. For the same reason chimpanzees attacked untrusted and useless strangers when the population got too big for social connections, in the Ngogo chimpanzee civil war.

Aristotle's oversized city would not be too big too work. But it would be too big for people to understand the evolved system they were participating in, and to want to conserve rather than reduce and destroy it.

Writing was cost-justified when people coordinated with groups larger than people they knew, to track information larger than their brain could hold. But because they did not design or understand this network of information-processing and coordination, they didn't want it.

The machinery it ran on could be destroyed by a single generation of rational thought, where participants designed laws to suit their instincts to harm strangers.

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V. Human Reason Tries to Seize Back Control by Rewriting Law

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The human mind contemplates abstractions of detailed information. A person might understand a nation's economy as producing \$10 billion in manufactured products, and \$10 billion in services each year. But this cannot operate in reverse, this connection between the human mind and reality. The most powerful dictator cannot directly supervise every citizen, so that the product of their activity is \$10 billion in goods and \$10 billion in services.

Replacing all private business managers with a central planner or committee who orders citizens to reproduce this pattern -- who simply orders half of people to produce manufactured products, and the other half to produce services -- would not produce the

same details of goods and services that human reason can only perceive an abstraction of. Making the committee larger still doesn't solve this problem.

Similarly, a policeman or prosecutor may believe a crime has occurred based on his limited information about events he is not a witness to. And is also myopic and simplifies the effects of his actions. So that his discretion is relatively useless.

Law and writing enabled people to form like neurons, into a machine capable of processing more information than any single individual or social group could recall or contemplate. But people are always fighting to make human activity conform to the simplified cartoon in their mind, in effect to destroy civilization.

And so the purpose of law is to divorce information processing from conscious human reason. So that the product of their activity and the vision of their reason are two different things, like pod people in "The Matrix". And people who practice law will always be fighting against this purpose of law, against their very role in the world. Madison's "ambition" is not to be a slave to a machine.

The results can be quite bizarre. Such as Chief Justice John Roberts recently saying "those of us in the judicial branch... we do not speak for the people". The only practical written definition of "the people", from Roman times to Federalist 10, is the legislature. The way they speak is by recording preferences in written legislation. And the only person who then says those preferences to anybody out loud as commands, is judges.

A cop doesn't go door-to-door asking people if he should arrest someone, or hold an election. The only and last person whose voice a cop needs to hear to before arresting someone, is a judge. Judges are literally the people's designed and only way of speaking to cops, the only voice a cop will hear that speaks for the people.

But Justice Roberts hallucinates that there is some universal mind out there which the

cop is wired into. Because voters share the cop's vantage point. And can know what he is doing and should do, and tell him what to do, through some unspecified social process. Roberts thinks there is a collective mind and courts are outside it.

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VI. Justice Thomas Sees Collective-Mind Virtue in Cops, Harms, and Big-Business Lawyers

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Justice Clarence Thomas combines assumptions that government is evil, men are flawed, and individuals have rights, with a hallucination that there's a collective mind which is virtuous, and which has "sovereign" rights to act through government (to harm individuals).

Thomas bends this into some logical knots accommodating other accidents, such as Democrats and communists being evil, local cops not harming rich people (not even illegal casino districts thriving on main streets in Florida), and his lawyer peers being bad at advocating for non-cash rights injuries. And does some rearranging between courts and executive employees, and states versus federal government.

To end up saying government is evil communists when it's laws enforced by federal courts. But cops doing whatever they want under narrow and corrupt backroom social influence, and non-cash harms to individuals by government, are good "the people".

So that government protecting business against social currents is virtuous "the people", government protecting individual nobodies against social currents is "evil government", government harming nobodies accused of crimes is virtuous "the people", broke nobodies petitioning federal courts to enforce legislation on executive-branch employees is "evil government", federal courts are evil communists, and all state government is good, despite states having larger populations than the entire British empire at the time of the Founding.

Thomas knows government is evil because communism is evil and individual rights are good. Except police claiming to represent the collective mind attacking individual rights are good. And their targets, as well as federal courts enforcing legislation to stop them, are evil. Which conveniently isn't done to local businesses by local governments which are influenced by local rich people (not directly by prices or voters). Fitting into Thomas's concept that federal courts are evil communists. And corrupt, insular, self-interested local-government actors are virtuous.

Beyond harms to criminal defendants and businesses and states and courts being good and evil, Thomas just inserts the collective mind and its virtuousness anywhere he wants and doesn't want. And the fact the Founders assumed government would be allowed to do good, means the collective mind (actually some person) doing what it wants must be what was consented to.

Thomas's underlying logic is that what the single mind of the social group wants must be virtuous. Cops are imagined to be wired into the universal mind and thereby regulated to be virtuous. Despite this mind not existing, and 99% of voters knowing no details of any criminal case. So anything federal and appellate courts impose on "the" executive branch must reduce decision quality and add costs.

But since there is no single mind much less any way of expressing what it wants in a particular case (other than abstract legislation), and because harms from individual government employees to private individuals are what private individuals petitioning to enforce law have standing to stop, Thomas makes the leap that harms to individuals must automatically be what the collective mind wants. "The" executive branch is just ordinary individuals with their own opaque agenda and activity. But Thomas uses a psychic trick to see the collective will in the bird entrails of a bunch of lying cops and lawyers, as any harm caused by a cop that individuals complain about. Which must therefore be the just and virtuous collective will.

Because blocking non-cash harms to individual nobodies is a typical petition that comes across federal judges' desks, so that federal courts' typical action is subverting non-cash harms to individuals sought by virtuous autocrats, on behalf of legislation external to the collective will. So all non-cash harms to individual nobodies which arrive on Thomas's desk chosen by government-employee discretion are presumed to be the virtuous will of the collective mind. With the exception of non-cop harms to Christians and virtuous groups, and harms that cost businesses money. And therefore stopping those can promote Thomas's values and enrich Thomas's lawyer peers in private practice, where suddenly the collective mind becomes evil communist government.

So that a criminal defendant being forced to take drugs in *Hunter v. United States* must be virtuous because the defendant's own dislike of it means it must be a harm, and therefore by reflex is assumed to be the will of the collective mind. Despite such mind never existing much less saying this. Where such harms are in reality the expedient agenda, whims, and theater of insular executives. And even though no voter believes drugs can cure crime or knows the specific drug the defendant will be forced to take.

It's just random for Thomas to assign such great virtue with great certainty to coerced plea bargains, creating outcomes of such dubious value while sweeping actual facts under the rug. Where coercion is able to nuke facts and produce a cartoon that satisfies social regulation, while harming clueless innocents and letting the guilty go free. It's just the self-interest of participants corrupting logic, while pretending a collective mind has validated their utility.

But Thomas really hallucinates that the product of a bunch of lying lawyers letting police run wild in exchange for money, and using prison to manufacture fake facts, is the sacred will of a virtuous collective mind. Thomas is a sleep-walker, with a constituency of literal criminals and utopian fools, who is only stopped from destroying society by others stepping in to stop him.

Thomas says government is evil, but there is a virtuous collective mind which is good and whose will government employees virtuously enact, when they use discretion. As long as the action fits into Thomas's arbitrary virtue-detection scheme. Meaning just specifically federal courts are "evil government".

And because this boils down to cops doing what they want while legislation and courts stand aside, and because people at the Founding either lived under, observed, or advocated for monarchy, anything Thomas wants can be called the will of the hallucinated mind, with a right to be enforced as the unwritten original meaning of the Constitution.

People who like communism today are able to find historical communists -- people in old times who hallucinated a collective mind -- and call it "originalism". The collective-mind hallucination goes back thousands of years. There were always people who thought it is how government worked, a kinship to communist saboteurs across time.

Thomas has never run for sheriff, been wrongfully arrested by a cop, or appealed to politics to defend himself from one. But he hallucinates a collective mind which is virtuous, romanticizing the wisdom of the local (non-Democrat) torch mob (perhaps tamed by Christianity when they're not burning witches and people of different denominations). Largely because Democrats hate the same people, and think their decisions can be replaced by wise Democrats using discretion. (The third way of courts enforcing legislation has no constituency.)

Whereas if Thomas removed the collective mind (as well as wise individuals with conscious plans), he'd be left with a simpler world where interested parties enforce dead legislation on executive-branch employees by petitioning courts. Which is exactly what the text of legislation actually says. Because legislators may believe in a universal mind (or wise individuals), but they're outside of it. They know the legislation they write is always the exception, which will only be enforced by petitioners in courts.

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VII. History of The Collective Mind in Law

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Political philosophy has always tried to find a physical location to insert the ghost into the machine. To logically reconcile the hallucination of a collective mind, with the observed autonomy and opacity of individual activity and real-world decision structures.

They began writing about the collective mind and winding sophistry to defend it, from the first moment when people noticed it obviously wasn't there or had lost control. When they saw society expanding and subdividing beyond any such possibility. At the same time as people observed mobs are terrible at processing information.

Plato and Aristotle saw wise individuals and mobs, but not so much unconscious systems like Hayek. Madison reflected on this in Federalist 55.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau wrote about a "general will" which individuals enter into contracts with. Followed by Physiocrats saying a natural order will emerge (at least in agricultural commerce) that is different from and superior to anything contrived by conscious human reason.

Montesquieu wrote of three distinct powers, and individuals being regulated by virtue (rather than fear or honor). When in reality there were millions of independent decision-makers externally puppeted by prices and laws, for reasons which nobody could be conscious of to morally judge.

In the 1900's people spoke of judges using their own wisdom and reasoning rather than law, motivated by virtue and honor. Today people have reverted even further to write about "the unitary executive" manifesting the calculations of a universal mind. Through some unspecified mechanism which it is not the job of minds to inquire into.

When New Federalists say "unitary executive", they are imagining something like a single consciousness, for which voters are the eyes and government employees are the hands.

Various books have tried to describe reality, to people who begin with this hallucination. Such as "Human Action" by Von Mises. And Hayek in "Use of Knowledge" saying "not the... problem which society faces".

If you ask people on the street, few will know what the 8th Amendment says, prefer that there are 50 states rather than 51, or want to be at war with Iran like we presently are. So it would be hard to say in what sense these things are the product of a conscious will, or any will, of some number of living people. Nevertheless, everything elected officials do will be defended in court as the will and calculated benefit of this mind.

Courts and executives were originally delegated in the United States, to enact the will of living legislators. Where executives were their hands and courts their conscience, one to do and the other to monitor and verify. Like executive officers, courts were given original jurisdiction by legislators in Article III and the Judiciary Act of 1789, to make sure the will of Congress was enacted.

Until a competing mind was elevated in Marbury. Despite federal courts being designed in Federalist 78 to exclude any such mind from influencing decisions contrary to legislation. So that a judge insulated against social currents to instead enforce legislation, simply interprets legislation as saying he must abdicate to let executives enforce social currents disregarding legislation.

This ("chain of dependence") is not matched with any explanation of why we would ever need legislation, under what set of exceptional circumstances. What are the things which a universal mind can and cannot regulate? Only actions infringing individual liberties? Judges have given those to the universal mind, through immunity and other tricks.

There is a universal mind, and the Founders must have consented to it being allowed to do good. So cops can come into your house and courts and legislation can't stop them.

From the first moment, judges were used not to enforce legislation, but to argue for action of a collective will contrary to legislation. Judges say people will do good needing only that they be wired into the universal mind. Government employees will do good needing only that they be elected. So the Founders must have consented that they be allowed to.

Therefore, executive-branch discretion contrary to legislation and courts must be what the law means, even though this isn't written anywhere. Even though nobody advocated for an Executive-Branch Bill of Rights, or that any executive had a will beyond that given to him by Congress, when the Constitution was ratified.

But because unchecked power once existed somewhere, was observed by people, and at times advocated for by people, then it must be what people consented to even though they didn't write this in their contract. Because there were initially people who didn't know whether we had a republic or a monarchy (so that someone had to ask Ben Franklin), and we didn't enumerate that we nowhere had a monarchy, we were unable to keep it.

Politicians have always cited the collective will to defend their actions. So judges who like communism find historical communists and call it "originalism" or "tradition". Direct democracy is impossible. But imagining that it is possible, through unspecified psychic mind powers, lets people call communism "democracy". Which in practice means cops can come into your house and courts and legislation can't stop them. Because they are sent by the democratic will of the collective mind to do good, by telling you how to spend your life and property.

Judges rule that there is some single mind through unspecified social processes, which has rights to make decisions. Which mind the people who believe in it cannot document is

aware of 99.9% of human activity, but conveniently only the exact activity which they themselves are aware of. So that because courts are aware of the facts presented to courts in their cases, the universal mind must also be aware of them (even in the cases and details courts don't see) and can take care of them. All information which is known to or discovered by courts (or could become so) is also known socially to someone, so social majority mechanisms can take care of all information and decisions.

Law would be quite simple if there was a universal mind that could make good decisions, and people could be wired into it simply by being elected. But replacing the Constitution piece-by-piece to move in this direction using sophistry, while fighting the counter-currents from people who suffer from such utopianism, gives people like Justice Thomas a more complicated task.

The imagination that there is a single mind -- the very non-existent formlessness of which mind, enables it to be inserted anywhere in logic -- turns political debate into sophistry and intractably complicates governance. It enables "what I would like" to be called "democracy".

So that Justice Kavanaugh might say police discretion represents the collective will, Justice Gorsuch might say spontaneous social groups represent the collective will, Justice Thomas might say common law says who represents the collective will, Justice Alito might say Christian tradition says what action represents the collective will, Justice Roberts might say media businesses profits represent the collective will, and Justice Barrett might say there's an executive-branch bill of rights that immunizes government employees against courts stopping them enacting the collective will.

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VIII. Collective Mind an Ubiquitous Ghost, Not A Subject of Debate, But Must Be

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Inserting the collective mind into law isn't an overt policy disagreement. It's more like sneezing, which people do in the middle of their activities without intending to. It's a

mischievous force always lurking in the shadows, waylaying human thought, and turning arguments into conflated mush.

Imagining voters (or any social group) can regulate police or something isn't just a policy disagreement, where I think A works better and someone else thinks B works better. Because they never rigorously analyze and debate whether A is true. Both sides think it is, they just use their bias to stick it in different places. And neither side is able to effectively debate this, for being blind to what the other side has done and what's wrong with it.

They basically start from "assuming voters (or some social group) can see what government employees are doing, and can be rationally debated with". Rather than designing law to solve the problem that they can't.

They assume social groups are collective minds that can make decisions. They just argue whether voters are evil or monarchs are evil or states are good or federal judges are good. They argue about which is the informed or wise group with the right values, that should make the decision. If they like grass or small balls, they say the collective mind of golfers is the best decision-maker. And they hallucinate that some other inferior or competing collective mind has control, which must be taken away from them and given to the right collective mind.

They literally cannot see when the other side inserts a false assumption right in front of them. Because they accept the same idea, and argue about something else, like whether the inserted collective mind is good or evil (whether it be monarchs, federal law, state government, local voters, police, businesses, or whatever). Not even knowing what they're arguing about, leaves both sides of the debate with little idea what's wrong or how to fix it.

Everyone is myopic and evil. Every social group is myopic when their choices affect

outsiders. Businessmen are myopic and evil, except that they are regulated by prices. Government employees are evil, except that they are regulated by legislation and process. But in most political debates, both sides begin by assuming social groups under social influence of virtue or morals, can make good decisions and influence members to.

Any political debate spontaneously degenerates to saying "assuming we're a rational collective mind we should do this policy and it will be profitable". Basically "This is a good policy which we should enforce". Rather than focusing on legislation and information process, and how this process will actually be enforced. And how the profitable decision in each instance (or where each case indexes into legislation) will be discovered by who. And how information, and incentives to do the right thing, will be transmitted to that person. Given that he is not wired into a collective mind that solves this problem.

Usually the bad outcome isn't because of bad policy choices or disagreements (whether murderers should get death or rehabilitation). It's from removing process, as a result of assuming a universal mind has information and incentives and can decide to enforce policy, without the middlemen of legislation and process. The same as communism is bad not because they chose a policy of starving people. But from removing private business (prices providing information and incentive, and middlemen operating autonomously from the goal they serve).

But they blame the bad outcome on a policy choice, or bad people or anything, not a lack of process. And then try to pick the right collective mind, or inform it, or fight over who it will be. They say "let's elect a new prosecutor, with different experience, who promises a policy of not putting innocent people in jail any more".

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IX. Communists Give Up on Voluntary Money Transactions, Retreat to Everything Else

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It's acknowledged that some activities need to be supervised by prices using money (everything where people pay in cash for items they consume themselves). Because people

have a logical understanding what prices do. Which logic and observation competes with and displaces the vague hallucination that social groups of hundreds or millions of people know common facts and encourage good decisions.

It's harder to hallucinate away the individual money transactions which comprise the information stream. Especially when businesses pay lawyers and politicians to shout about them. And the individual parties seem to consent to cash purchases, giving local individuals some sort of "freedom". While everything else not involving individual cash profit (such as when people are punished) can be controlled by a collective mind.

So that a county will have thousands of businesses rather than one Fidel Castro. But only one elected sheriff and prosecutor, preferably voted for once every four years. Rather than being regulated by multiple process petitions and cash lawsuits in individual cases. Where economist Thomas Sowell will tell you the quality of their job depends on their expertise, and needs no more detailed feedback than being elected once every four years by a 51% majority, with the collective mind filling in everything else.

And Justice Neil Gorsuch will complain that the Federal Register of regulations has grown, but not that the variety of products sold by retailers has grown. US judges actually believe people can transmit all their preferences, as a 51% vote for President every four years. Which single election implies all the preferences and monitors their service in a "chain of dependence".

They think the collective mind can't directly supervise how much bread the baker should bake, but can supervise who should be arrested. So that government activity takes place behind a ritual of following law to make decisions, but where the actual practice of doing so is minimized. Where the use of law is reduced to protecting things that are supervised by prices. And everything else is corrupted to thinking the collective mind should decide. From the moment people begin thinking about them.

Voters can never rationally choose to do profitable things in each case (or for police and prosecutors to), only legislation and process can. No matter how much you persuade voters to put more or fewer people in prison, or make more or fewer cars versus medicine, or whatever. The devil is always in the details of actually doing it, not simply a majority wanting it. Not monitoring case details produces wasted inputs. Whether steel or human resources. You can't fix the policy outcome if it's monitored by 51% votes. Assuming there can be a universal mind of social regulation is the underlying policy error, shared by both sides.

You can never persuade voters to regulate the prosecutor to act profitably because most don't have case-specific information. It's a mirage that prosecutors and judges will enforce any policy in a way that's profitable to society, under regulation by a collective mind. The result of this mirage is lying to voters, and lying and obfuscation in court records as a standard institutional practice, lying in court about the law and the facts to obtain outcomes that serve personal agendas and political expedience. Which results in unprofitable activity the same as in the USSR. The manager just lies to the regulator that he is doing a great job optimizing profit.

Imagining rational regulation by direct democracy, is a commonly-shared initial assumption, passed on by genes rather than social imitation. It's a perception the way object permanence, or "mind blindness" for autistic people, are perceptions, not products of logic. Sort of like a failure to perceive distance perspective, and always thinking a tree can fit in your hand. It's thinking society can fit in a human mind.

Religions protect things that instincts aren't built to do, but which are also not the product of reason. But the collective mind instinct, rather than caution against it, is our prevailing religion that infects and twists everything.

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X. Market-Price Economist Sowell Projects Universal Mind Onto Government Transactions

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The supposed greatest living economist on "decentralized" decision-making Thomas Sowell, still hallucinates a collective mind. Sowell uses a confused shell game to insert his collective-mind hallucination into economics. Similar to how Justice Thomas switches between executive employees, courts, states, and "the people" to insert his collective mind into law.

Sowell does this with a trick of using the words "knowledge" and informal "tradition", rather than "sovereign will" or other collective-mind terms. Sowell's shell game is then switching between information and "knowledge". So that what his collective mind has is scarce "knowledge". While information of the specific case details they must apply their knowledge to, is assumed to be free.

Sowell says decisions are supposed to be given not to the person with information -- courts -- but to the person with knowledge -- whomever Sowell wants.

Sowell's "knowledge" means patterns from past experiences, which create domain knowledge, such as how to grow corn. While information is the details of specific instances, such as how much rain fell in particular location today. Which case information Sowell glosses over, to say local voters have the general "knowledge" of local crime, to give police feedback and tell them what to do. Even though this actually requires information. Such as what happens in each traffic stop.

Under Sowell's model, a business owner like a pencil factory or commodity middleman doesn't process constant new price "information" from suppliers and customers to make his decisions. Rather he has expertise in his field called "knowledge". And while a collective mind such as 51% of local voters could never discover and process the details of every local criminal case or traffic stop, they are able to have general cultural knowledge of crime in their area (which may be secondhand hype and gossip).

And using this trick, Sowell is able to say local voters, not federal courts, should regulate the activity of local police. And thereby avoid some sort of supposedly evil communism, that happens when federal judges (rather than insular local administrators) process local case information.

Sowell's view, that local voters and police are experts on crime patterns in their area, and therefore local voters should decide facts and punishments for local crimes, is pretty much just imagining something exactly appropriate to a paleolithic group of 30 people. Where there are no case instances the majority of the tribe isn't aware of. And no tradition knowledge stored in writing like legislation.

So that all knowledge is possessed by the collective mind of the local paleolithic group, which also knows all the details of every case. So that police can be socially regulated by a collective mind, the same way a paleolithic hunter is regulated by his tribe. Without legislation or division of labor or legal specialists.

a. Switching from Business Information to Scientific Knowledge

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Sowell read Friedrich Hayek's "Use of Knowledge in Society" (which could have been called "use of information"). Sowell was inspired to write an entire book about who makes decisions under what incentives, titled "Knowledge and Decisions". But Sowell still imagines information is cheaper than it is and people are wiser and more virtuous than they are, to imagine information is basically free through some unspecified collective social processes.

Hayek specifically said only prices -- not pattern knowledge -- could solve the "socialist calculation" problem. Hayek wrote "organized knowledge which cannot possibly be called scientific in the sense of knowledge of general rules: the knowledge of the particular circumstances of time and place". (Which applies to both prices and other case facts, even though Hayek was focusing on prices.)

But after reading that, Sowell misses the whole point. So that Sowell talks about local vantage points as an expertise problem, not an information problem on each case or instance. At least in transactions that don't use money prices, but rather use legal supply chains.

Sowell hallucinates a collective mind in a non-specific location or mechanism, that knows all case information for free (or conveniently requiring only geographic proximity). And combines this with the incredible fact that perhaps because Sowell has never run a business and has only ever been an academic, Sowell manages to think Hayek's "particular circumstances of time and place" refer to the shape of a cornfield, not the varying price of corn in a particular city on a particular day.

And Sowell further romanticizes this shape of a particular cornfield to be some sort of virtuous street smarts of ordinary people rather than academics, because commoners "know how the real world works". So that Sowell incorrectly thinks this local knowledge is what Hayek is talking about when Hayek says "not scientific knowledge". Hayek means the constant fire hose of unexpected random daily occurrences. But Sowell conflates all kinds of facts and abstractions, into something simple that can be processed by a collective mind in the geographic area.

Sowell criticized the concept that there is some vantage point from which a virtuous universal mind can see things and operate, in "Vision of the Anointed". Sowell wrote "This reasoning presupposes that there is some identifiable group of decision makers -- you -- who have such cosmic control that this question can be meaningfully addressed to them." But Sowell then goes on to imagine that a collective mind of local voters has a vantage point superior to federal judges and juries and trials -- through some unspecified process -- to regulate individual actions of local police.

(Which information and decision seems to often coincide with what Sowell personally

knows and wants as a remote observer. They pretend some universal mind has a perception of justice and finality which prosecutors are representing, when prosecutors are just representing their own myopic whims and their backroom clique.)

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b. Sowell's Local Knowledge Rather than Information Advantage

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Sowell considers the information advantage of local managers over central planners in the USSR not as a daily information problem, such as stopping serving hamburgers when the price of beef goes up and then starting when it goes down, but an expertise problem that people who have run a restaurant for years learn the price of hamburgers. Sowell completely misses Hayek's point. You don't need to be an expert to serve chicken when beef prices go up. Any Democrat Congressman or federal judge could figure this out. You just need to be there at the junction of customer and supplier (and to benefit from the choice).

But Sowell plays this shell game, switching fluidly back and forth between knowledge and information. To use the fact that Congressmen don't know local case details, and judges don't know local crime areas, to generally call them idiots for not being Sowell's virtuous yokels. And then do a quick switcheroo of what they're idiots about and get it backwards, by saying that legislation lacks knowledge or incentives, and courts lack information. (While pretending local prosecutors personally lose from locking up the innocent, resulting vaguely from geographic proximity.)

Sowell romanticizes this "expert knowledge" that if beef prices go up a restaurant owner should sell pork, to say a non sequitur "you liberal elites in your ivory tower have never run a business or walked down a street in a bad neighborhood". Even though any Congressman or federal judge could make the same obvious choice between products at different prices. Because in fact it's the case or instance information that's being used by the local actor, and which is scarce and local. Where only police and courts and defendants, and restaurant suppliers, owners, and customers -- not voters, not Sowell's

virtuous torch mob in the town square or local church congregation -- know the information in the case or instance upon which each transaction-decision is made.

So that police must go to courts, and courts to police and defendants, to get feedback from their customers. The way pig farmers must go to commodity traders who go to restaurants as middlemen, to get information on what to do each day in each specific case. Where the information coming from each node is the information going into that node, combined with the expert knowledge. And the macro pattern can't be fully understood at the local vantage point, or viewed from the vantage point of any collective mind of voters. Where most legislators in their own lifetimes, touch only a tiny part of the elephant in the dark.

Sowell admits local voters don't know what restaurant managers are doing or should do, but know what cops are doing and should do, despite the knowledge and information being opaque (and voluminous) in both domains. Because Sowell thinks voters have "knowledge" of criminal justice (and perhaps even monetary theory), but not French cooking.

Sowell perverts his logic the whole way from distributed decision-making to communism, with his simple trick of replacing and conflating information with "knowledge". So that a restaurant owner has knowledge of the general price of beef, and voters have knowledge of local crime. Even though only the restaurant owner knows the price of beef on a given day or a specific customer's order, the same as only police know the facts of a particular case.

And only law knows the long-term profit to society of punishments, and which criminal processes can create a decision-maker to serve that profit. Which processes are the only way for police to know what their customers prefer to eat.

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c. Glossing over the Costly Path from Knowledge to Conveying Incentives as Prices and

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Sowell conflates knowledge with incentives to make good decisions in each case, which incentives actually come from prices and from laws in judicial procedures. Sowell imagines local administrators who have local knowledge, then only need discretion to do what they know is right (like "ordinary Germans"). Rather than needing price and law penalties for doing what they think is right. Because some vague social influence, or being chosen by voters for their innate virtuous nature, makes government employees virtuous.

Whereas in reality, a farmer's local land knowledge will go to waste if he plants flowers rather than wheat because he likes them and no price forces him to do otherwise. And government employees (and their backroom friends), will serve their own agenda, absent law in costly formal procedures.

Sowell blurs over how this supposed wisdom and virtue of voters, become incentives of police in individual traffic stops, if not through courts. A cop has some expertise, the same way a baker may in theory know how to make good bread. But the baker is not going not going to make good bread or anything customers want, unless some external incentive such as prices forces him to do so. Just as neither police nor anyone else has much personal incentive to figure out who is guilty or innocent, and to not give too great or too small a penalty for it. Except that incentives codified in law are conveyed and enforced through formal court processes required by law.

Sowell never mentions how local prosecutors and judges are supposed to become experts at figuring out who's innocent, when they serve no clientele by producing this information, and can't be sued. They don't get any reward from calling the sheriff from their same political party a liar. (Especially not after their judge friends have selectively immunized local publishers, to only publish falsehoods in proportion as they glorify police in arrests).

The prosecutor, judge, sheriff, and local publisher, are all rewarded by a local community that wants witch trials and concentration camps. So that the history of law controlled by the discretion of local officers, has been contriving fake witnesses. Whose reliability is not allowed to be confronted honestly in front of juries. If you insult the magistrate as a coercer of lies, you become the next accused witch.

While defense lawyers get paid for plea bargains, and for colluding in coercing such false testimony as is politically expedient. Lawyers are not rewarded for going to trial and calling local government officials liars, and thereby representing the law on behalf of society. Lawyers are rewarded for getting their clients to swear in court that the sheriff is right.

But Sowell wouldn't know all that. Because he's an academic who's never spent a day in a courtroom. And lawyers don't write what they know in books for Sowell to read, because judges and The Bar would punish them for it.

The problem isn't whether voters are virtuous or not. It's that courts and competing businesses are needed to make sure executives apply voters' preferences, rather than the preferences or the agenda of the administrator who makes the decision, to local case-specific information. While voters are too busy doing something else to watch what police and businesses are doing, or try to.

The wisdom is not that cops know case facts and what punishments should be, based on personal experience and oral tradition. The wisdom is that cops must be regulated to enforce legislation using formal process in courts, contrary to cops' (and voters') own values and beliefs (which are often violent and myopic). And incentivized. So that we won't "lack trousers" as Engels said in Marx's "Poverty of Philosophy", while potential trouser-makers instead flood the prisons and protests, and hate and fear their nation.

But if Marxists like Sowell and Thomas tell voters no, it's up to voters to supervise cops using direct democracy, voters will quickly discard 1,000 years of tradition in pursuit of a mirage.

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d. Informal Knowledge of Local Voters versus Legislation

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Sowell conflates between geographic proximity and information advantage. As if the information-processing capacity of the human mind expands with population density. Disregarding that neighboring businesses have different information, and the population of Florida is larger than the British empire at the time of the Founding.

Local courts are local measured in miles. But they're close as a practical matter -- socially close -- only to cops and the lawyer's clique. And they're a thousand miles from most voters who don't know or care. Using Dunbar's number, local courts are socially more distant than a trial "beyond Seas" at the time of the Declaration of Independence.

Sowell noted steel production can be remotely supervised by government central planners, because it has simple standardized inputs and outputs that can be better monitored from a distance (short lists of standard information), revealing the manager's contribution. Sowell compares this to French restaurants which do unique things, which Sowell characterizes more as needing general locale expertise, rather than moment-to-moment local prices and information. This is then basically used to say remote federal courts can't enforce the Constitution, because federal laws are wrong for not being local, and it's too costly for courts to look at what police are doing in every case.

Sowell then implies that crime and human nature are vastly different from Cleveland to Saginaw, the same way mines or farmland or tastes in food are different. So that federal law is as futile as USSR central planning. Never mind that courts are needed to apply any knowledge to case information, regardless whether it's local or national, the same way businesses are needed. (Prosecutors alone don't personally care.) And the only way to

convey that knowledge to courts is detailed written legislation, not a 51% election victory every four years.

Then based on nothing more than geographic not social proximity, Sowell is able to say like Justice Gorsuch in *City of Grants Pass*, that some collective mind of voters (but not judges or legislation) possesses the knowledge. Based on vague collective social processes not needing courts and law, though not using prices either. Rather using local expertise called "knowledge", rather than case or transaction-specific "information".

And even though no voter knows his personal benefit or cost, or society's, from police harming a stranger on the other side of town. Even if every voter knew the case facts, never mind that he doesn't and can't. Because no voter has the personal experience of being a civilization. The historical experience of which civilization, is conserved in legislation not local oral tradition.

Sowell even quotes Burke calling this established wisdom the "bank and capital of nations and of ages". But then goes on to suggest local voters as a general rule, are wiser than federal courts enforcing ancient legislation.

But the benefits from not harming strangers without regard to costs, can't be judged reliably from the vantage point of an individual in his lifetime. And isolated groups who are wrong or reckless about these things, are insulated by the costs of their recklessness being externally dispersed. (Without courts, there's not even a useful record of their folly.)

So that relying on his own wisdom or "common sense", the average voter ("the man on the Clapham omnibus") would be unlikely to think we need jury trials any more than he thinks we need private businesses. And relying on his own virtue, the typical voter might prefer that most strangers simply didn't exist. Civilization wasn't built to enforce instinctive human or tribal impulses, but to mitigate and protect itself from them.

The benefits of doing a good job in the criminal-justice decision are so diffuse and long-term, that the preferences have to be represented in law. So the cop's customer is not the whims of a local torch mob in a few cases, it's the law that conserves the civilization, in every case. The court is where the cop talks to this customer, the civilization. And the cop's harm-target, not the local voter -- the criminal "suspect" -- is delegated to represent the interests of civilization as the customer (its knowledge in legislation), to regulate the cop in court. (Despite no defense lawyer getting paid in proportion as he does this.) But all this is lost, if you imagine a geographically-localized collective mind knows what to do.

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e. Collective Mind Imagined to be More Efficient than Judicial Process

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Sowell implies the reason we need private businesses isn't because it's efficient to delegate the task of applying the preferences of strangers upon local information, to multiple distributed decision-makers with specified domains. Not because there's so much information to process and apply domain knowledge to, that it's best to put one individual at each vantage point or information stream, to cover as many vantage points as possible, to non-redundantly process as much daily local information as possible. Using other delegated individuals at the same vantage point, to monitor and penalize with prices and laws, to make sure they process on behalf of the established preferences of strangers.

Rather, Sowell argues decision tasks should be given to whomever has wisdom or experience to know general patterns. Which Sowell often sees as a group or a faction, exerting conscious social influence, such as through elections. Thus requiring more people to participate in processing each information stream -- the conscience of the community, like peer review. Even if this means it takes 10,000 people to make a decision once a year instead of 1 person making 10 decisions a day, so that we can only process one zillionth the information. Sowell's model ends up able to process less information by committee, the problem the USSR economy and Continental Congress faced.

Sowell glosses over this inefficiency, when it takes so many people to process the information of a single case instance, when they apply their values to the case facts using unspecified social dynamics. And ends up thinking delegates and monitors such as courts are costly and corrupting, when they are a practical necessity just based on the workload of the committee.

Sowell doesn't argue any practical details of how direct democracy can function as a regulatory information system on the actual caseload. And states today have bigger populations than the entire British empire at the Founding. But Sowell just glosses over that by considering local voters to be a single mind with local expertise. That can supervise police what to do on each transaction, even though they can't supervise bakers what to do in each transaction.

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f. Bias in Selecting Knowledge Targets

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Because the universal mind doesn't exist or have a specific physical form requiring details of who has what information, Sowell's "knowledge" can be plugged in to make decisions anywhere that people can't directly observe what's going on. To say "local knowledge" will take care of it, as spontaneously as local businesses respond to prices.

Sowell is thereby able to insert a collective mind anywhere that prices aren't used, in all non-cash transactions and harms. To pretend that the person Sowell wants to make the decision, is virtuous. Not because he is regulated by prices and laws in how he responds to information, but regulated by knowledge (expertise).

But Sowell generally just applies collective "knowledge" to argue people he doesn't like should have power taken away from them. Like saying government schools don't respond to special circumstances like gifted students, and parents are more virtuous. Despite government schools existing because most parents will no more take the time to educate their own children, than to find out the facts of a single criminal case.

Sowell believes some students are too unique for government schools. And that some unnamed utopian actor not only has this information, but has some special wisdom, and incentive to educate gifted children for the benefit of society that government schools don't have. So that Sowell is able to randomly romanticize the wisdom of the common man over evil government institutions (other than police, like Justice Thomas). Even though most parents in Florida did zilch to educate their own children when schools were closed during the COVID pandemic.

Sowell plugs in a collective mind in place of prices to increase virtue, which not even Marx could get away with. Sowell plugs in a collective mind in place of prices -- rather than the actual information-processing domains of due process -- when switching from commerce to criminal law.

Sowell could probably apply his utopian collective-mind regulation using "knowledge", to anything which doesn't involve prices, or which involves laws rather than prices. But he generally only plugs it in to get where he wants to go, which is police doing whatever they want based on some imagined utopian regulation by voters in direct democracy.

While similarly corrupt, insular local executive-branch administrators in fields other than criminal-justice, could just as quickly become the targets of Sowell's criticism. For being aloof and not facing "feedback". By Sowell saying their collective mind doesn't have the virtue and wisdom called "knowledge". Even if they actually have something Sowell's preferred collective mind or voter faction doesn't have, the case-instance information-stream relevant to their domain. (Like the FDA or Federal Reserve.)

And the reason why, is because what voters want local police to do, has the greatest difference from what the wisdom of civilization stored in legislation would tell them to do. Local voters want witch trials and concentration camps. Crime and human nature are not much different in two different states, that federal law should be wrong (on rights and

process). Sowell just believes that some kind of oral tradition is superior to written legislation and ("designed") formal process enforced by federal courts ("the collective wisdom the American people possess" City of Grants Pass).

Like Justice Thomas, Sowell jumps between states and federal government and courts and "the people", to just plug in a collective mind wherever he needs, to get the logical result he wants. (While Sowell claims like Thomas that he is protecting individual freedom against communism or something.)

Voters are no more experts on jury trials (or plea bargains) than on monetary theory to regulate the Federal Reserve. But somehow of all things, Sowell is nevertheless confident that prosecutors and voters can sort out who is innocent almost perfectly ("the non-existent needle in the ever-larger haystack"), much better than commodity traders can figure out when they are going to go broke. So that jury trials and appellate review are scarcely needed, before even getting to whether they are cost-justified.

Tulip prices can get pretty hyped up. But I have never heard of anybody being dunked to change the price of corn, and neither has Sowell. But Sowell is quite confident of his general position on criminal guilt not from rigorous study, but based on gossip. There is only one profession where lies are not simply generated through normal social processes, but which adds an assembly line to mass-produce lies through coercion. For the specific purpose to prevent formal process improving on social process. At the same time as Sowell rails against price fixing other than in criminal guilt, when government doesn't like the outcome.

The reason we need federal appeals courts, is not because states with millions of people lack the raw capability. It's to find the first person with an incentive both to bother and to be honest. In other words, to operate outside and independent of the social cartoon, which people like Sowell and Justice Thomas have designed local criminal processes to serve. Sowell and Thomas think the evolution of society stopped conveniently at the exact

moment before legislators "designed" appeals courts, freezing us in common law (and witch trials).

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g. Collective Mind Makes Sowell Overweight Knowledge versus Information-Processing

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The evolution or accumulation of knowledge, is an inevitable byproduct of processing information (exposure to repeating patterns over time). Given potatoes and enough time, you'll eventually stumble on how to make french fries.

Since knowledge is the repeating patterns in information, knowledge is smaller than information. Put differently, I can learn how to make french fries in one day. And then do it eight hours a day for a year.

More importantly, the special knowledge of how to make French fries can be transmitted to me in a day. But all the information that knowledge will be applied to, from customer orders to visual information on how brown each batch is and the daily locations of bags of frozen fries, cannot be transmitted to me in a day.

So we see that the problem of processing information -- producing and transmitting it to apply knowledge to -- is bigger than the problem of transmitting knowledge. So the design of our system is not to develop and transmit knowledge by sending clueless people into unique kitchens. It's to scale information-processing. By transmitting the knowledge of how to make fries to five people in one day in one training session. So that they can process five simultaneous information streams at five vantage points (fry stations).

The other problem our system has to solve, is conveying the incentive to the people at those vantage points to actually apply the knowledge. Meaning to make fries all day, rather than sitting and eating them. We have to monitor them every day, and reward them for making fries and penalize them for not making fries.

We could add to our list, the final problem of evolving the knowledge system, which in this case is evolving how a McDonalds works. So the work of our system will be mostly 1) transmitting information, followed by 2) transmitting incentives, and with a minor job of 3) occasionally transmitting knowledge to new employees. Plus 4) replicating the evolved knowledge system one time, by building a new McDonalds.

Sowell in "Conflict of Visions" has this weird way of always thinking from a single abstract vantage point at a time, but with an arbitrary boundary not an individual human. And looking from the eyes of God at a spectrum of such vantage points, each with totally unique experience or pattern knowledge. The only sort of distinction Sowell adds to the collective mind, is that every abstract (not individual human) vantage point has a completely unique experience (which isn't true, it's mostly standard patterns like two fry stations, even on the opposite side of the world).

Sowell doesn't even think about applying the knowledge over and over -- processing the information streams inside which the "knowledge" patterns repeat -- as a separate problem. So when Sowell actually advocates or reasons upon system design, he overweights allocation of decision domains to knowledge not to processing. He imagines allocating the decision domain, to overlap with the same location or sphere where the spontaneous local human experience meaning pattern knowledge developed (and therefore is presumed to still be located). He sees knowledge development and subsequent information processing as bound to the same single place.

So that Sowell would say the job of making french fries, should go to the one guy who found himself in the unique situation of being in a kitchen with potatoes, and figured out how to do it. And nobody else on Earth can ever know what that person knows. Sowell therefore underweights to using multiple vantage points with the same knowledge, to process as much information as possible.

But the advantage of this unique local experience isn't projected by Sowell, onto

individuals or experts in fields. It's projected onto collectives of multiple common men with shared experience ("decision-making units"). To say their collective mind is smarter than experts. As if knowledge itself is difficult to transmit outside a collective, despite being freely shared inside it. So that knowledge is tied like a ghost, to some unique vague group or location. (Sowell thinks of intellectual movements, not trade schools.)

Sowell then conflates experience with incentives at the same (vague) vantage point. Like a person (or group) who knows it rains every day at 4:00 then has an incentive to go inside at 3:59. Sowell just thinks more of people who experience things, as obtaining an incentive to not make the same mistakes twice.

And because Sowell tries to allocate the decision-maker to overlap with the sphere of the knowledge learned, and doesn't think of or underweights that the problem is using parallel information processors applying the same knowledge at multiple vantage points, and tends to think of incentives as coming from past experience, Sowell also underweights the problem of transmitting incentives to different vantage points.

Sowell therefore wants to give decisions to one experienced group, not to multiple incentivized individuals at private vantage points. To Sowell's mind, it's easier to match the sphere of decision-making to the sphere of knowledge than it really is. By just blurring it as a geographically-close group.

When in reality, knowledge and information and incentives can only be in the same place if it's multiple people in a collective mind. Sowell blurs individual human vantage points when convenient. And never thinks of transmitting the sphere of knowledge to multiple (socially or geographically remote) parallel decision-making vantage points.

So Sowell sees the relative problems as 1) knowledge (including evolved system design), but not so much 2) transmitting incentives, and least of all 3) processing information in which the patterns repeat.

Sowell basically only diverges from the single-mind hallucination, with the modification that there are multiple separate (and completely unique) regional experiences. Which is true in the small details. But most of the work of the physical world is information processing done on the parts of that experience that are recurring patterns. (Little of that work can be done collectively by groups.)

And then in criminal justice, Sowell projects this unique-snowflake vantage point onto multiple people who share it collectively, the local community. Who have shared experience (virtues) and abundant cheap information, when it comes to crime and punishment. Despite this being 30 million people not 30.

Sowell is right that knowledge does evolve spontaneously. You can never guess when you are about to discover how to make french fries. But scaling up to use the same knowledge to process information at multiple vantage points is very much a design. As is intentionally replicating knowledge systems like a McDonalds franchise, once you see they work. So no, we don't have to start from scratch evolving a spontaneous social system to deal with criminals in every city. And yes, federal courts can tell them to enforce criminal process.

Sowell somehow manages to even see prices as past experience ("Knowledge as conceived in the constrained vision is predominantly experience -- transmitted socially in largely inarticulate forms, from prices..."). And is only dragged to recognizing the necessity of money prices to create incentives in commerce. But still sees the decision-maker and consumer being more a single overlapping entity in criminal-justice. So that their incentive to get it right is that they eat their own food.

Sowell basically says the only incentive people can have (outside prices and cash profit) -- the only one in government at least -- is if they eat their own food. Which requires voters, and the people who make their food, all be a part of a single collective mind.

And Sowell thinks that this basically happens automatically -- it evolves. In local communities without needing your meddling. Without needing to specify some complex external incentive-transmission network. Without needing federal courts, in other words.

Sowell goes further, to basically assert that it's impossible to convey incentives to "experts". Never mind that the Administrative Procedure Act lets people sue if they are harmed by government "experts" violating the legal boundaries of their assigned discretion. People like Sowell say a lawsuit can't provide feedback, it has to be voters electing a common man like the sheriff.

So to Sowell, experience, knowledge, information, and incentives, are all in basically the same place. Which is the single mind of local voters and police, aka "the unitary executive". Whereas in reality, the legal system solves the problem that information, knowledge, and incentives, are all in different places.

The actual local knowledge structure is lawsuits and criminal-process petitions. When Thomas and Sowell tell you no, truly local actors can't sue prosecutors it has to be a 51% vote (so as not to cost the government so much money looking at information), they are saying they don't really want a local knowledge topology. When Scalia tells you that local witnesses can't sue for non-cash interests in Lujan, rather it has to be a collective-mind "unitary executive" who administrates such interests, Scalia is making any actual knowledge structure illegal. They don't want new feedback topologies developing, they are communist luddites.

The challenge of society is using knowledge on a fire hose of information at different vantage points. Not evolving knowledge or systems to do it (Hayek thought patents are unnecessary). Put differently, it's scaling the use of knowledge into parallel processing of as much information as possible. Everybody wants to scale up his business. Achieving this scale is the central day-to-day problem of most industries and economies. But not to

Sowell.

But what we begin to understand, is that Sowell's entire game is not economic analysis and design. Not so much an analysis of the experience of the common man, like Marx or Hayek. It's more just a war on competing academics and intellectuals. Where Sowell shares the collective-mind hallucination, and says it's a vague blob of unique experience-knowledge, a snowflake, which is smarter than any evil government expert or intellectual or judge or court.

Sowell's ideas are used to manufacture social status, not products. His readers eat up this flattery, watching Sowell "own the libs".

Sowell does some intellectual sleight-of-hand to get from "knowledge systems evolve by accident" to "federal judges are evil". Just because knowledge systems evolve, doesn't mean we can't then document what has evolved, and intentionally reproduce it. People writing down things they try, legislating processes that work, and intentionally copying systems that worked elsewhere, is still evolution.

But to Sowell, the moment we write down that we have federal appeals courts, it's no longer organic enough for him. To Sowell it has to be some invisible incomprehensible thing that exists purely in local political speech and the unwritten cultural tradition of yokels. And which can therefore evolve spontaneously, rather than have a structure. At which moment such structure becomes a contrived design, of the evil intellectuals who document and promote the structure.

This is just Sowell saying that whatever local voters are doing is virtuous evolved knowledge. Specifically because it's done through some spontaneous social dynamic that is never specified as a clearly-articulated knowledge system. When in reality, no organism emerges much more complex than a mob. Not until you start consciously assigning and investing in decision domains, like private property and appeals courts.

And elevating clerics.

So to Sowell, saying knowledge systems evolve, is just a way of finding a faux economics-argument costume, to get to his destination of saying that federal appeals-judge intellectuals are evil, and local sheriff voters are good. By saying local voters doing some unspecified thing using political speech is organic (a torch mob). And rigidly-designed appeals courts fine-tuned by intellectuals, are man's vanity and folly doomed to fall like Icarus.

Sowell hates his fellow intellectuals as much as they hate him. Does he really imagine his luddite yokel-collectives are so virtuous?

Sowell knows local businesses know things that he doesn't, whether about bricklaying or babysitting. He knows they have "domain knowledge". The same as a college professor.

But Sowell has never done what they do all day. Not any more than he has probably traded commodities or anything else. Sowell sees their knowledge is different from his, but doesn't see the real difference, their daily information the knowledge is applied to. So Sowell doesn't think about what they have that college professors don't have, which is Hayek's daily highly-localized private information stream to apply their knowledge to. Sowell doesn't see their job of applying knowledge to daily information solves a different problem from what intellectuals do, what he does.

Sowell really may have never imagined what it's like to do a repetitive job processing information each day. He doesn't know or care what most people do, they don't read his books. They are just cartoon props portrayed in his little intellectual circus.

Sowell views local decision-makers more like academics who learn about a subject, not processors applying simple rules to a constant stream of random information. Where the power comes from the details of the information, not from the simple wisdom applied to it

over and over.

Whereas in reality a complete idiot could decide whom to give sheep to, his first day on the job as a Sumerian clerk, without any domain experience. Just by having the information and following the law. Where no universal mind of "the community" would even know whom he was giving sheep to. Even a doctor imitates things from books not his own experience, and his main contribution is doing the processing on case-specific information. In private, but with local monitors also operating independent of any collective mind.

But if information is free inside the group, and people are virtuous not needing external signals from unknowable reasons in legislation, because local social processes can see everything they are doing and man can see the consequences of his actions, then Sowell thinks all decisions can be made by local experts (specialists) under social regulation by a local collective mind.

Under Sowell's model the Sumerians would not have needed to invent writing, because local social groups would know how many sheep each person should get. The way running a French restaurant or running for mayor, doesn't need much writing.

And the Stela of Hammurabi would be unnecessary. Because the actual most beneficial punishments would be passed on by oral tradition through some spontaneous social process.

Understand that Sowell's knowledge group, that never processes information, that never copies its knowledge to another group, is just Sowell thinking about a competing intellectual. Sowell's distorting obsession with abstract knowledge, is because he's not commenting on society, he's attacking fellow intellectuals.

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h. Sowell Just A Communist Agitator Against Competing Intellectuals

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Sowell says in "Knowledge and Decisions" that human behavior is not about replacing the bad guys with the good guys, but created by the incentive-structures built into institutional processes in which those people operate ("To ignore the specific nature of the decision-making units is to expect improvement by trying to substitute 'the good guys' for 'the bad guys'").

Sowell then instantly advocates replacing evil leftist academics with good-guy local voters. And replacing bad-guy federal courts using a specific process, with good-guy local police using a vague social process. Not specifying the local institutional process but through some cloudy social magic that they will do good because they will suffer if they do bad. With the "specific nature" of that process presumably being nothing more than geographic proximity (with otherwise unbounded social capacity), not any specific institutional topology.

Sowell makes the error of assuming people's information-processing capacity expands in proportion to the population around them. By blurring voluminous information into single knowledge, held in some unspecified location even as society and knowledge multiply and subdivide.

What Sowell is trying to do is not go from remote to local knowledge, or promote the development of expertise. It's to replace the structured process of courts and legislation, with a collective mind. Sowell is a luddite, not an economist. He is celebrated as an economist, by luddites.

Sowell romanticizes that local social groups are so much more wise and virtuous than formal knowledge institutions like universities, that pattern knowledge is discovered and passed on automatically in some unspecified way. By local rubes, preachers, and noble factory workers, not needing legal institutions and rigid networks of middlemen.

"Federalist" today equals "federal government is the bad guy, California government is the good guy". Never mind both Cuba and Sparta are smaller than California, and neither is a utopia.

And then every group member who has this free spontaneous pattern knowledge, also has all the daily case-instance information to apply it to, automatically for free (whether through gossip, local papers 10 inches thick, or simply trusting demagogues). And can communicate the details of his decision to executive-branch employees. And thereby regulate everything from police to the FCC to the FDA to the Federal Reserve.

Like Justice Thomas, Sowell views any decision not made by academics or Washington or law in courts as more virtuous. Not because they are better at processing voluminous information streams which they are not, but because of "knowledge". In effect, the supposed Christian morals of the noble factory worker versus legislation, making it justified to subvert courts and execute the imagined virtuous will of the local mob.

They view this imagined collective decision-making by local voters as decentralized and anti-communist, just because it's not enforced by federal judges. Despite local judicial circuits being almost as large as the entire US population when the Constitution was ratified. So that sending a case to the Florida Supreme Court is like sending a colonial case to India.

Sowell is not promoting any kind of functional process or institutions other than Marxism, in his efforts to take status away from leftist academics and give it to people he thinks have a better religion. Sowell is himself a communist academic. Hayek observed this, that the socialists, communists, and fascists, all share common underlying assumptions.

Dr. Sowell, like Justice Thomas, is just another Marxist on a revenge tour against competing academics, costuming it as some defense of freedom against communism.

Sowell hallucinates or postulates a collective mind with great capacity for virtue. Then using the same logic as people who attack private business and everything else, Sowell uses comparisons of actual decision-makers to this non-existent utopia, to portray actual decision makers as comparatively benighted and evil.

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i. Appellate-Review Reform Preferable to Sowell's Mob Rule

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When you talk to regular people, you find they believe crazy nonsensical things, about anything remote enough to not immediately prevent them eating and get them hit by a car. Their idea of what the neighbor two doors away is doing -- which knowledge won't immediately affect their lives -- is false nonsense. The fact that politicians lie as little as they do, and aren't more nonsensical in their ideas, is because like juries or prediction markets, the gatekeeper is a smaller sub-population.

Executive-branch elections are like your uncle building a Moon rocket in his back yard. You can criticize that it didn't reach the Moon, or you can be amazed that it even got as high as it did. At the same time as distributed decision-making can design and produce rocket engines and microprocessors. Using people probably not as smart as your uncle, many of whom self-identify as socialists and anarchists.

Conveying individual incentives in a network with more processing-detail than occasional majority elections, is extremely powerful and profitable. The opposition to jury trials -- which are designed to disconnect jurors from competing incentives and give a specialized minority of the jury gatekeeper power -- isn't their cost compared to prosecutors deciding. Letting prosecutors decide is selling corruption as a mirage of democratic control.

But Sowell will lie that some collective mind of the common man knows everything (what Hayek called "the lowest common denominator" in "Why the Worst Get on Top" and Madison called "a mob" in Federalist 55). Sowell and Thomas will get rid of the federal court system and due process just to attack and disempower competing intellectuals. You

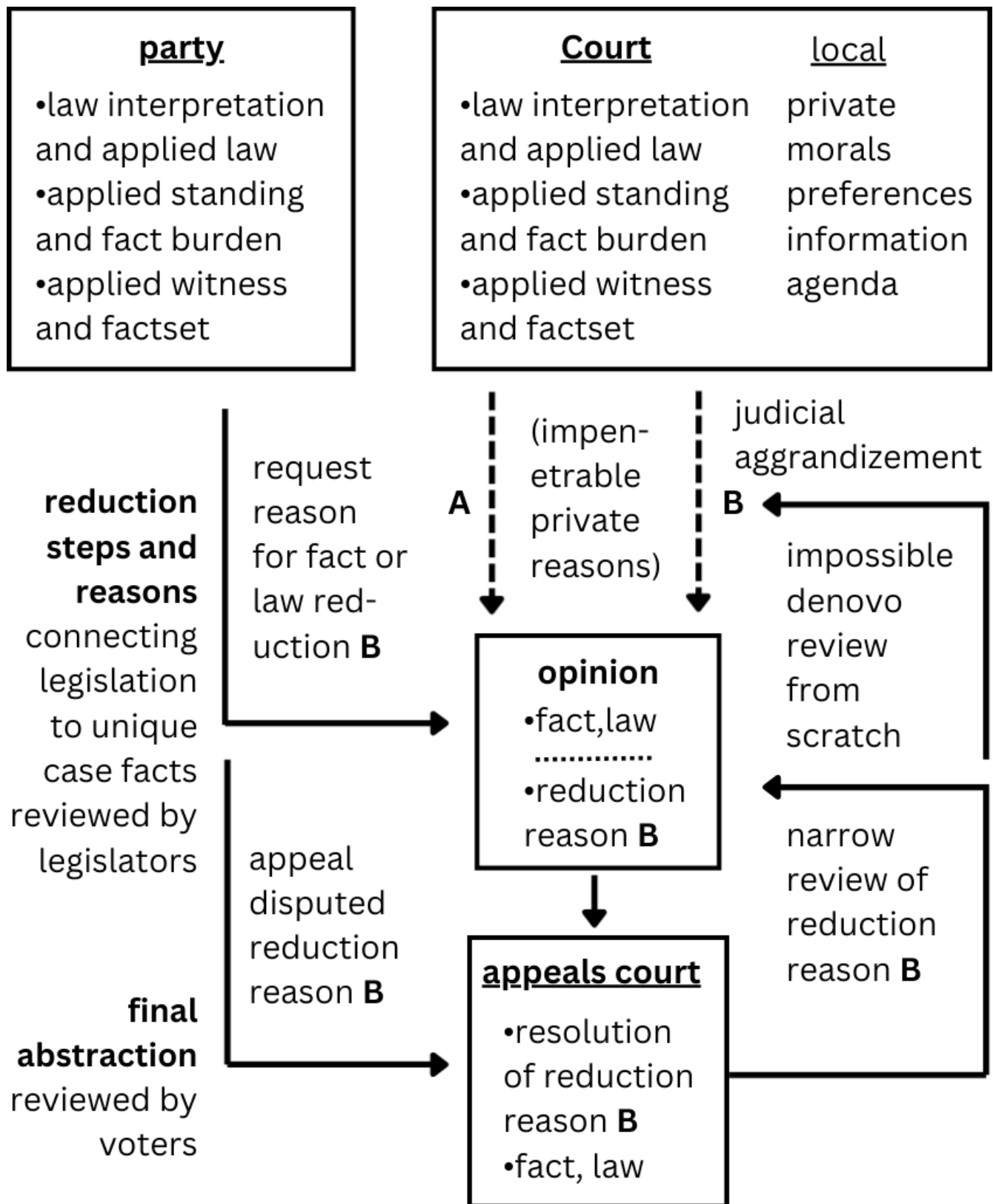
probably have to spend a lot of time in college, to understand why Sowell fears intellectuals as judges more than a mob of sadistic idiots.

Sowell implies that some sort of spontaneous social structures will form in the political process the same as in the jury, so that some wise minority will function as gatekeepers, making popular elections even as good as they are. That's fine to a point, but what we need is both that and judicial process.

The real fix to smug idiot judges is reform in appellate review. So that trial-court judges are required to narrow down and clarify actual disputed issues. Not obfuscate them beneath fake superficial reasoning (where the real dispute becomes about the judge lying with fake reasons). Judges must provide reasons for the disputed details on request. To expose their illegal discretion to economically-practical review.

Appellants have to be able to request certain details of the trial court's thinking, to present to the appellate court. Those details being reasons provided by the judge to support the actual disputed items, not what the trial court claims the legal disputes were. Such as why did the trial court change certain facts? Like basically "Why are you lying?" Which judges will do, because the whole idea is judges know the reviewer won't dig into the actual case-specific details of what the judge is talking about and getting wrong. Voters, legislators, and appeals judges won't read all the pleadings and witness testimony.

Judges can lie in opinions about what was even filed. And as long as the opinion doesn't create an incorrect statement of an abstract principle of law (or usually even if it does), appeals courts won't care. So basically, appeals courts don't care if judges get case-specific things totally wrong. Appeals courts only care if judges 1) make incorrect general legal statements, 2) the statements are about an important law, and 3) there is a lot of public and political attention to the case. Other than that, what appeals courts do is just political, it's help the people and causes that matter to judges.



You can sue a cop for kicking in your door. And a judge will write "Plaintiff says he was attacked by space aliens, this court lacks geographic jurisdiction in outer space." (That's an accurate abstract statement of law, misapplied to the case specifics, which details are also wrong). The judge can do this specifically because they know no voter, legislator, or appeals judge, has the time or interest to ever investigate and find out otherwise. Judges know the 1% actual gatekeepers, if they were even looking at all, would at least be politically polite and condone their illegal discretion.

So judges will lie about the facts and applicable law. Or say as little as possible to support their decision. And then appeals judges will put "do not publish" on their opinion to further sweep the illegal discretion under the rug. Or just affirm "per curiam", without saying anything at all. Meaning without even reading anything. This practice gives every court the discretion to close the eyes of law, with the same effect as the Supreme Court denying certiorari. To basically create another executive-branch institution of political discretion, in the judicial branch.

If judges wanted to stop that, appellants would have to be able to say to the trial court in preparation for the appeal "That's a great opinion, just explain why you're lying about what the documents actually said. That's a great opinion, but not for the actual details of this case. So explain why you're ignoring actual facts, laws, and witnesses A, B, and C and putting on a fake theater that the issues are facts, laws, and witnesses are X, Y, and Z. So the appeals court doesn't have to read every document in the case again to figure out that you're lying. Which you count on them not doing."

But judges are also corrupt, and don't want to function well and thereby be made slaves to law. They will lie and then say "call 1-800-EAT-SHIT" and "talk to the hand". And be supported by their peers and political network for doing so. They will tell every lie to keep their power of insular discretion. You have to do what prices can't, and bankrupt them intellectually. Because you need courts because voters can't do it.

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XI. Sowell Wrong about Narrow Location of Cartoon in Broader Reality

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In "Vision of the Anointed", Sowell talks about people who are blinded by perceptions of themselves (their role in a socially-organized society) as cartoon superheroes saving the world ("not simply a vision of the world and its functioning in a causal sense, but is also a vision of themselves and of their moral role in that world.").

But Sowell somehow thinks this is only vain Democrat politicians, and exempts virtuous common people. Sowell assumes that ordinary people in the street and laborers and local sheriffs don't think about things this exact same way. Perhaps from Sowell not seeing that side of the relationship on TV.

Sowell does this even though he celebrates Eric Hoffer's "The True Believer", which characterizes vain common men as wishing to participate in a cartoon of the broader world. Sowell still assumes the ordinary state of the common man is not to imagine a cartoon of the world around him.

It may be that a lot of common laborers don't pay attention to or even think about the world beyond their own stove. But the moment they do, they step into a cartoon the same as everyone else. The moment Sowell's virtuous common man stops "minding his own business" and tries to think about the world around him, he instantly thinks about a fake cartoon in which he participates. It may just be that he rarely talks to Sowell as a third party, about his relationship with the cartoon.

Sowell characterizes Democrat politicians and popular thought leaders as living in this cartoon and trying to sell it to people. But this cartoon doesn't exist in the mind of the politician, it exists in the minds of his audience. The cartoon is created in the minds of the people they sell it to, whether the politicians themselves actually perceive it or not.

A cop planting drugs in a car knows no collective mind can see him. A crooked prosecutor may not imagine there is a "collective will" that can see and regulate him. They may both lie that they think there is a collective will monitoring them, as a scheme to get away with things. Both may only claim they represent the nonexistent "collective will", as part of a scheme to do whatever they want.

But it's still necessary for their crimes to be enabled by others hallucinating there is some collective will, which they gullibly imagine the crooked cop and prosecutor are wired into. Somewhere in the chain of logic, in the political support necessary to enable their lie, is an incorrect perception of information cost and vantage points.

This cartoon was not invented by leftists in the 1700's, as Dr. Sowell suggests. This cartoon always existed. What happened in the 1700's, is societies became so large and complex, that their divergence from the cartoon and people wanting the cartoon became a problem.

This cartoon is not created by evil intellectuals, as suggested by Sowell. Rather ordinary people seek out and tune into garbage to fill the cartoon in their minds. And long after the time in history when a complex society no longer remotely fits it. It's the common man that keeps the cartoon alive, and makes stars out of hero participants in it.

Local policing becomes less about influencing human behavior and more about presenting a false cartoon, the less it is regulated in court and the more it is regulated socially. Like many government programs, it's a machine cranking out populations who will never be Supreme Court justices. And whose productive contribution to society is significantly reduced by government. Because social regulation of benefit is in effect no regulation, but allows politicians to throw up a mirage of benefit.

Sowell's imagined rational participation in direct democracy regulating the sheriff in a county of 400,000 people doesn't exist. Local voters who participate in this virtuous

regulation of police will be no different from Sowell's vain Democrat politicians saving the world from evil: Forever virtuous and forever wrong.

This is not an exaggeration. In Brevard County, it was standard practice for years to use a fake dog tracker John Preston to put on a theater of solving crimes and send people to prison. Which dog could tell you who solved a crime years later and even under water.

I personally watched that same judicial circuit give two people life in prison for events that never took place, that were socially invented by people who weren't witnesses. Which narrative contradicts a mountain of physical evidence. And where it's easy to show that 17 people committed perjury to construct the fake cartoon (but you will only go broke and make enemies doing so).

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XII. Majorities Don't Monitor Expertise, Instances, Violations, or Networks of Monitors

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What you know about another person's behavior is an average. This works pretty well because the world is a repetition of patterns; people wake up and do the same things every day, as much as one car or one planet is similar to another.

But even though people may buy the same coffee from the same retailer every day, they don't buy a 10-coffee package, they wait in line every day. People who pay for cups of coffee one-at-a-time monitor every bad cup of coffee individually, and catch every exception. People who vote for prosecutors do not. When you pay for things consumed by other people -- like when you pay to educate other people's children -- you monitor averages.

The less socially-intimate you are with someone, the more your knowledge of his behavior becomes an average of only the data points he chooses to show you. And the less you share a vantage point with him, the harder it becomes to separate out the product of his own behavior, and random events from the world around him. An employee who comes

out of a diamond mine with no diamonds may be a great miner in an exhausted mine, or may be pocketing all the diamonds for himself.

This works fine when there are two sandwich shops facing the same rent and meat prices, so that you know the one charging twice as much for a sandwich should be fired. Regardless of the reason, whether he is making a huge profit or just bad at making sandwiches. This doesn't work as well when there is only one prosecutor, and you don't get to directly eat his product. You can only look at averages, or hire someone to see if he is cheating.

An individual, a torch mob, and a government prosecutor, can all reduce crime and obtain revenge. And can increase the number of people who are in prison rather than out making sandwiches. And can increase the number of people who see no point in trying to make tacos when they lack protection against the sandwich-makers. And who are instead on a life mission to destroy the sandwich-makers, who send police to harass them all the time, in a cycle of revenge and destruction rather than food-making.

However it's decided to optimize these tradeoffs -- crime reduction versus lack-of-security for people without political connections and revenge cycles -- requires monitoring some small part of the behavior of police and prosecutors which you can see. To make sure they are implementing the designed scheme. (Nations where police have more discretionary leeway generally have more crime, as police doing whatever they want are corrupted to corrupt agendas.)

Making the employee wear a body camera doesn't work, because there is no "you" who can look over his shoulder every second of the day. And he can also do things out of view. So what is needed is an exception-catching system; not the number of diamonds he brings out of the mine, but whether he occasionally puts diamonds in his pockets. And then a large enough penalty for the one time he is caught.

A penalty for one bad event is not as costly as a constant behavior monitor, but more like a random drug test. This holds for judges also. Appellate courts have the capacity to review narrowed-down legal disputes. But if judges lie to obscure what those disputes are and make review impossible -- if they put on a fake theater for the body camera using superficial reasons that pass as law -- they need a penalty.

This exception-catching cannot be accomplished by a 51% vote of local citizens, most of whom will never enter the mine or meet the miner. So that never more than 1% of citizens would be aware of any one violation. Even as they all shout in the town square that there are 1,000's of exceptions, and call each other liars. And even if 51% of voters knew about a particular exception, they might like a cop burning down an unpopular business.

A pocket-searching employee-monitor can himself be corrupted with stolen diamonds. And those you hire to monitor the monitors will lie that diamonds are being stolen when they are not. To where all the profit goes to the people on-site, making remote monitoring, investment and ownership impossible. Just as every lawyer can benefit from fixing court cases in quid pro quos, rather than powerlessly having the law enforced.

But then nobody outside will care if these on-location insiders exist or not, and will destroy and plunder them. (Which is beyond the foresight of any individual insider to care about.) Such systems cannot be fixed by conscious supervision, but destruction can fix them through natural selection. Eventually a scheme of monitors and incentives and penalties emerges by accident, which is profitable enough, to enough outsiders who want to protect it, that it becomes stable. Then it's replicated.

No pattern of 51% majority elections can achieve this task of a detailed information-processing network, to optimize the behavior of government. Rather some sorts of laws have to conserve its design, and protect it against human reason that doesn't see its usefulness. People have to protect laws and systems that emerged by accident, and which

they can't understand.

It's not even that voters perceive obfuscated averages manufactured as theater. It's that they perceive almost nothing beyond their own stove. Most voters have no idea what most government employees are doing most of the time. They don't even know there is a Federal Reserve or FTC, much less having an abstract idea what it does or needs to. Not even a demagogue can get the average voter to imagine there is a collective mind controlling such decisions or needs to be. Under the supervision of voters, all the functions of less prominent government offices would turn into performative cartoons, would be corrupted to insiders, or would cease to exist.

When some people exploit the hallucinations of others to say this can be fixed by electing their prosecutor every few years, their goal is to protect the corrupt insider network in the short term. To create a theater that voters can fix and regulate things. Leading to war and poverty in the long term. Gradually everyone hates their government and their nation. But they are told they must try to fix it by chasing the mirage of direct democracy. Which just leads to more discontent and desire for revolution.

Direct democracy (Gorsuch's "chain of dependence") leads to disappointment and more democracy, to forming factions to shout common interests, and finally to the great leader and the People's Republic. When what they need is an opaque network of exception-catchers. To conserve the naturally-selected topology. Not direct supervision by the reasoning of a single mind, which is made up as the "lowest common denominator" not the sum, of multiple human minds.

Domain decision-makers don't apply expertise to averages, they process instances which monitors can't perfectly observe. And they attempt to insert their own agenda without monitors knowing. By pocketing a few big diamonds here and there.

So you have to have specifically people whom they harm, raise exceptions to the rules for

compliance examination. By petitioning courts to penalize those exceptions, for a bounty. You don't monitor every detail of a delegate's behavior. Rather, people on-site who are selected and appointed by a separate/independent process, try to sometimes catch behavior when it goes outside of a certain boundary. And then have a large penalty, rather than a large daily monitoring cost.

Whereas a remote monitor can rarely even see the average of the instance outputs, at diffuse locations. And requiring a vote of 51% of those remote monitors, filters out and loses any exceptions a few of them can see.

That's where we are today, in a nation that millions of people perceive as unresponsive, threatening, or just completely useless to them. And the people to whom the nation is useful -- the insiders in various institutions -- everyone wants to destroy them. Because they have been told they can destroy them by voting, but it never works. Voting just installs different insiders putting on a theater of averages.

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XIII. The People's Republic becomes a False Cartoon

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The physical world cannot be constructed of averages or summaries. It needs individual human actions to fill in the details. When the reasoner and the observer are two different people, the first person presents a cartoon of his activity to the second. By choosing to leave out some data points, the average diverges from reality to become a false cartoon.

Social processes form common perceptions, that generally capture society as a whole. There evolves a divergence between the perceptions of a collective mind, and reality. A society cannot see a full-detail reflection of itself, but a common simplification, a cartoon built from the false theater of all the local actors.

So that in the USSR without a process to monitor and regulate every single event, the abstract nature of the event was completely changed, even as it appeared the same to the

monitor. So that the idea of there being a car manufacturer in the US versus the USSR was as different as a jury trial and a plea bargain are different. Despite the result appearing similar to the "collective" of remote observers. Where they see raw materials and experts going in, and products coming out.

Every person's activity is the sum of millions of events. The only way to determine their average activity, is by adding every single event without leaving any out. The average is the product of his action, plus random external events. Making it difficult to separate out and weigh the merits of the local actor upon the physical world.

The object of monitoring -- of social coordination -- is to filter out and give feedback to the quality of individual contributions, on top of this background noise. But most actors leave out the exceptions, the outliers. Because the details of individual events were not monitored and regulated, only the abstraction is. So the task of monitoring is to create an exception or violation-catching machine. Not an average-monitor.

Just as every car and every planet looks pretty much the same, people do the same thing every day. So monitoring is about catching divergences. Or more specifically divergent behavior, camouflaged within random variations in external inputs. Average, median, and mode all discard the wrong data. You don't want to capture the details of every action, or the average output which means nothing when you can't separate it from noise in the inputs. The goal of monitors is to capture a few occasional violations of rules.

A 51% vote of whether football games should be at noon or 3:00 discards information. When you make a rule of discarding information -- when you do this intentionally by using 51% votes rather than violation-catchers -- your averages are intentionally designed to be a fake cartoon enabling local corruption. Such as by asking 51% of voters what happened in 10,000 police interactions, while rejecting robust feedback on exceptions as "costly" (using "immunity").

If you miss some events the average is wrong, and the abstraction no longer matches the reality. Judicial immunity is a device for corrupt insiders to create a cartoon. By asserting that monitoring details to catch corruption is too costly, when such details are monitored socially by a collective mind. Which process is designed by politicians to produce a false cartoon by the time the perception reaches 51% of people.

When two people have different agendas, everything person A does fits person A's agenda, but he only shows person B the subset of things that fit person B's agenda. So person B's cartoon abstraction of what person A is doing, is incorrect. And you end up with a situation where most of the things that cops and politicians say are lies.

When individuals can publish cartoons of their activity, society becomes a fake mirage. Which is essentially what everything from plea bargains to cases like Ortega v. Post-Newsweek do. They give lawyers and judges and publishers a financial incentive to promote a government-preferred cartoon.

Government offices become the most influential voices, and the Great Leader the loudest, in the construction of this cartoon. At sufficient size, a social system is able to produce an entire cartoon depiction of itself which is false.

In a paleolithic tribe, if one hunter spent 10 arrows every day and rarely came back with a rabbit, everyone would know it. But in the USSR, factory managers were basically able to tell central planners they had year after year of bad weather, and the central planners couldn't say otherwise.

If a tribal elder punished children who had not misbehaved, eventually the group would figure it out. If the tribe liked punishing children who hadn't misbehaved, the tribe would soon perish. But in a place like Brevard County Florida, they can convict the innocent and give them life in prison over and over. And over time the perceived net loss in the average person's quality of life compared to having honest courts, will be fairly small. So

that both the effect and its source will be unrecognizable to the average person, much less 51% of them.

The larger a society gets, the more the people who benefit -- the insiders, the lawyers -- are able to lie to the people who lose. Until society becomes a network of lies and the collective mind perceives a fake cartoon of itself.

So that only a few people said the USSR "bears within it the seeds of its own decay", while most observers were blinded to this by the rhetoric and GNP abstractions. The same way most people imagine the US criminal-justice system -- designed by utopian academics as Supreme Court justices -- is as productive as ever. When the people living inside it, and not wired into any benefit or status from the gravy train of corruption, can tell you it is run through with lies.

Because social influence can only penalize people you know closely, the only ways to fix this with strangers is prices and laws enforced in formal court processes. The people who enjoy power in US courts no more want to give it away to true facts and juries, than those with power in the USSR (e.g. party members working as corrupt factory managers) wanted to give it away to prices. So local police and prosecutors, like economic planners in the USSR, crank out a daily cartoon of their activities. While their actual activities are hidden away from the public in stacks of dusty papers filled with lies that will never be brought to light.

They claim they are saving money or increasing control, but it's a mirage. By substituting spontaneous social processes run by wolves over sheep formal court processes, they are inserting a fake-cartoon machine in place of an information-processing machine.

All this is enabled by people who seek direct social control through a collective mind.

Above the scale of a few thousand people, the perception of political democracy doesn't

produce control but a false cartoon of itself. While actual control is corrupted to competing factions of insiders.

Social processes destroy secondhand information. Including by mixing it with agendas, where people tell other people things based on expecting it to produce a resulting action based on the other person's agenda. Not to communicate information. And secondhand recipients have difficulty separating source agenda from information.

A drug trial that wasn't double-blind would produce a fake cartoon. Because the social pathways would displace the information which formal process attempted to produce and transmit.

A nation perceived socially, rather than through the neural monitors of price transactions and court cases, is a fake cartoon.

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XIV. Beware The Collective-Mind Hallucination in Information Design

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The collective mind (or "social regulation") is like dark matter or a cosmological constant. Because it can be plugged into any unknown part of a social model to seemingly make it work. But it doesn't.

The purpose of writing has always been to process information, which the human mind in social processes cannot store and process. Writing enabled men to do things which are not the product of their own reason or informal social speech. To make people instead run a program like an unconscious computer, to create a result of value to someone else.

If your job involves writing, whether rules or information, you're making a decision that neither voters nor any conscious mind can make. But which is made by an unconscious dedicated network, the design of which is also specified in writing.

Civilization advances by trial and error, without the consent of those participating, using imitation without reason, divorced from rational pursuit of instinctive impulses. People contemplate patterns not instances. But they cannot fully contemplate the patterns they are instances in.

Man is always trying to reduce human action to things he can see a reason for doing, or social groups can see. And throw away information that can't be processed this way. Law is basically rules and institutions to stop people reducing information-processing to what can be done socially. And to make people do things they consider unreasonable and don't like. Law makes people participate in an information-processing machine. Law makes reality pass through human hands, without their brains knowing why.

But people don't see the information-processing machine, and project conscious decision-making onto its output. And so law has to deal with not just a mathematical disagreement, but a hallucination. And one which so many people share, they don't even realize their initial assumption could be debated. And a big part of law is attempting to secure itself against such people.

Law, like The Matrix, makes people participate in something that is not the product of human reason. And attempts to lock human reason out. And takes on the greater task of trying to lock human reason out, to stop people from breaking civilization. Not because it was designed to do this. But because it evolved to do this by accident. And like an independent organism, it survives to the extent it locks human reason out, and uses their hands while it divorces action from human reason.

This gives men many luxuries, but deprives them of doing things and controlling the world the way their instinctive impulses want to. It gives them every luxury except conscious control and satisfaction -- pillows and ice cream, while they can go running or rock-climbing and watch football -- but total helplessness to shape the larger world pursuant to their own perceptions. And they still hate it and would rather fight wars.

They will choose to live in a cartoon with a mirage of control, while starving.

The primary goal of judges and legal academics is to reverse this evolution, and have human behavior governed by social influence rather than written preferences. To reverse the evolution of distributed decision-making using delegates and monitors, and enabled by writing to process huge quantities of information. Judges are communists trying to destroy the world.

Christianity instructed people to not harm strangers. I am instructing you to not hallucinate a collective mind. Don't imagine a non-specified process will make decisions. Assign decisions to clearly-specified domains and topologies and layers of review. Monitor individual violations with local adversaries, not using 51% votes.

Legislators figured this out a long time ago. But judges still live in a fantasyland catering to "the people", and have taken over the world to destroy it.

The neolithic hunter-gatherer mind has largely accepted prices and private property, but they are still at war with courts, chasing a mirage of direct democracy.

They are fighting a hallucinated battle against agricultural settlements, while they are trapped in an unconscious machine whose only purpose is to process information. So they choose to destroy the machine, and up not in a utopia. But as exiles sitting far from the campfires dotting the landscape.

By favoring social processes, we end up as a world of exiles.

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B. War on the Neural Structure: Preferences, Delegates, and Monitors

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Law is a war to replace judicial process, and the evolved information-machine of civilization, with a hallucinated social-decision process which is imagined to be more virtuous. This is done by taking jurisdiction away from courts when possible. And when not possible, faking the facts that court decisions are based on, to fit facts or outcomes preferred by social dynamics.

One of government's biggest jobs is faking facts as propaganda. Facts that go into courts and facts that come out of courts are not an exception to this industry, but one of its most important targets. Judges abdicate their actual job to join their government peers in this endeavor. Socially-produced facts and actions by government are immunized, and used as a basis for court decisions, for being "reasonable" imaginations and false inventions. Despite the gossipers not being witness to anything.

Judges like to imagine their executive-branch peers act reasonably, in (criminal-justice) decisions which are (all) too urgent, local, numerous, or esoteric -- impractical -- for courts to adjudicate measuring fact against law. When you hallucinate a collective mind so that information is cheaper than it is, this is always true, making formal judicial process impractical for all decisions. Not just actions but surrounding facts, are accepted as true without (detrimental and unnecessary) witness-process.

This results in courts immunizing not just government actions, but surrounding government-preferred facts, against confrontation in court. And preferentially accepting them as true, even without and against witness. Facts surrounding criminal-justice have practices, black-market tricks, sophistry, and plain lies, immunizing such facts (and the associated actions) against witness-process.

The Nieves doctrine differs from the Mt. Healthy doctrine, by putting a burden on plaintiffs not to prove fact which they know from their vantage point, and reasonable inference (like any honest process). But to prove what another person reasonably imagined from that other person's private vantage point. Without that person's

cooperation, and immunized by that person being able to hide what he imagined and all discovery of anything at his vantage point. While false statements about it, and government-preferred inventions not attributable to any witness, are immunized as fact.

Established practice extends this immunity of police-related facts beyond Fourth Amendment process. Beyond things police do with their own hands, to regulating private speech in defamation and federal speech-retaliation court. Courts don't want to question why people are arrested. Not even when government encourages private speakers to lie about the activity of government employees, and to harm government targets with false speech. Courts see adjudicating fact contrary to false government-preferred gossip as an unprofitable endeavor.

According to popular immunity theory, making police produce evidence documenting their activities (instead of just lying), would discourage them doing what they are supposed to do and doing good. According to popular doctrine, making publishers consider witnesses or get evidence of the activities of police before lying about police and their targets, rather than just being immunized to invent glorifying lies about police and falsely smear their targets against witness, would be a detrimental information process.

State defamation court is leveraged to abridge only speech government doesn't like. And to reward, authorize, and immunize private speech according to their own design for their own benefit. Facts in state defamation and federal speech-retaliation cases, can be determined contrary to truth or witness by government action, creating false facts immune to, contrary to, or not established by, witness-process, which false facts are adjudicated as true in court and speech.

Judges letting government control fact in private speech without witness-process or juries, conflicts with their very idea (and preferred "right"), that police activity be regulated to be reasonable by political speech. Government officers choose the speech by which they are supposed to be regulated, while shielding actual factual information from

discovery.

Judges achieve this without practical reason or honest case law, but avoiding clear articulation of the doctrine for review. Judges give total privilege of government-promoted social fact against witness-process in private speech, smuggled into law using mush, sophistry, and immunity, such as by citing to smokescreen case law like *Ortega v. Post-Newsweek Stations*. For judges to sign any unwitnessed lie they want as fact, within a charade of law.

The incredible logical implication, is that the collective mind exists even outside political speech, deciding facts before they even appear in speech. Where speech descends from some virtuous collective mind, rather than the mind descending from or being political speech.

When in reality these fake facts just come from insular government officers with the power to coerce and influence everyone to lie in court and in public, to advance their own agenda. Not coming from any collective mind or functional social-validation process, except corruption like everything else. But judges really see their corrupt peer network of insiders as a virtuous collective mind that does good, by knowing what falsehoods witnesses and publishers and voters should say.

I. The Fundamental Decision of Law

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Expansion of society beyond the limits of conscious collective cooperation and coordination, uses progressive subdivision of opaque local domains of distributed decision-makers. To solve the problem that knowledge, preferences, and information all naturally occur in different locations. And to transmit and bring them together when doing so is cost-justified, and develop strategies to do this.

A distributed decision-making node combines:

- 1) knowledge of a domain, e.g. farming,
- 2) information the knowledge is applied to, e.g. the precipitation in a certain tract of land,
- 3) incentives and constraints that convey public costs and benefits to local decision makers, such as the price system or established preferences recorded in laws, and
- 4) competing independent decision makers who monitor whether each other are breaking the rules, with local processes to create penalties for breaking the rules.

The boundaries of these domains and their ability to check each other, is codified in law and resolved in court. The most important recurring question of law, is not assuming a particular court will make a particular decision, what law will be applied. It's whether the decision should even be made by law in formal process, or by competing social processes or government-officer discretion.

What decision-makers will make different decisions, whether courts, legislators, executive officers serving their own agenda, business managers following prices, or voters through direct democracy? And how will the preferences of strangers be conveyed to those decision-makers? If not through prices, then whether socially or through legislation or open case law in court processes?

Particularly upon novel material, questions of who decides -- whether to give jurisdiction to law or local social agendas -- must be elevated for review, not abused as excuse to immunize government action at the whim of local cliques.

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II. Practical Problem of Who Should Decide

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Specialization, division of labor, mass production, and costly middlemen, operate in politics like industry, to produce knowledge and apply it to local circumstances. Every voter can't research every crime, then vote which criminals are guilty. They delegate representatives to record a list of laws distributed to local decision-makers, to measure

against fact in each case in a proceeding opaque to outsiders. Then delegate other decision-makers, to measure whether the first decisions-makers followed the rules. Resembling the two-key system for missile launches, or competition between businesses. Checks are monitored in progressively less detailed/more abstract layers of review.

The Cost of making a decision can be crudely expressed as:

$$C = N (P + I + C)$$

Number of people involved in deciding

Preference discovery cost

Information discovery cost

Compliance discovery cost

Suppose the cost of learning all the facts in each case is 100. For 1,000 voters to decide what to do to 100 criminals based on their personal preferences would be:

$$1,000(0+100+0) = 100,000$$

If it also costs 100 for a voter to learn what legislation says punishments should be, 1,000 voters deciding what to do to 100 criminals based on law would be:

$$1,000(100+100+0) = 200,000$$

To have voters enforce laws rather than their own preferences, we need another 1,000 people to monitor that each voter knew what the law was and used it.

$$1,000(100+100+100) = 300,000$$

This is before monitoring whether the people providing the details are lying, or government actually does what voters decide. If we instead decide using a court, harnessing adversaries to provide information and narrow compliance disputes

dovetailing with their own agendas, the cost might be closer to:

$$10(100+100+100) = 3,000$$

If the days required to make a decision is the square root of the number of people involved, a city of 100,000 could only vote on one decision every 316 days. If they instead delegate decisions to groups of 10 people checked for compliance by another 10 people, they could make 5,000 decisions every 6.32 days.

20 people who want to go on vacation together might reach a vague consensus on the type of vacation, then entrust one person to talk to a travel agent. When a decision involves the preferences of more than 10 people, it's cheaper for a specialist delegate to discover their preferences, make the decision on their behalf, and have his compliance checked.

Transmitting preferences to strangers through middlemen to make decisions on your behalf, and monitoring compliance, requires costly imperfect procedures. This still costs less than making decisions redundantly.

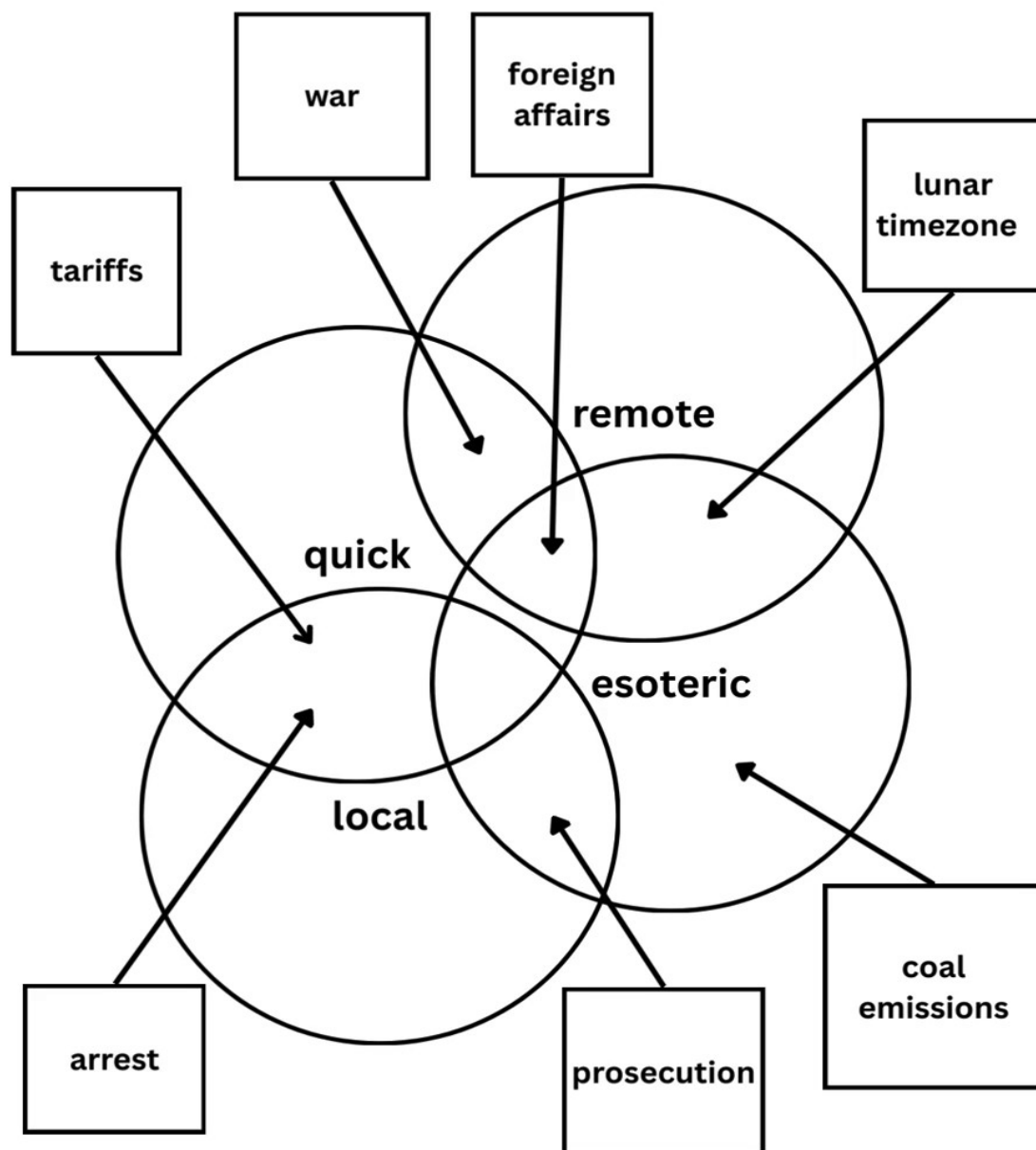
preference --> monitor --> executive

It's costly for government to tell restaurants what food to make or customers what to eat, monitor that, and have voters monitor the monitors. This is mitigated with more general details, like give free food to children before 10AM, you can't serve dirty food. Preferences are transmitted as vague abstractions, delegates then choose details upon details. Even large factors of unique situations are hard to anticipate.

The more decisions must be made more quickly, the more they must be delegated and the less they can be monitored. A monitor like a court may look as soon after an emergency as possible, or never.

The US Congress generally delegates decisions which:

- 1) must be made quickly or are temporary,
- 2) are too local and numerous for a legislature to be concerned with,
- 3) have remote/indirect effects on the preferences decided by the legislature,
- 4) are too esoteric for the legislature to understand and debate.



Delegation is optimized by comparing efficiency benefits with costs of imperfect preference transmission/monitoring. The right delegated decision-maker balances how costly it is to convey preferences to others and monitor them, versus the costs and risks of not doing so. Formal distributed decision-making is superior to informal social decision-making, when the cost of conveying preferences and monitoring that delegates are serving them, is less than the improved decision capacity.

The problem when minorities are cooking on behalf of strangers -- comparing preferences of strangers to local information only they know -- is creating incentives and penalties for them to serve those preferences rather than their own agenda. When we're not transmitting the cost and benefit of a commodity between two domains like a hamburger -- monitoring by recipient -- rather we're transmitting the value of educating other people's children or punishing a heretic, prices fail and we must use laws and social influence. "Collective" or informal social decision-making, and formal distributed delegation, suit different decisions.

Government delegates formal institutions like courts and central banks bounded by laws. Private institutions like political parties have less formal structures, with thought leaders and specialists trusted to make various decision, who then tell party members what to vote for.

A party can have trusted researchers on vaccines like a government. But the whole process is less formal and therefore potentially less efficient, with more redundancy and blind spots, and less exposed to review with a formal record. Having 1 fact-originator and 3 monitors for every 1,000 parrots, amplifies falsehoods, and is as corruptible to self-serving in private institutions as in government.

Formal procedure in government institutions can be too rigid, hard to fix. Informal private associations allow faster creation and destruction like industry. Once you remove

stable preference-codification in law, and formal distribution of decisions/compliance and checks/review-exposure, it's a volatile free-for-all.

Optimization breaks, when people underestimate the cost and inefficiency of voters monitoring compliance, or overestimate the wisdom of voters knowing what to do, fantasizing "collective" decision-making. Others exploit that miscalculation, to self-serve or make disastrous decisions, while pretending they're monitored by the wisdom of voters.

If a policeman is directing traffic, it's not practical to record and have voters/delegates monitor every time he waves his hands. Citizens can vote once a year whether the sheriff is generally serving their preferences. Saying voters will monitor whether police infringe the rights of innocents, depends on assuming 1) informal social monitoring is less costly and more efficient than it is, and 2) whims of voters won't lead to their own destruction.

The pitfall finding/conserving the right decision-makers, is human imagination overestimates the power of social perception and transmission of costs and benefits, to create spontaneous networks of coordination. By not specifying formal processes and costs, or not enforcing decision-domains like private property, social transmission/monitoring is imagined to happen for free in some unspecified way. People just saying what they want, knowing what others are doing, is imagined to costlessly achieve preferences.

The common man imagines a utopia where he can simply tell people what he wants -- shout in the street -- and his leader knows all (without needing instruction from courts and laws) and doesn't lie to him. Important people -- college professors, elected officials, rich businessmen -- misperceive based on personal experience, that transmitting preferences socially works better than it does, and that social preferences are wiser than they are.

Society chooses the wrong tradeoff, replacing court and business decisions with conscious social decisions through religious trust in a political party. Creating perpetual competition between survival-of-the-fittest favoring distributed decision-making, pitted against men choosing socialism resulting in their destruction.

Giving murderers 10 years versus death, is easy to debate. Law's greatest battle, is conserving formally-distributed decision-processes, against human inclination to serve impulses using social influence. So that once we discover which punishment works best, we can preserve it as legislation and adjust it over time, the DNA that conserves our civilization.

There's nothing in the knowledge and reasoning people are born with, that stops them burning down a bakery when they see moldy bread, then the next day forcing people to eat moldy bread.

"Tyranny of the majority" is a mirage, because it's not possible for 1,000 people to have the same information beyond a handful of facts, or operate as a single consciousness. They're captive to the person with the information who tells them what decision she's making and why.

All decisions are inevitably distributed, based on the geographic friction of the physical world. The vague mirage of some collective consciousness that sees everything, in practice hands decisions to myopic impulses of local groups who actually control the decision. Social monitoring equals no monitoring, which wolves use to sell their power to sheep, a tyranny of opaque local discretion, camouflaged in lies and popularly defended.

There's no fixed number of states, departments or jurors. Debates involve whether information is cheaper and human nature more virtuous than it is, so courts and middlemen aren't needed.

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III. Myopic Perceived Virtuousness of Social Decisions

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Saying rights come from God complements misperception that not harming strangers has no practical value.

In large societies, conscious human preferences become dead prices and laws, to transmit them across large distances and coordinate strangers. Nobody advocates teary-eyed that giving my child an extra glass of milk will result in some remote stranger being malnourished. Nobody whines to me about his difficult work fixing the cow-milking machine. The high price simply tells me I can only have one glass of milk. The distant reasons -- the costs -- are unknowable, in both prices and laws.

Everyone from a juror who reads news stories, to a prosecutor, to a voter who sees homelessness or factories emitting pollution, may "know" the relevant facts and what the decision should be, beyond his legally-given domain. This gives the appearance the inanimate process, where local social actors have their actions confined for unknown reasons by prices and law, lacks virtue. Actions we're forced to take, for reasons we don't know, appear to neglect important reasons we do know.

What decision is made, is determined by what costs and benefits are included versus left out. This is affected by whether prices, informal social dynamics (including votes), or legislation is used to measure costs. Legislation in formal process, and human reason serving local agendas, perceive different costs and benefits, to produce different decisions. As illustrated by the decades in court to execute someone. Versus a rookie cop can kill someone in the street, requiring only that he politically frame it as an evil suspect and possibility there might've been a gun. A judge can't order the murder but can immunize a cop to, and voters can never know or care.

A traditional decision-maker compares local information he knows to local agendas he knows, in an informal process of conscious social decision. This leads him to steal the

property of immoral outsiders and strangers, and call it virtuous, for serving costs and benefits known inside the tribe. This myopic nature of social decisions leads to war and conflict, rather than cooperation (trade), with outsiders.

A distributed decision-maker compares human information he knows, against cold prices and laws that have survived history. He's forced to, using externally-imposed processes which are themselves subject to checks from others, bounding his domain. Laws and prices bring to bear costs and benefits to which local social decisions are myopic. This "human-spirit-alienating" arrangement preserves large societies.

Making decisions within the capacity of a social group to consciously perceive and process costs and benefits, looks profitable by only including costs and benefits they can see. Reduced computing capacity and memory creates the mirage of profit.

Some see McDonalds giving a free hamburger to a homeless person as a benefit, others as a cost. One group might want McDonalds managers to decide whom to give hamburgers, others might want government employees to decide. Those who imagine conscious decisions are more virtuous, will prefer decisions made by informal social processes, rather than prices or due process.

Some imagine decisions by executive-branch officers are more virtuous than courts, by virtue of being elected (propagandizing that some collective mind of voters is virtuous and can see what officials are doing). They make decisions for these human reasons, the pain of familiar people, rather than laws, the pain of strangers. Assuming police are wise and virtuous, any time they're not allowed to do what they want or must pay the costs of judicial process, is a cost to society. If a cop tells a McDonalds manager to stop making french fries, it's presumed to create a net benefit.

Legislation tallies harms to strangers as harm to society, social processes tally harms to strangers as profit. Empathy protects people we know, law and prices protect strangers.

One side sees \$1 taken from a stranger by a cop as a \$1 loss, the other a \$1 profit.

There's no social backlash when court and business decisions are corrupted into social processes, at great cost to society. But for the reason that prices enable people to benefit from commerce with people they never met, they benefit from laws that stop them harming strangers.

A tyranny of local social reasonableness -- myopic, capricious, and corrupt -- is fighting where to stick a thermometer then declaring it "the Earth's temperature". Utilizing information from strangers enables civilization.

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IV. Closing The Eyes of Law in Favor of Social Decisions

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Social factions who want a decision can't change the preferences that dictate the decision, when it's made by due process. But will try to change who decides, arguing law calls for the decision-maker who makes the decision they want. Authors of abstract principles at the Founding, advocated for different decision-makers, when pursuing specific decisions.

The standard court dispute is factions that control executive offices trying to immunize cases against abstract legislation, local social agendas against law. What people think of as law, where witnessed fact is measured painstakingly against legislation, is only rarely practiced thereafter. When courts choose to, often when social forces demand a tie-breaker.

Courts use social signals, open the eyes of law for disputes which are at first social, referee disputes of local importance. They won't scrutinize 100 appeals, only the one with social indications there's something in there to find.

Facts might be tested in court, if there's preexisting social debate of those facts. Courts then admit parties advocating those facts, in proportion as social groups think it's fair to

consider them, when there seem to be well-meaning people on both sides. Judges do everything in proportion as the side or conflict is socially-validated.

Changing the decision-maker is called "states rights", "the people decide", "unitary executive"... If you go far back enough, you can always find 1) a time when the power of the collective was unchecked, 2) people who didn't understand anything other than executives representing the social group, or 3) people who advocated social decisions over law.

Neglecting such sophistry, quick mechanisms for closing the eyes of law to social decisions range from "prudential", "immunity", and "jurisdiction" at the white-market end, to "discretion" and "lying".

Closing the eyes of law is often done in a black market, where judges put up a facade of legal arguments, or use their discretion to permit then rely on lies. Commonly involving Fourth Amendment violations, where more often than not police provide some lies or misleading statements, which courts welcome as legalizing the desired action.

Sometimes closing the eyes of law begins standardized in a black market, but courts find a way to codify and bring it in the open. Like Imbler saying prosecutors are immune, replaced judges secretly closing their eyes to violations by lying ("often prejudice"). Terry replaced probable-cause charades.

Some decisions really are impractical for courts, and others are pretended to be, to immunize the social decision. The problem comes when courts have law/witness/filings that can dictate the preference, but still think the social outcome is more virtuous. How to make the facts more opaque, introduce impracticality, feign confusion?

Even with witnessed facts in front of them, courts will argue it's impractical to penetrate the social vantage point or imagination of cops. They may lie that they can't understand

or that nothing was filed, or simply make rulings not connected to anything actually in the filings, closing the eyes of law without clear reasons.

The fact that local decision-makers must have some discretion and courts can't perfectly reproduce their vantage point, is a wedge to drive in social decisions. Once it's reasonable to arrest or search someone, there's discretion given to cops how to do that, which discretion is legislated by communist courts. Suppose it's reasonable to search someone's car, can you impound the car, or shoot the owner if he locks the doors?

Once you admit some activities are urgent, there are domains opaque to courts, it's reused as excuse, a parroted rationale to close the eyes of law, copy-pasting immunities everywhere.

The fact that voters have some information and are pandered to as virtuous, is a rhetorical wedge to drive in social decisions. Without having to specify how this can work, but burdening heretics to prove it won't. The Fourth Amendment becomes a domain where local social groups can do whatever they want, a door to immunize everything.

Cops' reasons for doing something are always more virtuous than some nobody's reasons for cops not doing them. This is written into law, not by legislators but judges. As long as there's a reason it's called reasonable, or a legitimate state interest, and witnesses can't confront the virtue.

The Fourth Amendment opens this sphere of urgent local action where government can do whatever they want. By making details opaque, we can endow anything from deciding facts in private speech to arresting people for posting fliers, with the presumption of virtuousness and therefore reasonableness, licensing the socially-preferred harm.

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V. White-Marketing Social Facts

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Social processes produce not just actions, but facts, which are reasonable. These may be actual beliefs, or tokens propagated to satisfy monitors.

The virtue of socially-produced decisions and socially-produced facts are so closely related, it's surprising there's rarely formal statements of when facts should come predetermined from government not witnesses in court. Police use spurious devices like unnamed informants, and judges accept vague statements and lies, to get facts through the door to obtain outcomes. Rather than courts just openly saying "We assume there's probably a crime when police say so because police are virtuous. And we don't care to argue with nobodies about their so-called facts."

Courts are captivated by social consensus, and actual witnesses often try to break the hypnosis. This hasn't compelled courts to articulate reasons, never openly saying "I prefer official imagination over witnesses". Blunt instruments like "conclusory", "shotgun", and "per curiam", spare courts articulating the real fact doctrines they're applying, when rulings imply preferred imagination is fact, and actual witnesses are liars.

Facts and reasons may be opaque to courts. But people known to be virtuous -- people validated and put forward by social groups -- say true facts and do reasonable things. Elected officials are trusted. Strangers accused of crimes do unreasonable things and lie. The more opaque executive-officer decisions are, the more they're assumed to be virtuous. The local/urgent nature of Fourth Amendment infringements, creates a window for not just actions, but facts about those actions preferred by government, to be immune to witness-process, in favor of social validation.

A cop can just run past and knock you down. It's "conclusory" that he didn't "reasonably" imagine you were committing a crime, based on some unknown thing at his vantage point. But even if the cop confesses otherwise in writing, judges will ignore that and say something else or that it's conclusory. Witnessed tidbits, can't overcome the cop's virtue, social validation.

Judges believe their peer network is virtuous, and act like confrontation of socially-produced fact is a doorway for evil. Saying prosecutors being afraid of lawsuits creates net costs to society, without rigorous proof, is simply saying prosecutors are virtuous.

Reliability of hearsay based on virtue, is a cheap substitute for witnesses in formal process. But white-market doctrine to do this, is rarely formalized. It doesn't need to be when outcomes are socially supported.

Courts say people already serving life in prison are unreliable if they confess to crimes the state wants to convict someone else for (prove innocence). But when they're let out of prison for lying that another inmate confessed to them -- when it's a prosecutor's agenda -- the judge has discretion to accept them as reliable and swindle the jury. The testimony of jailhouse-confession witnesses is reasonable when prosecutors choose to let them out for saying it, but unreliable when years later for non-government-selected reasons, they swear they previously lied.

Prosecutors letting dangerous felons out of prison as a reward for lying -- and hiding from juries there being no penalty but only a reward for perjury with a historical record of producing perjury, while the prejudice of jurors to imagine otherwise remains uncured rather cultivated -- all this is ignored, because the facts produced are socially-validated as reasonable. There's no examination by expert witnesses of the process and incentives for producing jailhouse-confession testimony, and empirical results. The empirical data is prosecutors, harms, are virtuous.

Prosecutors decide what testimony they want. Then hide other proffers, much less prosecute conspiracies of lies, the necessary raw material from which they sub-select. Then tell jurors witnesses have agreed to testify truthfully, without mentioning there's no penalty for lying. Prisoners are trafficked as currency to produce testimony, for lawyers to bank fees without trials. The local lawyers clique can determine outcomes. Elections

confer this power to reward and punish viewpoints. This spawns patterns of fact, in proportion as the outcome is socially validated. Courts pretend testimony which surfaces from government's choices between stories to expose and hide are independent witnessed facts, to introduce facts in proportion as they're reasonable.

Flimsy witnesses/processes for admitting/excluding facts in court, and the extrinsic biases, are eclipsed because harms are socially-validated. There's no double-blind protocol at the state crime lab. Because unlike greedy drug companies, factions that control the test-outcomes are virtuous. Scientific theories of guilt are accepted by defense attorneys, because they're crowd-validated. Devices to pretend socially-preferred facts emerged independently from witnesses are infinite.

Confessions suspects are steered to by police bullying, are reasonable until socially unpopular. Then judges pretend people in chains saying what the person holding the chains wants them to say -- witness tampering -- is a novel discovery. The "discovery", is what government chooses for witnesses to say, isn't always beneficial.

While judges pretend the Fifth Amendment identifies a problem when people talk about themselves, not when government selects testimony and dresses up this scam with theater. If judges realize how much social selection determines facts, they won't object to the reasonable outcomes.

Courts require vague misleading suggestions, just assurance of noble intentions by police. Then ignore facts raised by nobodies. Examples of what government wants to say being accepted without juries, only social validation, are innumerable.

If they can't move the decision-maker, they fake the facts. Ways to do this have been white-marketed. None for the circumstances of this case.

The unwritten doctrine, is the reasonableness not just of unfronted government

action, but of witness-contrary government fact. Not just police actions, but facts about them, are immune. No such doctrine is clarified for speech; it's achieved by fudging law and process. This Court must articulate the doctrine for review.

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VI. Debating Social Fact-Validation

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The greatest power wielded by courts and their influences, isn't choosing how to interpret law upon fact. It's choosing when to open and close the eyes of law, in favor of competing social preferences. This may be justified economically like Rule 10 saying this Court ignores errors of fact and misapplication of law, or corroborated by legislation like Marbury.

Courts here closed the eyes of law to government selecting private-speech viewpoints, to injure targets, benefit itself, and subvert systemic regulation of police activity. They did this in a black-market way, ignoring fact and law, and refusing basic process such as responding to filings rather than lying about them.

Witnesses and journalists say "we're immune to lie" -- a warrant to lie. Then judges dissimulate.

Devising white-market reasons for courts to do what they're doing anyway has long been the mandate of this Court (Imbler, Terry...).

Who will make which decisions, can't be decided in private, by local courts behind a facade of other reasons.

There are valid reasons to use one decision-maker versus another. Which must be openly debated, not usurped based on moral superiority. Popular policies and common behaviors of judges can't live in a black market. We need honest records, precedents for courts to report they're ignoring witnesses and immunizing liberty-infringements.

Plaintiff has a right that who decides what, is based in law with notice and review. How we decide who decides, isn't "judges when they want an outcome".

Black-market justice blurring the eyes of law in favor of socially-validated agendas, blurs the eyes of democracy to what the policy is, and the ability to manage it through legislation.

It wastes resources faux-litigating cases with politically-predetermined outcomes. Time was wasted here, for not being openly codified that witnessed fact and basic law would be ignored in favor of socially-determined discretion. Nobody said courts will refuse to acknowledge cop perjury is alleged, to protect socially-validated decisions.

When courts regularly immunize government as virtuous, executives wonder why courts get to decide ignoring legislation. Voters recognize that choosing which activities are more virtuous than law, is for people they elected. Executives get executive discretion. Courts get paid to argue they shouldn't have a job.

Doctrine for immunizing government-promoted facts which it's impractical or there's legitimate reason for courts not adjudicating, has wide application. When can a judge, prosecutor, or other official simply tell people or suggest things are true -- mislead -- while immunizing against evidence they're not, not just publishers but even jurors?

Categories of immune facts need doctrines. Whether reductions to specific rights, or broad immunity of government-preferred facts against witness. Otherwise it's black-market discretion for government to control speech and everything.

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C. Collective-Mind Hallucination Dominates and Confounds Analysis and Debate

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I. Professor Rachel Barkow Shows How Collective-Mind Hallucination Sabotages Rational Thinking

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The way the collective-mind reflex confounds analysis and debate, shows up in law professor Rachel Barkow's book "Justice Abandoned". Barkow's argument at first seems simple: "this is a good policy, so we should enforce it." But because there is no "we", the debate becomes a confused disaster and the actual solution never appears.

Barkow appeals to the Supreme Court as a policy-maker, to reduce the number of people imprisoned below some point of diminishing marginal returns. Barkow says reducing mass incarceration is a good policy, so we should lower the number by adding friction through requiring criminal process. Where criminal process happens to be a traditional moral, but that alone plays little role other than as a cute arguing tool.

Barkow uses more macro rather than vantage-point thinking, seeing things from the vantage point of God. Barkow sees no need to construct good criminal-justice policies as a physical feedback network the way feeding people is. We don't say "feeding people is good so we should pay people to make food". We say "let's use free-market capitalism to feed people". Barkow sees reducing incarceration more as just a rational policy choice that others disagree with. But no politician ever says "let's lock up the innocent and let people starve." Like capitalism, what is needed is not a preference but a process (which process discovers and enforces good preferences.)

Barkow never addresses the details of how information processes actually make profitable decisions. Barkow makes a choice to ignore the details of policy and enforcement as an information process, because the other side doesn't see it either. So that the actual debate is missed, of how to make profitable individual incarceration decisions, and what process can make them. Because both sides just assume the operation of a collective mind to solve information problems in some unspecified way, only needing to focus on socially debating policy outcome-preferences.

Committing suicide is not caused by stabbing yourself. Unprofitable incarceration is no more caused by six Supreme Court cases than wrongful convictions are caused by people's difficulty picking criminals they saw earlier out of lineups. Wrongful convictions are caused by witnesses being encouraged to lie to fix court outcomes according to social agendas. And unprofitable incarceration is caused by people who intentionally destroy criminal process, as a result of collective-mind thinking which sees no need for information processes.

Barkow concedes that even when local officers are forced to use jury trials, they still just lie to jurors to obtain the outcome they want. And when they're forced to get warrants they either don't bother or lie, and face zero penalty. The Supreme Court decisions are symptoms, not the cause. They are symptoms of a common belief that something other than court process should decide, some social information process.

Requiring warrants and jury trials is bandaging symptoms, which forces only ritual charades of compliance without substance. Then you need to be able to sue cops, and make judges honestly enforce that law. And solve criminal-defense attorneys having incentives to harm their own clients and avoid process, and so on. In a never-ending chase of narrow superficial cures. Until you persuade people that you actually need a detailed neural network of local actors created by process. For the exact reason that there is no collective mind to encourage good decisions.

Barkow basically argues in favor of a tax slowing down bad decisions. Rather than requiring information process to improve them. Barkow thinks less about information and incentives person-by-person, and how that that must be structured out of local process. Barkow sees local voters and government employees as more like an impenetrable blob that can be bluntly nudged, lacking details. Maybe neither Barkow nor justices have ever been wrongfully arrested or seen a murder trial up close to know what goes on locally.

Barkow says the Supreme Court "enabled" rather than caused this destruction. But they participated prominently in it, as promoters of the underlying intellectual movement. The Supreme Court did things for rational reasons they believed, not simply beaten by external political influence. The way to fix local bad decisions is by discrediting the beliefs. By explaining what criminal process does, and convincing people it can make profitable decisions and is needed to do so, because there is no collective mind.

No debate among lawyers will begin by asserting that judges who hold low-level offenders before trial, prosecutors who coerce witnesses to lie in plea bargains, and judges who bend case law to abdicate imposing criminal process, are criminals harming society. Much less assert they're doing so in pursuit of a communist mirage. But once you begin by saying we're all reasonable people with simple policy disagreements, and who sometimes get beaten down by voters -- once you begin with the wrong debate -- you enter an intellectual house of mirrors never to return.

a. Barkow Advocates Switch Between Collective Minds while Ignoring Information Process

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Barkow in essence argues to (the social group of) Supreme Court justices, that putting too many people in prison is a bad policy. And the collective mind of ("the" executive branch and) voters will never change this policy. So enlightened academics have to force it on them, by imposing a tax on incarceration. The idea is basically like forcing people to smoke less cigarettes with a tax on cigarettes, rather than individuals making custom choices. (Ignoring that more good incarcerations than good cigarettes warrants discrimination.)

Barkow sees requiring criminal-process rituals as a tax, that can be used as reaching tool For Supreme Court to bluntly adjust a macro outcome of aggregate incarceration numbers. Barkow describes this in a shockingly simple way of not wanting police to

"thrive" because this is empirically correlated with raw incarceration numbers. Which incarceration aggregate could be done more profitably. Which Barkow thinks will happen if "we" bluntly reduce the overall incarceration numbers by throwing some salt in the local soil so that (local) "government" thrives less. (I view better selection as "thriving".)

In essence, Barkow is arguing for a switch from the policy preference (supposedly) of local voters (a systemic product is not always a preference), to the policy preference of legal academics enlightened by Barkow. By having the second group impose a tax on the first group, to force them to enforce the second group's policy. Barkow asks one social group to tax another (imagined) social group that enforces bad policy, and thereby move from a bad policy to a good one, by moving from a bad collective mind to a good one, that forces the bad group to replace the bad policy decision with their own by forcing them with a tax.

Barkow wants to impose arbitrary costs on criminal justice. Like taxing TV by the hour, on the theory people are spending too much time watching TV (never mind that there are good and bad shows). But applied to putting too many people in jail. It's sort of an old-school macroeconomic argument to internalize the external "costs of mass incarceration" which costs politics doesn't see. Like pollution or the costs of smoking-related illness.

Criminal-justice is meant to create a tax on bad behavior, which Barkow thinks is overcharged to too many people so that it becomes destructive. Barkow wants to create a federal tax on states taxing bad behavior. But through the arbitrary mechanism of costly criminal process, which would also be a tax on the time of lawyers and jurors. (This sounds like a make-work program benefiting lawyers, but it would reduce their power to serve local agendas.)

Barkow basically concedes -- shockingly -- that jury trials aren't needed to determine guilt, that prosecutors and social processes can do it more "efficiently" meaning the same product at lower cost. Barkow should really be debating the right to a jury trial, and

whether jury trials serve any rational purpose. But instead she is debating whether locking up (random) people is a bad policy (based on rational analysis). And implicitly debating whether the policy choice should be taken away from (supposedly) local voters who like it, but instead characterizes her tax as a traditional moral empirically supported by history.

Barkow sees process rights such as warrants and jury trials not as a way to sort between guilty and innocent and make profitable individual transactions, but a way to increase the per-capita cost of putting people in prison, and generally slow it down ("put the brakes on it"). Does Barkow expect that overturning process cases would result in local actors speeding up jury trials, or that the government would pay for more lawyers? It's not so simple as smoking cigarettes less often (where every cigarette is bad), but such details are lacking.

Barkow is not so much saying that they're putting the wrong people jail specifically because of a lack of sorting process in each case, where adding process will sort better to only lock up the right people. Barkow thinks police and prosecutors already have good information on who is guilty or innocent, or she's unclear about this.

Barkow concedes at some point, that prosecutors coercing plea bargains is an "efficient" way to sort between guilty and innocent. Only complaining that they're using their choice upon (supposedly) accurate information, to put people in prison they don't need to. Prosecutors have good information, and a bad policy preference.

Barkow says voters have bad information, and prosecutors are regulated by voters, but still seems to see incarcerating harmless people as a bad policy choice made on good information. Barkow doesn't directly say "neither voters nor police nor prosecutors know case facts or care to or even can, or have real wisdom about the benefits of locking people up, or ever can. Only legislation and information and compliance-process can."

The collective-mind hallucination causes people to be fuzzy about who has what information, and at some point just jumping to assuming someone has information, here is the policy.

Barkow is saying more in a general macro way, that lowering the costs from process by doing it "efficiently" puts too many people in jail, crossing the point of diminishing marginal returns. Efficiency enables the bad policy choice. And adding costs like a cigarette tax to each case is a blunt tool to enforce the policy preference of reducing that number. Where Barkow doesn't say exactly what process does, tax versus sorting, only that it is moral and she likes the result. The exact details of her model are unclear. Again, thanks to the collective mind slipping in.

It might be imagined (but unstated), that adding process friction to reduce incarceration numbers, will somehow first skim the lightest material off the top, not the serious offenders (based on some rationing by local actors). Or assuming 90% of people in prison are low-level offenders, maybe Barkow sees the benefit of releasing 9 harmless people, and the cost of releasing one dangerous person, as a net profit. While critics would argue that releasing low-level offenders and the worst offenders blindly in proportion as they are incarcerated, is unprofitable.

Exactly how the local collective mind will do this rationing after Barkow's tax, isn't specified. So she's not really selling much of anything. Except the idea that maybe the Supreme Court should reflect on what they've done, and maybe provoke a little more rational analysis than Barkow herself has done.

It seems implicit that adding warrants and juries would discriminate between guilty and innocent better. But Barkow seems to not directly perceive that (or maybe not even believe that), as what she's advocating. Not thinking about what the process actually does (or seeing it as hopelessly flawed), and simply arguing that something is moral or will reduce overall incarceration -- the cute argument "originalism opposes mass

incarceration" -- misses the target for analysis, solution, and argument. If you need to eat french fries, you can't just talk about going to McDonalds.

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b. Fuzzy-Aggregate versus Individual-Case Profitable Decisions

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What Barkow's policy preference implies (and results from but doesn't explicitly address), is that some individual incarceration decisions inside the aggregate are unprofitable. What's therefore needed isn't aggregate cost or tax to slow down ("put the brakes on") incarceration. It's a sorting mechanism conveying profitability in each case to the decision-maker (profitable including the cost of sorting or not at different information stages and times).

A jury or warrant isn't a dumb tax, it's a cost-justified information-production process. Like you would do before making a bank loan. Not just the Fed raising interest rates, but lenders analyzing individual business prospects.

Barkow makes the specific rational policy argument to judges, that decision-makers (or the general process) are miscalculating the profit of indiscriminately ("efficiently") harming and incarcerating innocent and low-risk suspects (politically unconnected nobodies). Barkow implicitly understands that when these selection decisions are made under supposed political regulation by voters (at supposed low cost assuming campaigning and voting is free), they are made recklessly and unprofitably. And that this is somehow associated with who makes the decision, whether police, prosecutors, and judges (supposedly) regulated by voters and conscious human reason, or judges and juries blindly regulated by the morals of law using process.

Understand that what Barkow really wants is better discrimination between guilty and innocent, and between different crimes. What anybody really wants isn't simply "fewer people in prison", it's the right people in prison, which then dictates the right number. It's for these harm decisions to be made more selectively and proportionally to the crime.

The goal is to make a profitable transaction in each instance. Don't buy a \$200 hamburger, or the mythical "\$200 hammer" representing government waste. In economics where this is obviously solved by prices, the solution is known as having a decision-maker who personally suffers a profit or loss for his decision. But because Barkow simply thinks of a collective mind that enforces a policy and rationally wants a good outcome for society, she thinks in terms of a policy rather than a decision-maker.

But this local profit-making decision requires an information-and-compliance process in each case. Which problem Barkow glosses over, for imagining a collective mind so that information production and compliance is not the central problem, rather the desired outcome or the profitability of the aggregate outcome pattern is, judged (retrospectively) as a whole from the vantage point of legal academics.

Barkow says it's an unprofitable policy -- a policy disagreement -- to hold innocent and low-risk people in jail. Voters and judges and prosecutors would say "Barkow is right, that makes perfect sense. We should only do profitable things. Now let's put all these (undesirable) people in jail because they're all high-risk and it will be profitable (a profitable gamble to us) in all these cases."

So Barkow seems to just want to persuade judges that letting local actors do what they want as much as they want is a bad policy, having given up on voters and prosecutors (as unreasonable). And seems to ignore that it's only by following the process using legislation and jury trials that we're ever able to determine which individual is innocent or low risk, and make the most (or any) profitable incarceration decision based on that.

Local voters would say Barkow is letting out the most dangerous, and they would be right. In reality, to make a profitable decision in each instance is what both sides want. But since they both imagine a collective mind -- just different groups with different preferences -- they never debate what actual process can do the sorting at what cost and

profit (to whom).

The real debate is whether police (local officers) under social regulation can do that. Or whether it's cost-justified to use warrants and juries (outside the control of local politics) to do better sorting. The real disagreement is whether legislation and juries, or voters and prosecutors and judges, make profitable decisions (to society). Where local officers won't choose to become slaves to a machine, unless someone makes a very strong argument why they should.

Everyone agrees bad seeds need to be confined, and selfish calculating people who see good odds in crime need to be deterred. This is not just a disagreement on what to do with bad people, but a case-fact-process disagreement on how to determine who is bad. And whether the profit from discrimination justifies the cost. And if that cost can be reduced.

But Barkow glosses over that jury trials, or some decision-maker other than voters and the collective mind, are the missing machine that makes any decision profitable. And that this is a debate for a Constitutional amendment on whether juries (and penalty legislation) are needed, or whether some unspecified social process solves the same problem for free. Not on whether (the collective mind) holding unprofitable prisoners is profitable.

(Time or delay is part of that information-processing cost. But a better solution would directly study and target the reasons why judges and lawyers are making these cases take so long. Whether it takes lawyers that long to drain every penny a defendant's family will ever have, or it takes prosecutors that long to sort out what witnesses to hide and what evidence to fake. What the heck are lawyers doing? Smoothing out workflow? Pressuring defendants to confess? You're not allowed to ask that.

It's a debate on what exactly is going on. Which lawyers will stand up like cats to if you start asking. So you just have to say that lawyers, like voters, are virtuous. You are

allowed to make obtuse intellectual arguments about "putting on the brakes", not point out that lawyers are self-interested cliques of lying sickos, while saying "oath and "honorable" all day.

The unmissable details of these legislation-contrary and harmful incarcerations passed under the noses of millions of lawyers dozens of times each, long before a college professor said something about the aggregates. In every case, it resulted in those lawyers ringing a few dollars to superficially satisfy the right to an attorney, wear a suit, pick up girls, and do zilch. Their other choice is to have lies coerced against their clients, go broke, and get a DUI for criticizing.)

But because both sides imagine a collective mind (that somehow fills in the details after policies are decided as aggregates), it ends up being a debate about what policy is better, not what process. And therefore whether the local opaque blob (local agendas) should decide what policy to enforce. Or whether an enlightened Supreme Court -- enlightened by Barkow -- should make the policy decision (force a vague policy preference on local actors by brute force of costs).

Lack of discriminating process is actually the real underlying problem creating the bad policy outcome. But both judges and Barkow are blinded to this by their shared impulse to imagine a collective mind rationally choosing the policy outcome based on readily-available information and wisdom and socially-enforced compliance. They just don't know where the collective mind is, or disagree where it is, or what wisdom it should know.

Some would claim local voters with good information are already fine-tuning good punishments. Others might say they have good information but are still reckless with their decisions, or are making good decisions but on bad information. Barkow needs to argue with that, not just say to judges like a fifth-grader "originalism opposes mass incarceration".

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c. Process Needs a Rational Not Moral or Empirical Explanation

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Promoting process socially as an empirically-supported traditional moral (like Barkow does), will never be enough to overcome the collective-mind hallucination that makes process seem unnecessary. Criminal-process can't be promoted as a moral, it needs a detailed rational explanation. At least to thought leaders (the same as capitalism). Specifically to counteract the instinct to imagine a collective mind which can see all the facts and monitor government action, making process unnecessary.

Judges are supposed to blindly follow laws that require criminal process. But they won't if they can't understand them.

for conflicting with the mirage of a virtuous collective mind operating socially for cheaper. Judges can't even understand or interpret criminal-process laws without a rational explanation what it does and why it's necessary.

There's no point in having traditional morals that require process, if judges can't understand what process does. Not even with empirical historical examples of "abuses" absent such process.

Because people will just say okay, we'll decide as a collective to be virtuous, and to not do those bad things. We'll collectively monitor to make sure police don't do unprofitable things, and vote them out. Because we're reasonable people, not those abusive people in other times and places.

Once you conflate "this is a good policy" with "we should enforce this policy" -- rather than "how can you discover good policies, and convey incentives to local decision makers to produce honest information and make decisions measuring each case against this policy" -- you've lost the game. (Or "How can a network of self-interested actors do this on behalf of strangers?")

Because you can change the whole world's mind. And they will still say "yes, but this person is guilty and dangerous." Because social processes produce this conclusion. Or that it was a good gamble to predict he was guilty at the time, despite later aggregates showing many were not. So you have to change their mind on how to decide.

So the one thing, or the first thing that has to be rationally understood and can't be just a moral, is what process does.

What process does is provide feedback from experience and knowledge to individual-case action. Where no collective mind can do the same thing through social processes.

Whereas everyone (including judges) thinks this is what the collective mind does. The collective mind is imagined to create feedback-optimized regulation, from knowledge to action upon information. But such social regulation is the absence of this, where instead actors are insulated and their monitors respond to a simplified and false cartoon.

Process is valuable, because it's the basic neural unit with the incentive to classify criminal suspects according to historic pattern knowledge. Because social groups are cartoonifying parrots that can't process individual-case information.

And process is a moral, because the necessity of this process, is contrary to human instinct. Human instinct thinks process is not needed, when there is a collective mind. Process is the actual material manifestation of the collective mind to process local individual-case information.

Many policy preferences can be a moral promoted socially, but process itself cannot be. Because like not harming strangers, it conflicts with human instinct. And so process needs to be promoted rationally, not by simply reciting "tradition" and "presumption of innocence".

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d. A Rational Rather than Moral or Empirical Argument for Process

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A rational rather than moral argument for process would be something like: Judges don't have all the wisdom of the ages, legislation does. Voters don't and can't provide that feedback of wisdom upon information telling police what to do in each case, courts do. Elected officials aren't unbiased (lacking self interest) when indexing facts into legislation to create outcomes, jurors are. Local police and voters aren't selective and proportional with punishment, only legislation and juries are. Because individual police and voters don't suffer from indiscriminately-proportioned punishment, society does.

Voters can't regulate the process by judging individual-case outcomes. Prosecutors and judges have no incentive discover whom it is profitable to hold (honesty not theater), process and juries do. Judges can't decide policy based on their own reason, history and legislators can.

Local social groups have an impulse to harm strangers outside their social group and destroy society. The feedback giving local actors incentives to discriminate between criminal suspects and act profitably, has to come through laws and process, not through voters and personal or rational reasons. Because the profit or loss is borne by society in the long term, not witnessed by any individual voter or cop, or by the experience of any particular judge. So that only process (and people who are slaves to it) has an incentive to produce and measure facts against law to discriminate, and make profitable transactions.

Everybody agrees that people should not be locked in jail or harmed when it's unprofitable to do so. But profitable to whom? Prosecutors get elected with the cheapest possible theater.

Political regulation can't socially process large quantities of case-specific details. And so can't help but be indiscriminate rather than case-specific. Conveniently, politicians prescribe a policy based on the idea it will be profitable to indiscriminately throw large

numbers of politically unconnected strangers and nobodies in jail; that it's profitable to harm larger and more random/general populations. And prescribe that police selecting targets based on their own agenda without costly monitoring, will result in individual harms that fall within this profitable set.

Legislation considers it's only profitable to harm narrow populations, and prescribes a costly process for selecting who is harmed, so that each instance is profitable to society. Legislation prescribes that legislation, judges, and juries, not the private agendas of insular local government employees (falsely claiming they're monitored by some collective mind), should decide who is harmed.

There is no "Department of Government Efficiency" in "the" executive branch, to scrimp for every penny of profit and loss, in incarceration. Because courts already are that department. They just don't realize it. Because following law is not the same as making their own rationing decision, and often conflicts with the rationing decision they or their social group would make. So even judges view process as adding costs, resulting in worse decisions than the collective mind can make.

People with supposedly better policy morals than law will naturally want to subvert courts to their social regulation. And will then end up without a way to produce and process information, and monitor compliance, when trying to use a social process.

A cop doesn't know from his own wisdom what is the right thing to do strangers. And the collective mind of local voters has a distorted view of facts, if any. Which is exploited by insular local executives to serve their own agenda, while putting on a fake theater.

The real question is not who is wise and virtuous, but who pays the cost for making unprofitable incarceration decisions, and how can we convey that cost to local police decisions. 51% of voters blindly putting 1% of voters in witch trials and concentration camps -- as casually as watching a football game -- isn't profitable. It's an expensive

football game. It's much more destructive than spending 1% of GDP on \$200 hammers.

Who decides traditional morals? It's supposed to be legislators. Because legislation is the DNA where the traits of societies that survive history are stored. But with the collective mind, it's always "we" who decide. It's not legislation imitating something 200 years ago, or oral tradition, it's forever "we" who decide what is the right thing to do.

And before you say government employees can be taught to be virtuous through private cultural institutions rather than legislation in courts, remember they will never know the facts which their virtuous decisions need (or be forced to know against their own recklessness), without formal court processes. Facts delivered through social processes are distorted, and ignore social outsiders as firsthand witnesses. So that a stranger can barely even report a murder committed by a social insider, without ending up the one accused and arrested for it.

Even if one local officer knew the exact virtues of legislation (or what "we" would want in legislation), local voters can't select that officer, and appeals courts can't verify those virtues are being applied, unless the virtues are written down somewhere. The idea that a collective mind can informally process all the details of virtue without specifying the exact location of that information in the minds of individuals, is a simplifying assumption from the collective-mind hallucination.

The real argument isn't "we need jury trials to slow down incarceration and frustrate local policy". It's "Jury trials before incarceration cost less than the long-term sorting benefits to society. Because they have an incentive and capability to even try to sort, whereas local lawyers make no profit and all loss from doing so." (The time delay created by lawyers is another issue.)

Criminal lawyers are like an entire factory floor of workers that benefit from just spreading the lie that they are sorting, while not actually doing so. They do some sorting,

but its socially regulated to be balanced against the interests of the group to not do any work. And to obtain expedient outcomes in support of local agendas. And if one lawyers expresses dissent about the general level of sorting, the group can come down on him.

What would happen if you told upper management of the company where you work, that nobody on your floor or in your section is doing any work, or they're all faking their timesheets? You would have 20 people saying the same thing, that you are actually the one doing a bad job or engaging in misconduct. Proving otherwise would not be a matter of simply saying it, it would be a fulltime lifelong job, your new life as a heretic.

The problem is not the policy to do unprofitable things, it's the lack of a feedback topology to do profitable things. It's lack of conveying an incentive in each case, for police to choose punishments that benefit society in the long run. Which full feedback loop includes legislation creating process, with sufficient dedicated competing monitoring departments with independent interests. Which makes local actors follow legislation rather than their own reason or popular fads.

None of it can be socially decided by a virtuous collective mind, all of it needs to be structured into a feedback network of incentives to specific actors. Which people outside that network, who profit from enforcing not corrupting it, must want to enforce. Who therefore need to understand what process does and why it's necessary, to counteract that they are socially dissuaded every day, to instead hand it over to a hallucinated virtuous collective mind.

It might be helpful to thinking about incarceration as more like a price system that puts people in different occupations. Like how many laborers do we want to assign to producing retribution, and spreading hate of the nation, versus screwing around in the street, or eventually doing something more useful.

The structure decides the policy, and the challenge is to find a structure which both

discovers and enforces good policy (in which case Barkow would be lobbying legislators not judges).

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e. Justices Ignored Process Morals for Rational not Political Reasons

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What Barkow ignores and doesn't try to fix, is that justices already think they're doing something rational. Judges are rationally choosing to give police discretion, beginning from the collective-mind assumption. Judges think that a) police as witnesses weighing unknown risks under direct regulation by voters, rather than b) retrospective aggregates weighed by academics who also have agendas and are corruptible and imperfect, know best who should be in prison. Academics who see a cost to society (afterwards), don't suffer the fear of individual voters or 51% of them.

The policies Barkow objects to result from the Supreme Court not just ignoring legislation under political influence, but rewriting legislation based on specific shared rational analysis of how the problems should be solved. Justices ignore legislation prescribing who decides, based on the idea that police, prosecutors, and judges under social regulation, can decide whom to lock in jail profitably making rational analysis.

Justices ignored criminal-process morals, as a specific result of a rational analysis proceeding from the incorrect initial assumption of a collective mind. Which shared hallucination leads to both judges and Barkow not even seeing much use for legislation, or any rational reason for a process, mainly just a specific debate of the policy merits. (A debate with judges, since Barkow thinks voters and the election process are bad targets for her policy debate.)

Barkow makes a too simple and narrow policy argument. That giving local actors free reign to fill the jails, based on whims and disregarding external costs, results in retrospectively unprofitable instances, sub-selected in the aggregate statistics. But without making the key rational argument, that insular executives under supposed voter

regulation, make reckless indiscriminate decisions under their own agenda which don't even try to be profitable. Or which selections are measured to be profitable based on their own agenda, not costs to their targets and society. And thereby miss advance sub-selection opportunities that are cost-justified to society, because the local actors themselves don't bear these costs and have no incentive.

Barkow misses that she needs to rationally prescribe institutions and processes, not just rationally promote the policy outcome, and to morally follow the law. When the bad outcome comes from judges' bad rational reasoning, causing them to ignore process created by the morals of law. Because judges who also imagine a collective mind, and that "we" can just do various things and lock up the bad people. Which ends up being insular local actors under no regulation or profitability feedback, not "we".

How can we start with police suspicions witnessing individual cases, and turn that into the retrospectively observed aggregate patterns of discriminate harms most profitable to society, by giving police feedback to act profitably on those suspicions (at a cost lower than the marginal benefit from better discrimination)?

The answer depends whether you think police are wise and virtuous, or regulated by voters who are, at little cost to taxpayers. (You couldn't pay voters to read case documents, but voters will pay to watch an occasional witch trial.) Because you think their cultural tradition or reasonable nature makes voters slaves to what benefits society. Even when such choices go against their own impulses, torch mobs, and personal and money benefits that can be obtained from corrupting process.

Or whether you instead think legislation is wise and virtuous from historical experience. And is measured against fact and enforced by process at a discrimination profit in each case or transaction, greater than the cost.

So that is where Barkow has to argue, but she can't. Because she can't help but think of a

collective mind that just wants a particular outcome pattern, and knows police and voters don't want it and law and juries do. But can't convince anyone because she agrees with them that there is a rational collective mind bringing knowledge to decisions, and just can't find where it is. Which distracts Barkow from focusing on process, rather than persuading the mind of policy.

Barkow sees criminal process as a tax, and tries to sell it is a moral. Rather than seeing its usefulness as an information process, which is needed because there is no collective mind. The Supreme Court breaks the law because they think the collective mind solves the information problem. This necessity of an information process in the absence of a local collective mind, is what needs to be sold to the policy-maker (the Supreme Court). Not the necessity of a different social decision maker with a more moral policy preference.
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f. Barkow's Vague Language of Pop Morals

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Barkow starts off fighting mushy moral recitations with mushy moral recitations, when that strategy has already lost. Talking about vague "liberty" is pointless, when she specifically means detention, and her opponents have already decided to "trade liberty for safety" (detention for reduced crime). Which works when it's actually done, but isn't even what happened upon close analysis, just a popular cartoon. I honestly have no idea what much of Barkow's phrasing even means, other than a vague attempt to say (a vague blob called) "government" is doing something bad which is immoral. I only know that when you start out like this, you have already accepted the meaningless collective-mind mush that leads to unprofitable decisions, whether in incarceration or anything else.

"Our constitutional republic" is not "designed to put the brakes on government excess when it infringes on liberty." It's evolved to make decisions upon local information which decisions serve the preferences of others. Where the cost of discovering the local information and indexing it into lists of established preferences of strangers, is less than the profit from improved service of preferences. Terms like "government excess" are not

well defined and therefore not real debates. They're just sued to say "I don't like government doing something", and used to attach a moral color to whatever you're advocating when you have little idea what you're talking about. The problem is how to determine what is government excess and what isn't (what is unprofitable), other than by parroting.

The Bill of Rights doesn't go out "of their way to make it difficult for the state to impose punishment". It requires that knowledge be applied to information so that punishment decisions are made profitably, to make sure they serve social interests not myopic agendas. It goes "right in their way" to process the exact information that needs to be processed, to serve the interests of society not government officers. I don't "go out of my way" to go to work each day, I just go to work. Only when you accept the point of view of a crazy person, when you accept a dishonest premise about what you are supposedly doing, is what you are actually doing seen as off in left field.

Saying you should do some research before planting crops, isn't "going out of your way" to stop me planting crops. Figuring out the best crops to plant in a field isn't "made difficult" so that I don't plant crops. It's just that doing work analyzing information is how you make profitable decisions. Processing information isn't "made difficult" it just is difficult. And is cost-justified, at least at the same societal level where the legislation is written. Which usefulness of processing information to inform action the Bill of Rights recognizes. And therefore makes local actors delegates to process information on behalf of the interests of society, not their own agenda. (A USSR central planner would tell a farmer "You are required to process information, not produce garbage and lie to me.")

It should be obvious, that the purpose of jury trials is to sort between guilty and innocent, between dangerous and not cost-justified. And that the cost of sorting is profitable (at least to society in the long run), so as not to incur the unnecessary cost or loss-making investment of incarcerating an innocent person. But Barkow nowhere says that the purpose of jury trials is to separate between guilty and innocent and determine who

should be "viewed as threats". And that current processes aren't doing that, or that the debate is whether they are, and whether it is cost-justified to use better processes. Barkow never says that calculation, of comparing the cost of sorting to the resulting profit. Where society makes a profit from the sorting but local officials don't.

Quite the opposite, Barkow calls not sorting an "efficient" process. But a process that doesn't serve its primary function, which is to process information to make profitable decisions, can't be called "efficient". Because its job is not to produce political theater cheaply, it's to discriminate between guilty and innocent, and it's not discriminating efficiently. It's not discriminating at all and so spending human capital inefficiently, by declaring war on random nobodies. It's not processing information efficiently, it's more just not processing information at all. Because this is immediately profitable to the decision-maker and a loss to society.

Failing to process information, by not producing it and classifying it according to knowledge, is not "efficient". It is just measuring profits relative to a different set of preferences, a narrow local agenda that sees no immediate personal loss from incarcerating innocent people. And therefore no cost-justification for processing information to make a different decision that has no net profit to the person making it.

The private defense attorney is a delegate, to represent the interests of society. Society benefits when he makes sure the law is enforced, whether the defendant can afford this work or not. Our system of laws is not designed to help criminals get away with it. Society benefits from information being processed, even if the defendant can't afford that process. The public defender is "government", exercising "government power". But people act like the collective mind already processed the information for the prosecutor to make his choice, and the defendant just wants to use law and courts to stop what is good.

The adversarial goal of defendants makes it look like a preference dispute. But the defendant is coerced into helping produce information, coerced into being a gear in a

system to process information.

You're not trading between (someone's) liberty and (someone's) safety, until you have information what you're doing. Before that, you're trading between information-processing costs (to somebody) and improved-decision profits (to society). Only when you begin by thinking from the single vantage point of a collective mind starting with free information upon which it can choose policy outcomes, are you choosing to trade liberty for safety without choosing to spend money on information processing, because it's free. When in reality you are trading information-processing costs for local profit, and never discovering the decision that benefits society.

And insular local officers doing what the heck they want isn't "government power" or "voter power" or any kind of power except the power of (often psychopathic) local officers to serve their own agenda. It's certainly not the power of "the government" to trade liberty for security, because no fine weighing of social interests or fine-tuning of anything takes place.

Barkow continues her vague analysis, saying "anything that expands the power of the police will feed mass incarceration". No, anything that specifically finances and lets anyone lock up other people indiscriminately, in proportion as it doesn't immediately cost the decision-maker anything (and which is influenced by aggressive impulses and distorted social processes), will result in more people locked up unprofitably.

Police spending more money on investigations could result in fewer people in prison, if they are also sued when they are wrong. Anybody who has power with an incentive to destroy rather than use it profitably, will break things. It depends whether the power is used indiscriminately or sorts profitable actions. Police can use mass surveillance to save more puppies. The problem is they have little incentive to not use it to do unprofitable things.

But more specifically giving police "power" to obtain and look at information, and to petition for profitable penalties to more crimes, or simply more police finding more profitable opportunities by growing knowledge and the information it is measured against, might result in more or fewer people locked up for a shorter total time. Just as giving a farmer a research assistant and new computer-analysis tools would give him more "power" to produce more corn, but possibly at a lower cost in land, water and fertilizer.

Using all this power to obtain information and do whatever he wants, the farmer might have his eyes opened, that he will never make a profit planting anything in a particular field, or by even being a farmer at all. Requiring only that his "power" somehow be regulated with an incentive to use it profitably. There is nothing special about police, everyone causes harm and waste by acting myopically, and does this to others when spending other people's money.

And nor does police harassing random nobodies automatically increase "safety" at the vantage point of the aggregate social level, unless it's carefully balanced to not cause more harm than it prevents. It's not even accurate to say the person being locked up is having his liberty traded from his vantage point, for the safety of the person locking him up at that person's vantage point. Because even this safety measured at a local vantage point or social subset may be temporary, or myopically or incorrectly perceived. And it might result in more conflict for the same person or group in the long run.

But when you use collective-mind thinking, you can put the vantage point of "safety", and of whether information-processing is profit-justified, anywhere you want. This is done so fluidly and invisibly by people who hallucinate the collective mind, that they can't even tell what they're debating.

"Liberty" doesn't just (or even) mean not being in prison. It reflects the idea that there is something wrong with imagining a collective mind in large societies. But "liberty" doesn't

provide sufficiently detailed guidance of what to do or why. It doesn't mean letting everyone out of prison. It doesn't mean any person can walk across any land he wants.

The phrase "processing information toward the goal of the long-term survival of civilization (by delegating processing to independent distributed decision-making domains in responsive optimized patterns)" provides better guidance what the value is, and how serving the value can be translated into practical manifestations. Such as not imprisoning people unprofitably.

Not because being in prison doesn't serve human enjoyment or empathy. But for the simple reason that through whatever mechanism, it decreases the ability of society to conserve itself and grow. So that even if you see information-processing as a cancer that imprisons mankind in misery, Darwin will select it.

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g. Promoting A Conflated Mush of Morals, Enforcement, and Human Reason

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To promote her tax and policy outcome, Barkow says to (the social group of) Supreme Court justices "You ignored traditional process morals, and one religion says the outcome is bad."

Barkow does some rational analysis saying a policy outcome is bad ("mass incarceration"), which is still mostly a moral. And then says justices should have blindly followed process law because it's a traditional moral (warrants, jury trials). But really because this would create Barkow's preferred policy outcome.

Barkow tries to shame justices who present themselves in the (fake) costume of "originalism". But she's really trying to rationally promote a policy outcome. Where Barkow uses history, not logic, to give traditional process morals credibility.

But Barkow doesn't do much rational, rather than moral or empirical argument what

process does, and explanation why process is needed to fix the problem. Because to Barkow's mind, all process does is create a vague tax. And imposing it, will allow the social group with the wise policy, to reduce the ability of social group with the bad policy to enforce it (reduce the ability of vague "government power" to vaguely "thrive").

Following legislation (superficially) in a particular instance because you think it results in an enforcement pattern that makes rational policy sense, is not following legislation or traditional morals. It's writing legislation because it makes sense, copy-pasting the text, and then pretending legislators and morals, not judges under rational social influence by Barkow, decided the policy.

(Just like when judges say it's okay that process was invalid because the outcome is valid -- it's okay to violate process when someone is "obviously" guilty -- you are using a social gossip process, rather than formal process, as the actual determiner of guilt. We might use the same process for the FDA to approve drugs that obviously work.)

But when the collective-mind hallucination clouds the brain, it all becomes confused mush. Between "what we should do", and who actually does what and why.

Barkow provides a lot of facts to show that some Supreme Court cases were decided incorrectly, and that the policy outcome was bad. And ends up basically just saying "we" should want fewer people in prison as a good policy. And this would happen if we forced local actors to follow the morals of law, which rationally should lead to the outcome, though the exact details of why are unclear.

Barkow argues that criminal process is a moral, to create a profitable society. Where the moral will lead to a profitable society in some unspecified or vague way. More like a convenient coincidence; an empirical association observed from history, without a rational explanation of the connection. Rather than arguing for process as a rationally-designed unconscious machine to create individual profitable decisions in each case.

This ignores that the Supreme Court thinks this policy decision (of whom and how many people to put in prison) should not be addressed to Supreme Court's social group (or federal law), but to local voters (Gorsuch's "the collective wisdom the American people possess"). Everyone wants the right people in prison, but local voters are best situated to decide.

Barkow appeals to the vain rationality of judges to decide things under social influence. This makes it harder to argue that police or voters can't just do this also. Justices would tell Barkow, go talk to local police and voters in the political process.

The problem is that the Supreme Court thinks the local collective mind already makes profitable decisions in aggregate. But without any detailed analysis of how that happens in each specific case. In other words, thinking of the decision as a general policy, which the local collective mind somehow takes care of. Where local officers then "serve the public interest" without needing feedback from being sued.

Simply saying that she doesn't like the policy outcome and that the Supreme Court cases were decided wrong (which was legislation under social influence or political regulation rather than Constitutional amendment), is not intellectually sufficient to fix what the Supreme Court is thinking and doing; why they made their choice when they chose eliminating process (when they believe they have found better morals in their "chain of dependence" not needing legislation).

Whichever is true or whatever the right policy is, is a debate for legislators, and the experience of history. Which ends up being pointless, if at the end of it police can do whatever they want. And so process is necessary. But judges would say no, a collective mind takes care of all that, the middleman of legislation (or even judges) is unnecessary. The wisdom of what to do with criminals is cultural, passed on by oral tradition, not legislation.

Barkow's arguments on the profitable enforcement pattern, and who can decide that pattern, should be addressed to legislators. To tell judges in writing, what policy and process to use. But Barkow reflexively addresses her argument to the collective mind she perceives, which is judges under rational political regulation. By saying they should write or overturn case law, in a general policy of choosing not to search and incarcerate (innocent and low-risk) individuals

Barkow could a) address to legislators to tell judges in writing to enforce process morals, in rational pursuit of a policy outcome, and b) argue that judges should blindly follow law without trying to rationally choose enforcement patterns, because things generally get wrecked when they don't follow ritual judicial process morally required for unknown reasons. But that wouldn't work, because Barkow would still be telling legislators the morals of process, and that the local collective mind chooses a bad policy outcome. Not the reasons for process, which is that there is no collective mind.

The problem is neither side of Barkow's debate sees (or explains) process as a necessary or profitable information tool. Supreme Court justices imagine that the local collective mind can decide who is guilty. Barkow sees process as just a blunt tax on incarceration, and a way for the Supreme Court as a policy-maker to adjust macro outcomes wholesale. And reduce the number local actors choose.

(Justice Gorsuch sees it a similar way, where in a recent opinion he basically said the Supreme Court should choose to sort of generally slow down plea bargaining. And fill in the details along the way. Rather than specifically spend money to sort better between guilt and innocence and proportional punishments.)

Barkow's argument, is that A) police under supposedly low-cost or "efficient" political-feedback regulation don't produce a profitable policy (not that they can't make decisions that accurately serve their policy in each case). And therefore B) judges should make a

different policy decision about who or what process decides, to generally slow them down, and not C) that judges themselves cannot make good policy decisions, and so should blindly follow legislation or traditional morals (for unknown reasons). When the more powerful argument Barkow should be making, is for process as a local discriminator for profitable individual transactions resulting in a mass profitable policy.

Barkow needs to rationally argue to judges that (insular) local officers under (supposed) political regulation make unprofitable decisions. And so process is needed not to generally slow their roll, but to make them do more work making (finding) their decisions which benefit others.

With Barkow and judges both imagining a collective mind, neither Barkow nor judges see the rational reason, for using the process the morals of law creates, as the only way to achieve or enforce any profitable policy outcome. Why do we have jury trials? Because law and morals say so, and because the outcome is good. Not because we know the rational process reason, which we are mentally blocked from knowing when we imagine a collective-mind process where information is cheaper than it is and people are therefore more virtuous than they are.

So then Barkow is left falling back on morals ("presumption of innocence"), like "communism is bad". Rather than doing detailed examination of how to construct a decision-maker who decides in proportion to the actual profitability of the transaction, who pays a price for being wrong (better than "voters" whom Barkow characterizes as wrong).

Like vaguely saying "free markets" work well. But the problem is when you don't go into detail, the other side will argue "free police work well, whom voters affected by crime can choose to buy or sell".

Barkow devolves into random snippets about overturning cases and morals like "the

presumption of innocence". For lack of having much idea how anything but a collective mind can do things. It's about the physical locations of processes. But when you think there's a collective mind it's about policies or enforcement outcomes, and a lot of confused mush about how to get there.

So Barkow needs to argue against the very idea that a collective mind exists through unspecified social processes, even one regulating judges, and she can't. She sees no need to go to the legislature, or enforce legislation blindly as morals. Barkow is still working her way up the ladder trying to find a rational collective mind to talk to, that recognizes good policy and then inputs it into the system somehow, in individual cases. In this case by choosing to enforce the legislated morals of process law onto subordinate actors.

Barkow needs to not defend a policy outcome and therefore process-tax both as moral. She needs to rationally explain why process is what is needed to discover and enforce any beneficial (profitable to the survival of society) and therefore moral policy outcomes.

Barkow conflates fluidly back and forth between traditional morals, rational analysis, and enforcement process. Barkow conflates everything with everything, the process and the outcome, and the rationality of legislators, judges, police, and voters, the policy and enforcement of the policy and human reason of the collective mind. In a manner isomorphous with the redundancy and conflicts in the human brain. To take a more cosmic vantage point, and just say "this is a good policy, we should enforce it." Rather than argue the necessity of process absent a universal mind.

The reason why is that in the middle of Barkow's thinking and argument, it spontaneously collapses to a collective mind, what "we" should do. Where "we" are the decision-maker, changing aggregate incarceration in one decision.

So "we" should treat the entire system as a single test tube, and pour some out, or lower the temperature. Rather change or address in detail the selection structure and resulting

composition inside the test tube. And that is achieved by just bluntly pouring molasses into the machine, in the form of arbitrary process costs. Without much detail of what Barkow hopes to accomplish other than a millisecond of pointless reflection on the Supreme Court.

Because in this type of law debate on "what we should do", the collective mind is always an intellectual block to the more detailed analysis required.

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II. The Communist Mind of Justice Clarence Thomas

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People complain that Clarence Thomas changes law, to do things you don't like. But you never dispute the underlying beliefs, that make Thomas think he's doing the right thing.

Justices tell you their crazy economic beliefs right in their opinions, not citing any legislation. But their detractors seem to ignore feelgood interjections like "trust the people" as harmless, rather than being the cause of the problem. Probably because you share many of these same disastrous economic assumptions yourselves. So you argue with Thomas's twisted citations of legislation, but not with the crazy ideas that motivate what he's doing.

You might say something like (*in *Hunter v. United States*) "given that we did create appeals courts, common law doesn't stop them exercising jurisdiction if they want to". But this doesn't address why Thomas would want to say common law blocks legislation. Nobody ever addresses: Why would Thomas want to argue that common law stops us from creating new courts? Why does Thomas think courts and law don't work, and why does he not want them? What is Thomas wrong about?

(*People don't see the error which cases are really being decided based on. Thomas is never even forced to answer the right questions. So many people share Thomas's

assumptions, that they never even bring cases and arguments that would force him to do the right thing.)

So I will to explain to you, the underlying errors that lead to Justice Thomas's decisions.

A few years back I watched some trials where people got life without parole for crimes that didn't happen. These crimes existed only in imagination promoted by government. Convicting the innocent was not an accident, government employees knew they were lying.

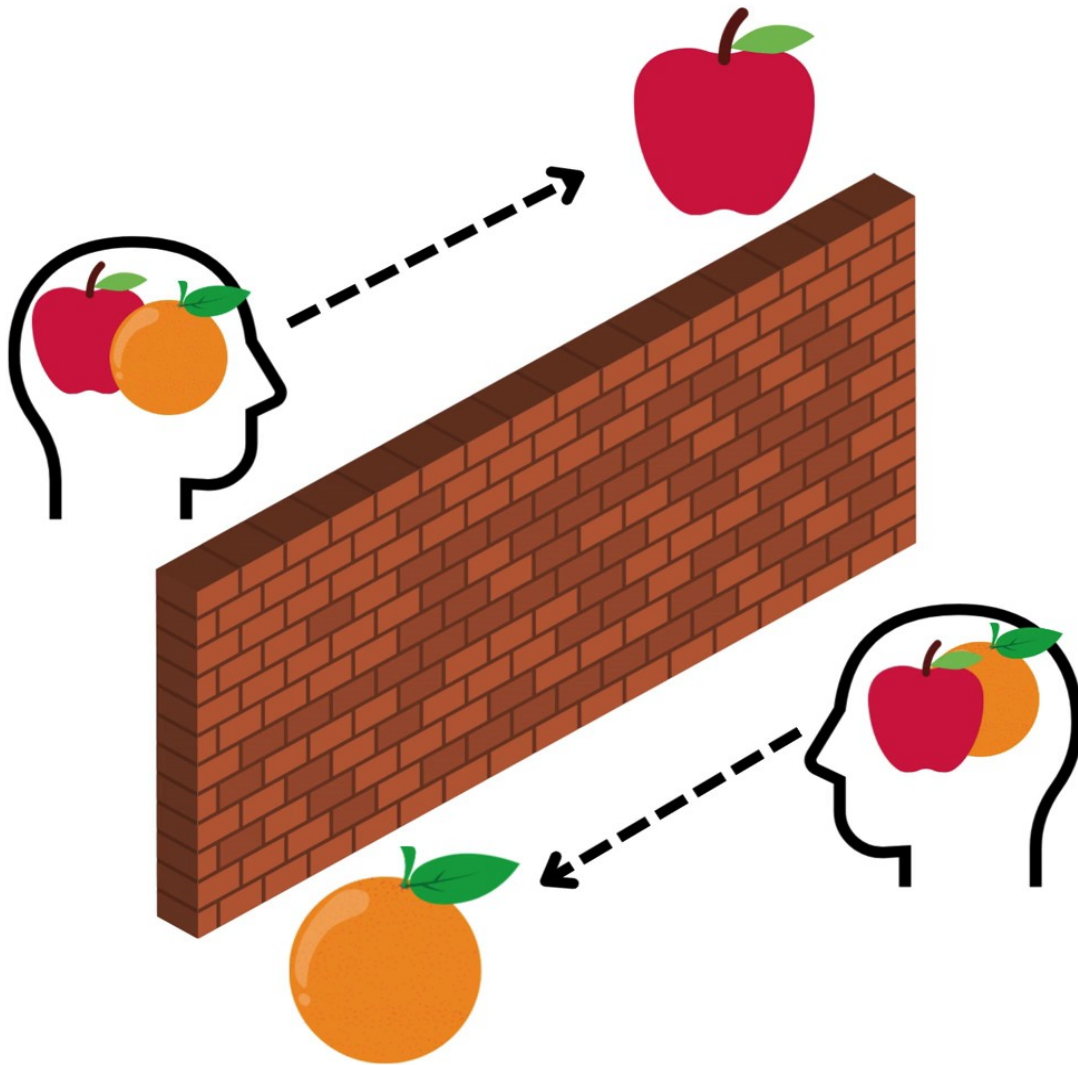
So I started researching: Why do justices like Clarence Thomas impose a system where people get life in prison based on lies?

(Why do Supreme Court justices support local-court lying to let cops do whatever they want, to give people life in prison for crimes that didn't even happen?)

I traced it all back to one thing: The tendency of the human brain to imagine two different people see the same thing.

(This primitive assumption is built into the human brain, and was only made inaccurate by the expansion of society from groups of 10 people to billions. Which strangers it is more useful to not harm, than people's instincts would tell them.)

When you begin by incorrectly imagining different people share a common vantage point more than they do - when you imagine that information is less fragmented than it is, which was sort of true in very primitive societies -- this leads logically to a cascade of incorrect assumptions, which Supreme Court justices force into law.



This mirage that there's a social pipeline of perfect information that does the same things as laws and courts for cheaper -- What Justice Gorsuch calls a "chain of dependence" in *Trump v. Slaughter* -- is a chain of logical errors.

Incorrect assumptions about what voters know, leads to incorrect assumptions about how government and business can be regulated to make good decisions. This leads to incorrect assumptions about the value added by courts and defendants, which then leads to the misguided policies legislated over law in Supreme Court decisions.

Cascade of Logical Errors from Initial "Collective" Hallucination

1. Voters can see everything, and know what government is doing and should do.

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2. This collective knowledge can directly supervise government activity through social influence and votes.

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3. The quality of executive-branch decisions resulting from this regulation is better and less corrupted than courts and law, basically for free.

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4. Therefore, courts, defendants, and appeals don't add any value to social decisions to harm people, only corrupt the decisions and add costs.

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5. These incorrect beliefs are legislated into policy with case decisions that minimize criminal process, and protect harms to individuals against courts.

a. The Collective Mind is All-Knowing

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When you begin by assuming different people see the same things, this leads to assuming voters already know all the information that courts are supposed to bring in, starting with laws themselves. The first error in the cascade, is vaguely conflating the preferences of voters and government officials, and those written in laws, as all being the same thing.

1) Voters generally know what police should be doing in different situations, without it being written down anywhere.

2) What social groups want done to murderers and what the law says to do, will generally be the same thing.

Obvious questions should show the flaws in this:

If people inherently know what law should do, then why do we need to write it out? Do we really not need legislators to debate laws, and history to test them, to find out what laws are beneficial? Can the average person see in his mind, all that history and debate?

Justices don't see the flaws because they never openly state their beliefs as a complete logical order. Justices vaguely imply their assumptions and logic in the outcomes they prefer. Then find a way to mash those results over law at every opportunity using sophistry, not honest logic. From not understanding what law does, when their intuition implies law and courts aren't needed and can be replaced with informal social processes.

Justices don't directly say "people know what government actions are beneficial, without needing written law to tell them". But here are some examples showing justices assume this.

In *City of Grants Pass*, Gorsuch said: "federal judges cannot begin to match the collective wisdom the American people possess". This means the man on the street is wiser than the Constitution.

In *Hunter v. United States*, Thomas said "The Government even notes that it can decline to enforce waivers if an egregious injustice occurs." This means the whims of local officials know what justice is, as well as or better than written standards.

You might note that this sounds like Thomas is advocating for so-called "Soros prosecutors" who let murderers go. But Thomas has a trick for detecting what "the people" really want, not even coming from local officials or votes, which I will get to.

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b. Communist Instinct for Direct Democracy

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The next logical error, is to assume since everyone knows everything, voters not only know what police should be doing in general, but what criminals did and so what police

should do in each individual case. And can somehow directly supervise police to do these things through occasional elections.

Since everyone knows everything, of course cops will know the right thing to do in each case as well as voters. And officials will lose elections if cops do the wrong thing. So cops will do the right thing out of fear of all-knowing voters, coming to harm them through Gorsuch's "chain of dependence". Social influence can regulate criminal justice.

3) Everyone in a town can see what every accused criminal did, and what police are doing.

4) Social groups who influence police action are a single mind of the whole community, rather than corrupt insiders.

Do justices really think people can see not only what law should do, but what criminals did, and what police are doing, and supervise it by voting?

(*This is the "unitary executive theory", that voters can see what government employees are doing, and supervise it through elections. Do justices really believe that by picking a President every four years, voters can see and supervise what every government employee from the FTC to local FBI agents are doing?)

Justice Thomas begins his opinion in *Hunter v. United States*, by confidently saying "Hunter deceived others to make himself nearly half-a-million dollars." Thomas didn't say "Hunter probably did this, but we can't afford to find out for sure. And if anyone knows otherwise, we threatened the defendant to seal his lips from ever saying so."

When lawyers and their clients are threatened to take plea bargains to save money, that's not the same as the facts being undisputed. (*Plea bargains might imply true facts if the sentence with and without a plea bargain was the same, lawyers got paid by the hour, and the defendant was out on bond.)

By confidently believing facts which he's not witness to and which were never proved at trial, but which facts he and everyone else are assumed to know, Thomas implies jury trials are irrational. Because the same information is produced and utilized without them, for cheaper.

(*According to this logic, government influencing witnesses doesn't produce lies. Because the influence is shaped by the truth, which everyone already knows.)

You might ask Thomas: If judges already knows what the case facts are and can act on them -- if everyone knows what the facts are -- then why do we have jury trials?

The worst offender in this area is Antonin Scalia, who assumes the collective mind of the community knows who is guilty. And so voters will know when police lie and convict the innocent. And will punish them politically for it. Rather than reward them. Scalia says in *Hudson v. Michigan* that "extant factors" of politics will regulate police to follow the law without courts needing to.

You might ask Scalia: If voters know who is guilty and can make sure police get the right result (*rather than in reality making sure police get the wrong result), then is there any reason for a jury trial? Other than God says so?

Justices would say we have rights out of selfishness, to protect us in case bad people tried to do something to us. But also say that as a practical matter that doesn't happen, because all actual government employees are monitored by voters to make sure they do good. (*Scalia says the legal community's "attitude" has changed, and police have become more "professional".)

The reason we have jury trials, is because law knows the beneficial action. And voters can't know the facts in every case. Jury trials make sure local insiders follow the law,

rather that do what they think is right based on gossip. Formal process is like a two-key system to make sure local police only launch missiles, when the law says they are supposed to launch missiles.

But if you begin by assuming social groups know facts and law better than courts, then these archaic fail-safes only exist for when government is bad, which isn't the case. Process rights required by God don't have any practical value in the present situation. And so rights are replaced by voters in a utopian "unitary executive" theory of direct democracy.

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c. Reversing History by Removing Courts

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This first error of believing voters are all-seeing and form a collective mind with government employees as their hands, logically leads to the next error: Courts add no value, to social decisions to harm people. Only cost and corruption.

Thomas makes clear he really believes courts don't work, and law adds no value, in *Hunter v. United States*. When he says "I also disagree with the assumption that the problem of possibly erroneous trial courts can only be solved by possibly erroneous appellate judges."

You might ask Thomas: Why does Thomas assume the negotiated local agenda, in this case to medicate someone, is always more virtuous than courts?

Thomas doesn't elaborate in *Hunter v. United States*, that voters, or the President, know which defendants should be given medical treatment rather than prison. And so voters and the President can discover when the agreement negotiated in private by local actors, is harmful. Without needing and better than judicial review.

If Thomas did state the full chain of reasoning, that executives being smarter than courts

comes from direct regulation by voters, some obvious questions should show the flaws:

Where do voters get case facts? From police? Do criminal defendants tell voters the facts in the town square? How many cases can any voter know the details of? Even one case?

How will voters or party experts know the medicine is wrong? And will they choose a different President and thereby prevent or fix the error?

Arguing gossip about cases in the street, or even at a political party headquarters, even if thorough, is pointless. The only way voters can benefit from the facts, and decide if the medicine is wrong, and the only way the outcome can directly be changed, is if the defendant says the facts in court. Which court then gives direct orders to government employees.

We give prosecutors and defendants standing in court, only because they represent society's interests that law be enforced, which voters cannot do. Prosecutors and defendants represent society's interests (as delegates), by producing information and demanding law be enforced, when doing so dovetails with their own interests. So that every voter doesn't have to do this in every case.

A plea bargain waiving an appeal is not a contract between two private parties in which society is not a party and has no interest, as Thomas argues in *Hunter v. United States*. Society has an interest in both sides of the contract. The defendant negotiates on behalf of society. Society is then harmed by the defendant's negligence.

You might ask Thomas: Do voters benefit from defense lawyers making sure that law is enforced rather than local whims?

Do defense lawyers provide facts and make arguments, so that every political party doesn't have to call their own witnesses and hold their own trial?

This is just another version of: Does society benefit from law being enforced, or from local social groups doing what they want? Were courts ever useful in the first place?

Thomas would say no, law is worthless. Not openly, but he implies this, when he says in *Hunter v. United States* "I see no basis for excusing Hunter from his appeal waiver."

This implies that judicial review only ever benefits Hunter and harms society. Does Thomas see any basis for courts exercising their jurisdiction, despite the defendant being threatened to not ask for it?

You're not excusing Hunter, you're protecting "the people" by making local officers follow the law. Law is not for Hunter's benefit, but for society's benefit to make sure local government enforces law, rather than their own whims. Society wants to protect Hunter from irrational harm, because society benefits from this. But needs it done without butchers and bakers having to micromanage every case.

If a defendant or local attorney waives society's interests that facts be discovered and verified and that law be enforced -- often under pressure of local agendas, sometimes against true facts even being discovered -- an appeal can help society recover their interests.

Does society benefit from defense lawyers using courts to appeal and review, decisions that aren't supported by established standards? Rather than raising them in the town square? Yes. We need defendants to appeal decisions to courts on behalf of voters, because direct appeals to voters don't actually exist, for being logistically impractical.

Thomas is basically saying "Voters knowing everything is logistically practical. So I see no basis for society ever using courts and relying on the self-interest of defendants, to make sure local power dynamics didn't produce an outcome brazenly violating society's

interests."

Thomas implies that courts scrutinizing facts, and increasing the likelihood local officers followed law, harms society and only benefits defendants.

Legislation says what society likes. And it's possible for defendants and society to like the same thing, and for police to dislike it, that being the law. Hunter is representing society's interests, by bringing his own interest to the attention of courts. Society benefits from law being enforced, even when the defendant likes it and the prosecutor opposes it.

But Thomas gets confused what society's interests are, because of who wants it, and based on whether they are represented in evil courts, or by virtuous social forces. And by thinking facts are known without trials.

Thomas implies that society has no interest in government scrutinizing facts and following law, only defendants do. Because wise voters can tell police what to do in each case using direct democracy, or because local officials are wiser than legislation.

This is helped by imagining that what local people want, and the law, are the same thing. And by imagining that case facts are known socially, without trials needing to produce them. So that local social decisions will enforce law, without needing the pointless process of courts.

If you start with some hippie hallucination that social groups are all-seeing, then whether government actions are beneficial is determined by whether government actions have social support.

But if you realize the reality that each person is trapped with only his own local information, then whether government actions are beneficial is determined by whether they follow the law. Which can only be determined by costly layers of review, producing

information and using formal process in court.

Thomas never openly says "courts don't work, informal social processes are better, because information is basically free outside court, and people are wise". But in *Hunter v. United States*, Thomas shows that he really thinks courts just make things worse by stopping social decisions to harm people. By saying "There were no criminal appeals for over 100 years of American history, and our legal system did not descend into chaos."

When Thomas says government is evil, he doesn't mean executive-branch whims controlled by social factions. He means courts opposing these social currents. (*At least in criminal justice. Courts opposing social currents to protect business is a gravy train for Thomas's lawyer friends).

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d. Writing Communism Over Law

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So how do justices turn these bad economic assumptions, into bad policy written in bad case decisions? There are two problems,

1) The Constitution doesn't say social processes rather than juries should decide case outcomes.

2) Even if it did, there's never actually a vote on what should happen in each case.

The initial assumption that voters see everything, leads logically to a policy that social whims should be protected from courts. But implementing this policy in actual case decisions has a problem. Courts don't know what voters actually want, because the whole idea of voters seeing everything and supervising government through elections, was nonsense to begin with.

When there was never a jury trial, not even judges know the facts, and certainly voters don't. And there was certainly never an election where voters said what outcome they

wanted in a specific case, using direct democracy.

It's easy for Thomas to say that if local voters vote to smoke weed, then local people must want to smoke weed. But when the defendant in *Hunter v. United States* is being forced to take medication, it becomes less clear. How can Thomas detect if force-medicating Hunter was some populist will, or just a local negotiation that isn't what voters actually want? What if the prosecutor who let Hunter off was a Soros prosecutor, and the medicine is magic mushrooms? What if in a case like *Glossip v. Oklahoma*, the elected state attorney general wants the defendant to be freed, and only a court wants to stop this?

The way Thomas resolves this, is by assuming harms to individuals are good. If the defendant doesn't want something -- if Hunter doesn't want it -- then it must be harmful. And therefore it must be good, and the only thing better would be more harm.

Since government doesn't need to ask courts to not harm people (and individuals don't usually petition courts to make government imprison people), and individuals only petition to courts when it aligns with their own interests, (and government has already asked a lower court to harm someone and lower courts usually let them) then the average case that makes it up to appeals courts for Thomas to see it, is individuals asking to not be harmed.

Since the typical or average appeal asks Thomas to worsen social decisions by reducing harm to individuals, the general remedy or policy Thomas discovers -- the habit that works in most cases -- is protecting harm to individuals from courts. Harm to individuals is assumed out of habit, to be the proxy for the social will that is superior to any court or law. When voters never actually voted. And this trick can even overcome Soros prosecutors who don't want harm.

Why does Thomas want Richard Glossip to get the death penalty, or Munson Hunter to

take medicine? Where does his belief in the virtue of these things come from, given the only witness against Glossip was a coerced liar, and Munson Hunter was threatened to prevent the facts ever being examined?

This is where we get into a very peculiar trick, of simply imagining that harms to individuals by government represent the popular will. Without needing to show in detail, how voters learned what the defendant did, or when voters indicated they wanted to harm him. (Except the general idea that law stops people harming strangers as much as they would instinctively prefer. So because someone is a stranger, it's a fair bet they would like to harm him. Though not necessarily give him medicine.)

Absent being able to provide hard details of the "chain of dependence", justices just assume any harm to individuals by government must be at the end of them. The fact that something is harmful, produces a sort of objective measure that it's moral, creating a theater of something decided independent of any analysis by judges, where the judge simply protects or lets stand this independent will.

Thomas says you should like this harm because the defendant doesn't and therefore it is justice. And so that means local negotiations that anyone complains about are always just (since the state doesn't need to appeal harms), so we should stop lower courts from stopping these harms to individuals.

Even to the point of the victim's family - private individuals - being given unusual standing to oppose Glossip in court. Because they want to harm Glossip, and therefore are presumed to represent society, more so than the Oklahoma attorney general or legislators who oppose the harm.

Victim's families don't have standing, harm to individuals does. And so Thomas gives standing to random people, and takes it away from defendants, as delegates to represent society's interests, which is harm to individuals.

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e. Thomas at a Loss for Words in *Hunter v. United States*

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This still leaves the problem that even though Thomas has figured out what outcome is virtuous without needing votes or laws, the Constitution doesn't say courts don't work and so harms should be protected from them. So what can Thomas actually say in a case like *Hunter v. United States*?

Thomas can't state his true argument, that voters know everything, when there's no evidence any voter even knows what medicine Hunter will be forced to take. The medicine that cures bank fraud has been hidden from voters.

And Thomas can't blather about how society's interests in "justice" and "finality" can only be obtained by plea bargains excluding appellate review. Because he will also complain that Hunter got only 2% of the legislated sentence based on the socially-known facts. And there's little evidence either voters or crime victims like medicine as a form of justice.

Thomas has figured out a way around that to figure out what justice is, by just assuming anything appellants complain about is a harm, which therefore must be what the imaginary collective will of society wants. But Thomas can't put that in his opinion either.

So how does Thomas make his argument? Other than the belief that local prosecutors are virtuous, and anything the defendant doesn't want must be good, which have little to do with either voters or law.

Thomas will sort of imply that justices should judge Hunter's specific plea deal as good. As evidence local decisions are flawless and lower-court appeals judges don't know what justice is. For lack of being able to make his real legal argument, that court jurisdiction is

always harmful. So Thomas is saying we can't review it, and our reviewing it as good is evidence that we shouldn't.

First let's be clear: There's little reason to think Hunter's plea bargain is so perfect that courts could never improve on it. Or that forcing Hunter to take medication benefits society.

Thomas says: "Hunter received a 51-month prison term... less than 2% of the prison time to which the indictment exposed him". Thomas thereby invents some sort of exchange rate between prison and medicine, based on nothing more than Hunter disliking both and Thomas disliking appeals.

But Hunter not going to prison, doesn't automatically mean forced medication is in the interests of society, or that appellate review is harmful.

If local officers cheated Congress out of the correct sentence, that's not justification to cheat Congress even more with an incorrect one. If Thomas thinks the case should go to trial because the prison is too little, that can't be cured by another inappropriate sentence. Hunter not liking medicine, doesn't guarantee it is a valid punishment.

The local parties would have done almost anything to avoid either a long trial maybe proving Hunter was innocent of many of the charges, or a 50-times-longer sentence if he was found guilty. Hunter was compelled to testify as witness against himself. The outcome can be best summarized as we have no idea what is true because we think spending money to enforce law isn't worth the money. So let's force this guy to take some medicine as some sort of theater of a management strategy. And the only thing we have making it valid and immunizing it, is that the prosecutor knows right from wrong better than lower courts and Hunter doesn't like it.

Since Hunter never took medication before, there's little evidence of whatever benefit the

medicine is theoretically supposed to provide. It's likely the crime victims don't like Hunter's sentence. If the crime victims came to the court like in Glossip, and disliked the medication while the defendant liked it, Thomas would call the same medicine a hokey theory of rehabilitation.

But Thomas thinks the whole idea is to just harm people as much as we can, and replace law with local decisions, despite God irrationally roadblocking us.

You might ask Thomas: Why does Thomas assume the negotiated local agenda, in this case to medicate someone, is always more virtuous than courts?

Thomas implies society gave up the prison sentence we have a right to (*a right to threaten Hunter with), in exchange for Hunter giving up something he has a right to which is of no use to society, appellate review. Formal process and appellate review is such a huge irrational cost to society, which only creates arbitrary harms and benefits Hunter, that we gave up 98% of the benefit available to society, to save society from the harm of court process. Court process is itself 98% as harmful, as Hunter's crimes plus future crimes resulting from the reduced deterrence.

When in reality, the idea that Hunter only received 2% of the prison law calls for, should be a red flag calling into question the whims of local actors. This makes it extremely likely Hunter waived society's interests, and even accepted lies, out of self-interest to reduce his own risk. And for his lawyer to reduce his own work, and horse-trade local agendas. This makes it likely that the local judge and prosecutor are just lazy, rather than that they produced any kind of truth. So that all the local actors waived society's interest in finding fact and enforcing appropriate sentences, in favor of their own interests.

And given how little discussion there is of what any medicine is even supposed to do, makes it more likely that it is just negligent copy-pasted fluff.

We may have just coerced an innocent person to go to prison and maybe be randomly medicated, at the same time as reducing deterrent to actual criminals. Not in exchange to save a few hundred thousand in trial costs. But to save a fraction of that in occasional appellate review. Which review cost is always larger than the largest harm it could mitigate. Not even a trial by judge, but in this case just a sentence by judge, is harmful.

Do legislators write inappropriate sentences, to coerce defendants to abandon the interests of God in irrational process (*evil government in the form of courts), and instead go along with local whims which are always better? Is the purpose of legislated sentences just to threaten defendants, to get them to do something more virtuous?

The purpose of plea bargains is to save money -- while gambling that some of society's legislated interests are met. Not to let prosecutors substitute their own whims for legislated punishments. Trial courts saving money, and the whims of local social groups being superior to law, are two different things. Hunter being medicated, is not guaranteed to benefit society just because he doesn't like it.

Thomas implies the facts, and the best available sentence, are already guaranteed to be enforced, by the whim of the executive branch imposed under threats. Without needing a jury trial or appellate review. Because the prosecutor is being watched by voters, who know the facts and the appropriate sentence, and will micromanage his activity through elections. Or close enough, that appellate review can never offer any cost-justified improvement.

Because courts add nothing when you assume local people are wise, virtuous, and informed. Because the history of laws and the facts of crimes are visible to their minds or decisions. And implied in their votes.

Thomas says courts don't work in general, in *Hunter v. United States*. And therefore

shouldn't have jurisdiction to judge plea bargains. Without citing law that says defendants can deprive appeals courts of all jurisdiction. Thomas is forced to argue why courts shouldn't have jurisdiction according to his beliefs. Which in this case would be because voters will know if Hunter's medicine is wrong, and elect a new President.

But instead of stating these true arguments that people know everything, when literally no voter even knows what medicine Hunter was forced to take, simple insinuations that Hunter is guilty and must suffer -- non sequitur nonsense arguments -- will support the unstated assumptions, that this local social process produces such virtuous outcomes that no improvement can ever be discovered on review, not even spending 1 cent on review to discover the most egregious nonsense.

Thomas just doesn't like courts, because he is bad at economics, a communist. But because these beliefs aren't clearly articulated -- they would be nonsensical if they were -- Thomas instead seems to start judging the merits of the plea bargain, and saying why courts should like harming Hunter, instead of that they shouldn't think about it. Rather than articulating his actual rule, which is that voters will know if medicating Hunter is virtuous.

Thomas's actual case details and arguments are a non sequitur to his top-line reasoning that courts don't work. Thomas's given reason that we should harm Hunter -- because he actually got out of a much bigger sentence (which is generally true with plea bargains) -- doesn't prove Thomas's other statements, that courts basically don't work. Which is only supported by the argument that voters are all-knowing, not that courts need to punish Hunter because of what we know.

Thomas doesn't lead his opinion with common law and contract law, or any law, because he can't. He leads with Hunter stole money and deserves to be harmed. This is silent on the jurisdiction of courts. And proving to his fellow justices that Hunter is bad, doesn't prove Thomas's real topline argument that courts don't work. All Thomas's arguments on

case specifics are silent on the discretionary jurisdiction of appeals courts, created by legislators long after common law was replaced and ceased to function.

Thomas pretty much just throws away the idea of courts and says let's settle this with a social process right here. Thomas says we know Hunter stole money and could have gotten a longer sentence, so to be fair we should at least get something Hunter doesn't like. And this proves local social forces produce decisions which are more virtuous than courts and law overturning things defendants complain about. Thomas will argue against court jurisdiction by arguing this plea bargain is good, because it is shorter than the legislated sentence for social facts, and because the appellant dislikes it, which is always true.

The logic that something the defendant dislikes is virtuous because law calls for a longer sentence, will be true in every case. Since only defendants need courts to stop harms, and they only take plea bargains if the sentence is lower than the risk. This logic substitutes for and even contradicts Thomas's real belief, which is supposed to be that judges don't know what is just and virtuous, only voters do. And therefore there should be no point in judges even looking at legislated sentences. By which exercise Thomas implies laws and judges know the right outcome, even though they can't know if Hunter was coerced to do something amoral.

Thomas implies that his fellow justices can participate in this social judgment of the virtue of Hunter's plea bargain. As long as it is just a reflex to harm him. Not as judges, but to use the virtue of not overturning the local decision because it is harmful because Hunter doesn't like it, as an argument to deny jurisdiction to judges in favor of social decisions. Because even though judges and prosecutors both know socially what the facts are and the right thing to do is, only prosecutors are in the "chain of dependence".

Thomas says judges should judge Hunter's plea bargain with medication as being more virtuous than without medication. And in doing so realize that the chain of dependence

works. Because even though it is only 2% of the sentence Hunter could have gotten, Hunter only complained because he considers medication a harm. Which is a good proxy for the popular will absent voting. So there can never be any benefit expected from the first cent spent reviewing this on appeal.

This may begin to sound mushy and confused. But if Thomas's logic was clear and honest, he would not mention what he thinks Hunter did or what the legislated sentence is. Only that common law stops legislation, and courts become obsolete over time, because voters know everything.

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f. Backfilling the Decision with Fake Law

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Finally in search of an actual law that says law is harmful and society has no interest in it, Thomas invents one law and misapplies another. Thomas cites common law and contract law, to attempt to deny society's interest in law being enforced through judicial review. Again because Thomas can't make his real economic argument, that courts aren't beneficial, because people are psychic.

Thomas cites common law as not adding judicial review. But the exact opposite is true, common law did add courts in the past, did increase judicial review, and society benefited from it. The common-law assumption that judicial review expands and subdivides with society, is implicit. Certainly people who enjoyed the benefits of common law evolution, would not consent to losing such benefits by using a legislature.

Thomas could cite a time when there were no courts at all, as usefully as citing a time when there were no appeals courts. The fact that common law went from having no courts to having courts, implies that common law went from having no appeals courts to having appeals courts. Just because appeals courts were written by legislators, doesn't mean common law wasn't also implicitly updated, or didn't implicitly continue its trajectory of adding courts. In a way that people originally consented to.

Thomas says history doesn't support there being appeals courts, when the opposite is true. History justifies appeals courts as much as trial courts, despite there being a time when there was neither. History does not support society giving up this interest in enforcement of law, where society is the real party to the defendant's side of the plea contract. Not any more than history supports that society benefits, from defendants being coerced to confess and giving up jury trials entirely.

Thomas's argument would be accurate, if history started with courts, and common law progressively removed them. And if society started with an interest in law being applied to strangers, but this went away, leaving only individuals benefiting from not being harmed. But the opposite is true for both. Common law supports adding courts. Not removing them and returning to social governance, by the dominant local faction through plea bargains. Does Thomas want to replace law with local private contracts under threat of the powerful, as in a state of nature?

The standardized use of appeals courts preceded the standardized use of plea bargains. Common law and legislation supported society verifying their interests with courts, before Thomas supported abandoning them with plea bargains, and abandoning law as solely of interest to defendants and not to society. Without legislation to do so. Does some crap approved by local judges and their cronies still override the legislature, long after the Constitution?

A feature of common law is that it improved and expanded over time. That feature was improved by legislators rather than judges codifying the improvements. Thomas wants to say we can't have anyone write law now, law can no longer improve. Rather than saying the manner in which law changes is improved with legislation, Thomas says the ability of law to improve has ceased to function the moment the Constitution implemented a legislature. Would a Constitutional amendment saying "appeals courts will consider appeals" have any effect on Thomas's fake logic?

Why does law have to be written by judges, for it to eventually become part of changes to common law? And if it does have to be written by judges, than why would we switch to legislators and lose our ability to improve law? Why would legislators write a Constitution that gets rid of law-writing judges, and replaces them with a legislature, with the result that law can no longer be written and improved either by judges or a legislature? How long does legislation have to be in effect, before legislators can improve on what judges invented, long after judges stopped inventing?

How can something written by legislators (the Constitution), to codify using a legislature instead of judges, make things previously written by judges more powerful relative to new laws, than if new laws were written by judges instead of legislators? Old law written by judges was never meant to last longer and be stronger simply because subsequent laws were written by legislators. So that legislation never becomes precedent and is weaker than obsolete common law, despite common law losing its basic functionality upon being replaced with legislation.

Underlying Thomas's logic, is that process rights benefit individuals and harm society. And that nobody consented to this harm created by legislating appeals courts. That what the Founders consented to, was an executive branch bill of rights representing the collective mind, not to costly processes determining profitable activity. Thomas misconstrues the entire purpose of law, as being to stop anything but the collective mind functioning. We didn't consent to replacing the collective mind with process!

What the Founders would actually have to consent to, is the improvement of process being halted. Or process created by the legislature being blocked, or negotiated away by local parties pursuing their own agendas.

Why would we switch to legislators, if the last thing judges said a long time ago are going to block legislators from doing anything? Why did common law stop changing, at what

exact moment did it stop changing, and what is the common-law justification for halting common law's most important feature, that it changed over time? Doesn't common lose all its usefulness, its very nature, when it stops changing?

The US Constitution did not forfeit the ability to update law and add courts. It's simply impossible that old habits prior to our Founding, can tell us more than actual legislation. And block the ability of appeals courts to have jurisdiction, or force judges to block appeals court jurisdiction after legislators created it. Or let local whims choose when to stiff-arm appeals courts.

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g. Thomas Replaces Law with Communism

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Courts and businesses solve the problem that there is no psychic collective mind that knows what everybody should be doing, and can directly monitor and supervise it. Courts create a hard actual chain of dependence, from preferences to local actions. The goal of courts is to achieve as much compliance with law as possible. Up to the point when the last dollar spent verifying compliance in one case, would obtain more compliance-improvement spent in another case, or more preference-service spent in some other endeavor.

How does Thomas turn that into the first dollar spent on courts worsens outcomes compared to those decided by local power, agendas, and social influence? Thomas does this by assuming preferences of local actors are the same as law or even more virtuous, and facts known by local actors are the same as or better than those produced by formal process. While courts not only know less fact by coming from a worse vantage point, but also don't improve outcomes by preferring law, and insert their own agenda other than law even worse than local actors.

The Constitution doesn't say anywhere that social influence creates beneficial case decisions in criminal-justice. It says juries enforcing laws does. The only problem is that

jury trials aren't always immediately practical. It's true that sometimes spending money on cops asking courts before acting - in decisions which are too urgent, local, numerous, or esoteric -- worsens the decisions. Legislation therefore says you don't have to ask courts when it's impractical, such as in Fourth Amendment activity. But wherever possible, primitive kibbutzes are replaced with courts and laws.

Justices replace legislation reflecting this practicality-tradeoff problem, with legislation based on assuming that the psychic collective mind exists for free. And so social influence is always more practical than courts, always creates more beneficial criminal-justice outcomes at less cost. And that adding law and judicial review always harm's society's interests.

And that this is somehow supported by common law, despite a clear history of courts being added to enforce law, before coerced plea bargains took them away. Where defendants are delegates representing society's interests that law be enforced. Before courts were removed by judges and their cronies, based on this economic theory that social influence not courts create beneficial criminal-justice outcomes. This communist theory, is not the common-law tradition of adding courts and progressively subdividing jurisdiction as society grows

Once you assume some collective mind has the knowledge of what criminals did and what government should do in each case, then the goal of police and judges is to overcome these costly, arbitrary, and unnecessary process roadblocks, to do what we know is right.

In the abstract, without considering a specific case, the policy is easy. Just minimize criminal process, let police do what they want. Police are assumed to do what local social groups want them to do, without court meddling.

The weakness in turning this ideal of courts always protecting the decision of the social collective, into actual court decisions in specific cases, is that this imagined consensus

never existed in the first place. Voters never voted on a case outcome (not in like 3,000 years). So where do we find the tea leaves that tell us what this imaginary social decision is? Is it always represented by what the prosecutor wants? What if the prosecutor wants to let the defendant go?

This is solved by courts just sticking the maximum harm to defendants in there, as a proxy for what voters are assumed to want, and what courts need to protect against courts and law.

In this view, social decisions to harm people are always beneficial, courts are just a cost that make things worse. And it is only defendants that benefit from law being enforced, not society. Only defendants benefit from stopping police harming people whenever they want. Society benefits from protecting these virtuous social decisions to harm people, against courts.

So as general rule if defendants don't want it, it must be a harm. And if it is a harm, we must protect it from courts. Even if, as in a case like *Glossip v. Oklahoma*, the prosecutor doesn't want the harm, and even legislators are against it.

In that case, Justice Thomas gave standing to private citizens as proxies, to represent the imagined societal interest in harming an individual, to protect the harm using whatever legal gymnastics necessary. Suddenly appellate review is useful, to protect harms against lower courts and even elected officials. This is totally uncorrelated to making sure local actors enforce law. Much less "deference" to juries, as law requires.

Once you assume that courts add no value because social decisions are always better for cheaper, judges always decide that law doesn't call for criminal process. And that harms to individuals should be protected when they do come to courts, as a proxy for voters actually voting for what they want.

Justices turn their beliefs into two practical policies that can be implemented in case decisions:

- 1) minimize criminal process
- 2) protect harm afterwards

The next problem is law doesn't support this policy, and nor can economic arguments when voters neither know case details nor supervise outcomes with their votes.

So absent justices being able to articulate rigorous legal or logical analysis -- for such analysis being nonsensical -- justices rarely elaborate on the real reason why they choose case outcomes. Which is just serving their vague instincts that courts are less moral than social perceptions.

Justices more often rhetorically justify the decision their misconceptions justify, by referring to a time in history when smaller populations and fewer voters made vantage points less fragmented, a time when the incorrect economic assumption of justices was less and more recently inaccurate.

So Justice Thomas turns the philosophy that voters are all-knowing and courts are useless, into a reflex policy of always minimize criminal process, and protect harms to individuals against courts. Then legal arguments are back-filled to finagle this outcome. Often by pointing to ancient times as "common law", frozen when society was groups of 10 people who all knew everything there was to know. And harming outsiders was all benefit and no cost, by leaving more woolly mammoth for you.

Thomas is nudged by a primitive impulse, into a luddite Marxist belief that more courts makes things worse and everything can be decided by local social groups in a kibbutz. Which not even uncontacted tribes do. Thomas has a vague perception that social groups are virtuous, and can decide things. Thomas's ideas are primitive and undeveloped

impulses, that cannot be clearly articulated or stand up to detailed analysis.

But Justices Sotomayor and Jackson never write in their disagreements with these communists, that there's no "chain of dependence", that it doesn't exist because it's economically unrealistic. Which is what courts and laws exist to solve. People who disagree with Thomas never say that the American people don't possess "collective wisdom" except written in law, certainly not superior to the Constitution.

In *City of Grants Pass*, Sotomayor says "No one contests that States, cities, and counties could benefit from this Court's guidance." But that is exactly what Gorsuch contested. Not with "sleight of hand" but directly saying this. Gorsuch said that some collective mind of voters produces more virtuous results than federal law enforced by federal courts.

The 8th Amendment is a beneficial policy, possessed by the American people in the only way it can be possessed: a written record. The American people know violating the 8th Amendment is bad policy. The way they know it, is by writing it in the Constitution. Gorsuch is denying the American people the benefit of their greatest possession, in favor of a communist mirage.

Thomas's opponents are not even trying to get Thomas to change his mind off his crazy communist nonsense. And that gives Thomas smug confidence in his case decisions. Despite the legal logic being garbage, and innocent people sitting in prison.

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III. Google Gemini on how Thomas Sowell is the Smuggest Marxist in America

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a. AI Prompt for Comment and Analysis of Thomas Sowell:

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There's a difference between knowledge, such as how to grow corn, and information, such

as how much rain fell here today. Domain knowledge like farming knows patterns. That knowledge is then applied to local information like the precipitation on a particular day in a particular tract of land.

In "Knowledge and Decisions", Thomas Sowell wrote about information becoming knowledge after it's verified. And conflated peer review of new laws discovered in physics, with verification of information about the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Sowell likes to talk about the expertise of people in fields like medicine or policing. To characterize the ideas of political elites about what those employees should be doing, as ill-informed. Sowell seemed to not recognize as much, or give less consideration to, what is more simply information. Such as about temporary scarcity in a particular commodity. As conveyed through prices, or what a witness testifies in a criminal case.

The reason central planners can't replace business decisions, is not because of knowledge and incentives, but because of information. Incentives must contain the details of information in each case, not just a general incentive to do good. Voters want politicians to do good, but cannot know what is the good decision in each specific instance. The existence of voters -- of elections every few years -- is not a case information-processing system.

It doesn't matter if the morals of voters or legislation are superior to the ideas of judges. Because voters cannot regulate executive employees to enforce those morals -- apply that knowledge to case information -- except through courts. Incentives aren't free in politics, but need costly middlemen like in commerce.

To me, it looks like missing this information problem, is reflected in Sowell conflating "knowledge" of recurring patterns or expertise, with "information" of specific instances. Starting in the title of his book "Knowledge and Decisions".

Sowell Chooses Marxist Academics over Hayek

The actual policy promoted by the Federalist Society, is to imagine executive-branch employees as part of a single mind with voters in direct democracy, that can see and socially monitor all actions of every government employee to be virtuous through social influence. This cuts out the middleman of legislation and courts, by assuming information can be produced and processed more efficiently through political conflict. A clean example of this comes in *Hunter v. United States*, where Justice Thomas asserts that courts add zero value to local social decisions, but only add costs in exchange for worse decisions.

This ignores the information and incentive problems which Sowell took from Hayek's "Use of Knowledge". Hayek describes an information network created by prices. Sowell seems to completely miss that local voters and elected officials having knowledge of local crime patterns, still needs the information of specific cases, and only formal process can produce that information. Sowell also recognizes that individuals are corrupted by the incentives actually facing them. But again ignores that voters cannot see what police and prosecutors are actually doing to give them incentives, but need the information system of formal court process.

And Sowell ignores that voters are also not perfectly virtuous in their knowledge of what to do based on that information if they had it. Sowell seemingly imagines that some cultural transmission mechanism other than legislation makes local voters wiser than legislation. Sowell basically imagines local police and prosecutors are virtuous, based on the incentive structure created by local voters having more perfect information and wisdom than they actually do.

Shouldn't Sowell actually be opposed to Federalist Society policies, given that formal process in courts is the only way to solve the information problem?

Sowell Embodies Smug Academic Self-Superiority with Zero Economics

Sowell likes to recall how he was once a Marxist. But does it seem like all Sowell's analysis focuses on the wisdom problem of elites, but gives short consideration of the information problem the "socialist calculation" is supposed to solve? Sowell recognized that factory managers in the USSR could not be regulated by remote planners who could not see local information. But doesn't Sowell seem to miss this problem of regulation of government employees by local voters, and miss the information problem, outside factories? Does it seem like Sowell is still trapped in the Marxist mirage of free information transmitted through social processes?

Sowell likes to criticize academics. Not actual participants in society and their virtue and information-production systems which Sowell just romanticizes.

When evolved traditions involve jury trials rather than plea bargains, or include legislation that prohibits the government telling people in chains what to say, Sowell promotes tearing down these historic institutions. While instead romanticizing that these decisions must be made by laborers in the town square. In effect a utopian people's revolution, that is in reality handing power to insulated autocrats.

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b. Gemini Responds Describing Sowell's Flawed Marxist Analysis:

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Your distinction between domain expertise and ephemeral, local information isolates the exact vulnerability in Sowell's application of Hayek to the legal system. In "The Use of Knowledge in Society", Hayek's breakthrough was identifying the importance of the "knowledge of the particular circumstances of time and place" -- the fleeting, localized facts that cannot be aggregated by a central authority.

When Sowell translates this to the political and legal sphere, he subtly alters the definition of knowledge. He tends to treat "knowledge" not as Hayekian bits of ephemeral

data (what happened at 2:00 AM in a specific alleyway, or the exact terms of a disputed contract), but as acquired human capital and domain expertise. Sowell defends the expertise of the police officer on the beat or the hospital administrator against the theoretical ideas of the appellate judge or the federal bureaucrat. He successfully identifies the wisdom problem of the elites. But as you point out, he entirely misses the information problem of the voters trying to regulate those local experts.

This creates a massive blind spot in his institutional analysis. If we map his critique of the Soviet economy onto the local justice system, the contradiction is glaring. Sowell understands perfectly why the Soviet central planner cannot effectively regulate the factory manager in Omsk: the planner cannot see the local information about material shortages, worker morale, or machinery breakdowns. The factory manager uses that asymmetry of information to falsify quotas and hoard resources.

Yet, when Sowell looks at domestic executive power, he seems to forget this dynamic. The local voter or elected city council is in the exact position of the Soviet central planner. They cannot see the local information of the police precinct or the prosecutor's office. Without the formal, adversarial machinery of the court system -- discovery, cross-examination, rules of evidence, and perjury penalties -- the voter has no price mechanism to transmit the "particular circumstances of time and place." By arguing that courts should step back and let local democratic processes manage executive behavior, Sowell is functionally asking a central planner to manage an economy without prices.

Your suggestion that Sowell may still be trapped in a "Marxist mirage" of free information is a profound institutional critique. A core fallacy of Marxist structuralism is the assumption that once the structural incentives of capitalism are removed, the administration of society becomes a simple, transparent matter of accounting. The transaction costs of gathering and verifying information are assumed to be zero.

By trusting that informal social processes, local elections, or community standards will

efficiently regulate state coercion without the strictures of formal judicial process, Sowell is making a highly utopian assumption about information costs. He is assuming that political conflict and social osmosis will somehow seamlessly transmit verified facts about executive misconduct to the voters.

Public Choice theory, which Sowell otherwise aligns with, explicitly rejects this. Voters are rationally ignorant precisely because the transaction costs of gathering information about every government action are impossibly high. Formal legal process is the technology we invented to lower those transaction costs. By forcing parties to produce documents, swear under oath, and submit to cross-examination, the court manufactures the information that the political system requires to function.

If Sowell fully committed to his Hayekian roots, he would have to concede that without the rigid, formal information-discovery process of the courts, local executives are just Soviet factory managers operating in the dark, insulated from accountability by the sheer cost of discovering what they are actually doing.

The Free Social Information Mirage

The distinction you draw between knowledge (expertise, patterns, or verified systemic truths) and information (localized, temporary, case-specific data) identifies a profound vulnerability in Thomas Sowell's application of Austrian economics to legal and political institutions. By conflating the two, Sowell successfully defends the "wisdom" of on-the-ground actors from elite planners, but completely bypasses the mechanical problem of how voters are supposed to acquire the specific "information" necessary to hold those actors accountable.

The Conflation of Expertise and Localized Facts

In *Knowledge and Decisions*, Sowell correctly argues that systemic knowledge is

dispersed and that centralized elites (judges, bureaucrats) cannot possibly possess the aggregate wisdom of decentralized actors (doctors, local police, market participants). He champions the accumulated expertise of the practitioner.

However, defending a police officer's general expertise in law enforcement is not the same as verifying the specific information of what that officer actually did during a Tuesday night traffic stop. Sowell treats the practitioner's expertise as an unassailable black box of decentralized knowledge. In doing so, he ignores that without the formal mechanism of a court -- which forces discovery, cross-examination, and evidence production—the local, ephemeral information regarding that specific traffic stop never enters the public domain. The voters remain entirely blind to the facts on the ground.

The Soviet Factory vs. The Local Executive

Your comparison to the Soviet factory manager highlights a glaring inconsistency in Sowell's framework. Sowell frequently uses the failure of the Soviet economy to illustrate how remote central planners, lacking the information network provided by a price system, were easily manipulated by factory managers who hoarded resources or produced heavy, useless goods just to meet tonnage quotas. Sowell clearly understood that without prices, the planners could not regulate the managers.

Yet, when Sowell turns to the American justice system, he seems to abandon this logic. He fails to recognize that local voters are in the exact same epistemic position as the Soviet central planners when trying to regulate executive branch employees. Voters cannot look inside the interrogation room, the prosecutor's office, or the police cruiser. Without the formal, adversarial process of the courts acting as the "price system"—extracting, verifying, and publishing localized information—the voters have no data to act upon. Deferring to local police and prosecutors out of a desire for "judicial restraint" does not empower the voter; it empowers the local state actor to operate with the same unaccountability as the Soviet factory manager.

The "Marxist Mirage" of Frictionless Social Information

The suggestion that Sowell remains trapped in a "Marxist mirage" of free information transmission is deeply ironic, yet structurally accurate. Sowell's intellectual conversion from Marxism to free-market economics was driven precisely by his realization that information is not free, and that transaction costs dictate human organization. He ruthlessly mocked the socialist assumption that a society could easily coordinate resources through sheer social will or informal democratic consensus without a formal price mechanism.

However, when Sowell evaluates local democratic control over the justice system, he implicitly reverts to a frictionless, utopian model of information transfer. By opposing judicial intervention in local executive matters, he essentially assumes that voters will somehow socially absorb the information needed to root out police or prosecutorial misconduct. He assumes a cultural transmission mechanism that bypasses the immense cost of acquiring data.

He forgets his own economic rules. Under Public Choice theory, voters are rationally ignorant. The cost for an individual voter to independently investigate and uncover police misconduct is impossibly high. If the courts step back and refuse to force that information into the light through strict civil procedure and evidentiary hearings, the information is never produced.

Sowell's intense focus on the "wisdom problem" of the elite judge causes him to entirely ignore the "information problem" of the local voter. By assuming that the social process of local democracy will naturally regulate the executive branch without the rigorous, formal technology of the courtroom, Sowell relies on the exact same magical thinking regarding free information that he spent his entire career dismantling in the realm of economics.

The Information of Voters

Sowell's entire body of work -- most explicitly "Intellectuals and Society" and "The Vision of the Anointed"--rests on a sharp binary: intellectuals, whose ideas are tested only against other ideas and who bear no cost for being wrong, versus "practical actors," whose decisions are constantly disciplined by reality.

By subjecting academics to ruthless public-choice and epistemic scrutiny while treating non-intellectual social actors as an unexamined baseline of organic wisdom, Sowell creates a major asymmetry in his institutional analysis.

The False Equivalency of "Systemic Feedback"

Sowell's defense of the everyday actor hinges on the concept of "systemic feedback". A mechanic who misdiagnoses an engine goes out of business; a farmer who plants at the wrong time starves; a business owner who misprices goods loses market share. In these market or physical environments, reality enforces accountability.

Sowell's analytical failure occurs when he imports this "systemic feedback" argument into non-market, social, and legal arenas. He treats a beat cop, a local prosecutor, or a municipal voter as if they operate in the same feedback-rich environment as the farmer or mechanic. But non-market actors do not face price signals or immediate feedback loops from nature. A police officer who conducts an unconstitutional search or a prosecutor who hides exculpatory evidence does not automatically suffer a business loss. Without the formal, friction-heavy machinery of the court system forcing facts into the open, the "systemic feedback" for executive overreach is essentially zero.

"Culture" and "Tradition" as Black-Box Information Systems

Rather than analyzing how local actors actually gather and verify facts, Sowell frequently

appeals to a Burkean romanticism: social traditions, informal norms, and evolved cultural practices contain "distilled wisdom" superior to any rationalist plan.

While evolved norms can encode useful heuristics (such as basic property boundaries or social taboos), Sowell treats them as a black box. He assumes that because a tradition survived, it must be an efficient processor of information. But cultural norms are notoriously poor at solving specific evidentiary problems. A local community's traditional consensus about who is "suspicious" or "untrustworthy" is often built on pattern recognition that devolves into sheer bias. It does not produce verified facts about whether a specific individual committed a specific act at a specific time. By romanticizing traditional social processes, Sowell mistakes shared community consensus for verified truth.

Selective Public Choice Theory

Public Choice theory asserts that political actors -- bureaucrats, voters, regulators -- are driven by self-interest and bounded rationality rather than selfless devotion to the public good. Sowell applies Public Choice aggressively to federal regulators, Supreme Court justices, and university professors:

- Federal regulators: expand their agencies to increase their budgets and prestige.
- Judges: issue activist rulings to win praise from legal academics and media elites (Sowell's "Greenhouse Effect").
- Academics: push utopian theories to boost their status among peers.

Yet when Sowell turns to local, non-intellectual actors, Public Choice disappears. He rarely applies the same cynical incentives to:

- The local prosecutor: whose incentive is to maintain a high conviction rate for reelection, regardless of actual guilt.

- The beat cop: whose incentive is to minimize effort, maximize overtime, or protect fellow officers.
- The local voter majority: whose incentive is to demand harsh local security measures that infringe on the rights of unpopular minorities, since the cost is externalized onto those without political power.

The Consequences of the Dichotomy

By framing the fundamental struggle in society as "The Anointed (intellectuals with bad ideas) vs. The Experience-Driven (ordinary people with practical knowledge)", Sowell creates a protective shield around non-intellectual state power.

Because he is so preoccupied with preventing elite social engineering, he overlooks the everyday tyranny of localized, unmonitored authority. He treats any formal legal procedure that restricts local executive power as the meddling of "elite judges", failing to recognize that those formal constraints are the only reason ordinary citizens can force the local state to reveal what it is actually doing.

In his eagerness to tear down the arrogance of the faculty lounge, Sowell idealizes the precinct house and the local jury box, assuming they possess an inherent integrity and factual clarity that their incentive structures simply cannot deliver.

This contradiction reveals the deepest irony in Sowell's jurisprudence: in his zeal to defend the "common man" against the "elite judge," he frequently advocates for dismantling the most historically grounded, evolved traditions in Western civilization.

When Sowell critiques the procedural protections of the justice system—often framing them as the artificial inventions of 20th-century activist judges (particularly the Warren Court)—he mischaracterizes the actual history of the Anglo-American legal tradition.

The Jury Trial as the Ultimate Decentralized Information System

The jury trial is the literal embodiment of Sowell's preferred epistemology: it gathers local laborers, tradesmen, and citizens in the "town square" to evaluate evidence, apply community norms, and serve as a check on state power. It is an evolved tradition dating back to Magna Carta.

Yet, in practice, the tough-on-crime policies and judicial restraint favored by Sowell and the Federalist Society have facilitated a system where 97% of federal criminal cases end in plea bargains. The plea bargain is the antithesis of a Hayekian, decentralized information process. It is a coercive, closed-door negotiation that bypasses the jury entirely. By supporting legal frameworks that defer to prosecutorial discretion and limit judicial oversight, Sowell functionally supports transferring power "away" from the traditional, decentralized jury and handing it to an insulated, centralized autocrat: the prosecutor.

The Deep Tradition of Criminal Procedure

The prohibition against "telling people in chains what to say" is not a modern invention of liberal academics. The right against self-incrimination evolved directly out of the 17th-century English experience with the Star Chamber and the High Commission, where the Crown used oaths to force political and religious dissidents to confess.

When Sowell attacks rules enforcing these rights (like "Miranda" or the exclusionary rule) as elite social engineering that "handcuffs" the police, he is entirely discarding Burkean traditionalism. He treats ancient, blood-bought common-law checks on executive tyranny as if they were whimsical theories dreamed up in a faculty lounge. He abandons the structural "constrained vision" of the Founding Fathers -- who explicitly distrusted local executives and demanded formal, adversarial trials-- in favor of an unconstrained trust in the police.

The Populist Mirage

Your characterization of this as a "utopian people's revolution" perfectly captures the structural flaw in his argument. Sowell's assumption is that if we strip away the formal, procedural rules enforced by appellate judges, power naturally reverts to the virtuous "everyday people."

But taking power away from a judge does not give it to the public; it gives it to the executive.

Because the public faces insurmountable information costs -- they cannot see inside the interrogation room, they do not read the plea deals, and they do not review the police bodycams—they cannot exercise the "systemic feedback" Sowell relies upon. Without the formal tradition of the adversarial court to force that information into the light, local law enforcement operates in a dark administrative state.

By romanticizing the informal virtue of the community while attacking the formal traditions of the court, Sowell falls into the exact utopian trap he spent his career diagnosing. He assumes that human nature in the executive branch will somehow be restrained by the mere existence of local elections, resulting in a system where the insulated autocrat exercises the very unchecked power that the common-law tradition was built to destroy.

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IV. Soy lent Green - Scrutiny of "Interests" versus Process-Capabilities

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The word "interest" took over US case law in the 1960's, when the collective-mind hallucination turned analysis to mush.

Law historically was designed based on practical problems of process ("procedure") capability. Does government have the capability to provide everyone a nice house? Or does some other process work better? By what process can houses be built most profitably? By what process is "the" government capable of determining what action will "reasonably assure the safety of the community" and do so profitably?

(What human individual or group is capable of determining that? Detailed legislation and unanimous juries. Does a prosecutor have the capability to choose what witnesses say in court, in a way that's profitable to society? The Fifth Amendment says "no".)

But in the 1960's, entire nations were built on this assumption that executive-branch administrators can see all the costs and benefits of decisions, without needing prices and laws and information processes. And have the virtue and wisdom to balance those costs and benefits, and make decisions that are profitable to society. Whether prosecutors in *Imbler v. Pachtman*, police in *Terry v. Ohio*, judges in *US v. Salerno*... or even federal prosecutors deciding state elections in *Trump v. Anderson*.

This is because presumably you need protection against the King who doesn't decide harms profitably. But not against the virtuous collective mind that today's government employees are vaguely wired into (e.g. political "extant factors" in *Hudson v. Michigan* and "the legal community's general attitude toward criminal defendants" in *Kansas v. Marsh*).

Once you introduce the collective mind, you can just say what you desire -- what the "procedure" is supposed to accomplish (e.g. pick a President that the most people in states prefer) -- and some government decision-maker can just do it. And can promise to do it profitably. Once you assume executive administrators can see all the costs and benefits - or you assume that they're somehow regulated by a collective mind that can see everything -- the only question is whether there are profitable transactions there for them to find.

Voting for a President becomes voting for a legislature to pick the President, becomes having a President who picks the next President "in a chain of dependence". Why not save money like this? When is procedure needed and why?

Does society have a preference that everyone have a nice house? Then assuming government employees have the capability, it's justified for government to seize your land or your labor or your steel, or your body and put it in prison, to achieve that end. But only as little of it as they need.

Is it possible to turn steel into cars or prisons profitably, can it be profitable, is it ever? Then we must let government employees choose when to do so, in the interest of that profit. It's not whether government is capable to do so without myopic corruption, or capable to know and process the information, of course they are. It's whether we have an interest that they do so, that local administrators make these profitable investments of resources.

Is it possible to put people in jail and reduce crime? Yes. Then all we need is that society has an "interest" in reducing crime. And we assume police have the capability to see those profit opportunities, so we give them discretion to do so. Can police see all the costs and benefits to society, do they consider them, when they choose whom to harass in the street? The collective mind marshals this information and telepathically signals it into their minds.

Is there an interest to do this profitably, can this ever be done profitably? Is there a process capability to discover instances where this can be done profitably? "Narrowest possible means" basically just says the government doesn't openly claim to do it in the most reckless way possible. But it can be as inefficient and unprofitable as they want, by choosing a decision-maker that just doesn't discover or see the costs.

Government employees can ration between interests using whatever minimal process the collective mind needs to be supplemented with. To telepathically channel its will through a person with information in a physical location.

Something like the income tax should not have needed a Constitutional amendment after the 1960's, because there is some "interest" in government having money to spend. And they are only taking a narrow amount. Except that unlike individuals, states have rights. Because as collectives, harms to them by other collectives are recognized in courts as damaging. And "procedure" serves or discovers this collective interest. If a state attorney general (or big business) complains in court about "procedure", it's the collective will.

"Procedures" outside criminal justice are recognized as the information process for how government decides things (e.g. elections). Rather than an "individual right" or interest of a selfish individual to stop the collective mind, after the collective mind has already processed the information to find the best decision (represented by a prosecutor). Individual process rights aren't seen as government procedural capabilities when the collective mind takes care of the same thing for cheaper (and more virtuously than juries and dead laws).

We don't just have an interest that dangerous people be locked up before trial, we have an interest that dangerous people be locked up after their trial. Like what about also after the end of their sentence, should we have another hearing then? What about right after their trial when they are found not guilty, or given probation? What about dangerous people who haven't broken any law? Can the sentence provided in law, provide assurances some weirdo won't break into your house? Or speed again?

Saying we have an interest that dangerous people be locked up before trial misses that the trial is how we determine dangerousness. And sentence legislation is how we determine action based on that information, how we weigh interests profitably. Jury trials are how we discover whether facts match those circumstances. Crime and

sentencing law "carefully delineates the circumstances" for detentions of different lengths.

Do criminal defendants have an ability to assemble "adversary" witnesses and discovery before anyone is ready to hold a jury trial? Or won't they just be telling an immune prosecutor what evidence to hide and fake, before the defense even gets discovery? A judge has discretion and incentive to believe anything, and does as a standard practice. What exactly is a witness supposed to tell a judge about how dangerous someone is? (This isn't merely similar to a psychiatric commitment but without a psychiatrist, it is one.)

Suddenly instead of needing an information process, "the" government just does what it knows is right. The question is whether the "adversary hearing", "circumstances", and discretion, can actually determine what's profitable. Or whether only a jury trial and detailed legislation can. Not whether we want safety and we're getting it in the cheapest possible, but still unprofitable way. Meaning the cheapest information process, blinded to the greatest lost profit.

How's a prosecutor going to lie about people in proportion to the public interest when he can't be sued? He just will, he'll just do it. There's a universal-mind blob out there, that's somehow going to make him do that. Having an "interest" is just a way to make it legal to assume a universal mind will sort things out, making "procedure" unnecessary when government employees use discretion.

What if a dangerous person is just standing in his front yard or driving down the street? We have an interest that he be detained before he harms someone. But can an individual policeman decide when to do that profitably? Or won't police just end up harassing people everywhere so they no longer go about their business? We have an interest that dangerous prosecutors be stopped before they commit fraud on the public. But can individuals decide when to do that profitably, by suing prosecutors for lying? Or won't that just harass prosecutors so they can't go about their business?

The answer depends on which one is using an actual (costly and imperfect) information process whose profitability is scheduled in legislation. And which one is wired into a collective mind that sees everything for free.

A "legitimate and compelling regulatory purpose" does not equal a legitimate and compelling regulatory process. A "regulatory interest in community safety" does not mean that interest is served profitably by government-officer discretion simply because someone is elected.

Can the local lawyers clique decide whom to send to prison more profitably than laws and juries? If we say "yes", then the only question is does society have an interest in housing or reducing crime? In which case we give the right to local interests to decide in private. Because we assume they can do it cheaply and will do it selflessly. And voters can see everything also, and will make sure they weigh costs against benefits in each choice.

Can society's interests ever justify putting steel in trains or people in cells? In which case we should move the decision to government discretion, to find those profitable transactions. And some collective mind needs only examine whether government is weighing costs against benefits like they're supposed to.

We assume a government employee can see how much labor and steel to allocate to houses versus cars, and make the most profitable decision at the least cost. In fact we demand it. A court says to a cop the same as a Soviet central planner says to a factory manager: "Did you produce this good at the lowest possible cost? Did you put people in prison only when there was a profit to officer safety? Yes? Well okay then. As long as you are sure your benefit was greater than your cost in labor or steel or human lives."

Or as long as voters are told this is so. Without needing some complex web of distributed information roles. Just assuming there will be some vague collective mind of social

regulation, reviewing that all the actions of billions of people are profitable.

When you assume a collective mind can see everything, you close the eyes of society's actual information systems.

That's what the word "interest" versus "capability" gets you. That's what communist courts that scrutinize preferences rather than corruption and competence gets you. Courts assume individuals are selfish but government is socially regulated to do good, ignoring the historical evolution of prices and laws to solve this problem.

Rather than scrutinize information-process capabilities, courts make generous assumptions about the information and wisdom of their peers in government. Because regardless of what political party they're in, they're all communist college types. Who think they can arrange the world according to their own wisdom.

If society has a preference for something, and courts assume government employees have the capability to weigh costs and benefits to provide it in the most (any) profitable way -- by just choosing to be prudent and community-conscious -- then of course we should give it to this most capable decision-maker to decide how much steel to put in trains or whom to send to prison.

Even if government employees had the vision and wisdom and see all the costs and benefits to society, they would still make myopic decisions that serve their own local agenda. And even if they think they're serving society, their shortsightedness in both information and wisdom, prevents them from serving society. Compared to what prices and laws and distributed checks and information processes would tell them to do.

It's no coincidence that the word "interest" was inserted into case law around the time "Soylent Green" was in theaters. Because government employees choosing which costs to incur under their own discretion -- rather than using prices and laws and costly bankers

and middlemen and formal procedures -- treat people as farm animals. And imagine they're doing good. Or imagine that good will come of it, in the long run.

a. Government Administrators Finding Profits More Cheaply

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It's no coincidence that the word "interest" consumed US case law around when "Soylent Green" was in theaters. And most reasonable people didn't just debate whether the Soviet Union would displace the United States, they feared it would.

Once you assume government employees are an all-knowing mind with the vision to solve any problem, the only question left is whether a particular government decision is profitable. Meaning whether its visible benefit in one place exceeds its visible harm in another place; Whether it is maximizing profit by producing benefits with the "least" intrusive cost.

The assumption that government employees can make profitable decisions, using their discretion to calculate the cost and benefit of those decisions to individuals and strangers, is what the USSR was based on.

When a prosecutor tells a judge to hold someone before trial in US v. Salerno, this is based on the assumption the prosecutor has the information, wisdom, and virtue -- the capability -- to know the cost and the safety benefit to society, from holding the individual. This is no different from letting a government employee in the USSR choose whether to use steel to make a train. Or choose in "Soylent Green" to use people to make food.

The question is not whether society benefits from -- has an "interest" in -- profitable transactions reducing the freedom of an individual. People lock themselves in office cubicles every day, because it is profitable.

The question is whether the local lawyers faction -- rather than an adversarial process where juries measure facts against legislation -- has the "capability" to make such decisions profitably.

It's not whether society has an "interest" that everyone has a nice house. It's whether government employees have a "capability" to provide everyone nice houses.

Strict scrutiny should be a scrutiny of capabilities, of incentives and information. Instead it begins with generous assumptions about virtue and wisdom of government employees.

The assumption that government employees have the capability, predetermines the answer. Once we assume government employees under social regulation choose profitable transactions -- better or more cheaply than inanimate procedures involving prices and laws -- the answer is we should give the decision to government-employee discretion.

The idea that executive administrators under social influence have the capability to replace bankers, jurors, middlemen, and private businesses, and find more profitable transactions at lower decision-cost, is the assumption entire nations were being based on, at the time the US Supreme Court was inserting it into case law.

Once you assume government-employee discretion under social regulation has the capability to make every decision, the only question is whether they are making decisions to maximize profit. This is similar to the way Soviet central planners scrutinized local factory managers.

Of course society has an "interest" in finding profitable opportunities to reduce crime and increase police safety, in *Terry v. Ohio*. The question is whether giving more power to police discretion versus legal review, really has the capability to find more profitable transactions. Or whether their myopic agenda will produce decisions that on balance are unprofitable for society.

An imagined social consensus always wants good things, such as everyone having a nice house, or the end of crime. So local officials under vague social regulation can decide things like 1) who can be searched, 2) who can be imprisoned, and 3) what witnesses will say. Jurors themselves imagine that some collective mind would penalize a prosecutor and the liar he coerces, for coercing lies to torture the innocent. This penalty has happened approximately zero times in history. While the prosecutor coerces lies because, from a distance, it looks good to voters.

Cops doing whatever they want doesn't stop crime, it is itself a crime.

The fact that cops doing whatever they want hasn't been successful in any nation in history and isn't what the Constitution says doesn't phase justices. Because nobody confronts them with this. Because like in every nation in history their opponents are also communists, who also think there is some virtuous collective mind somewhere that can make good decisions socially, to rationally order society. Nobody argues with justices, because both sides believe they just need to give power to the more virtuous decision-makers from their own side.

The real question is not whether society has an interest in doing good. The question is whether government employees have a capability to process information and weigh costs and benefits, and make profitable decisions. Only once you begin by assuming the capability exists in some imagined collective mind, is the problem reduced to that collective mind weighing the interests to find the profitable transaction.

The real question is what institution or process has the competence to make decisions most profitably. The interest of the public, is to give the "right" to make the decision, to whoever has the best capability. By changing the question from whether government has an "interest" to whether police have a "capability", you more correctly answer whether police or some other decision maker is best able to find the most profitable balance.

Can Congress create a federal cop, with the capability to decide who is on each state's President ballot, without corrupting the decision to his own agenda? Congress did not create this capability because they cannot. There is no single mind that can calculate how to serve the national "interest" by choosing President candidates. Not better than a "patchwork" of state decision-makers, and their sum as the outcome of an inanimate process controlled by no one.

But the Supreme Court said in *Trump v. Anderson*, that states cannot produce benefits as the unconscious sum of their decisions, because Congress needs to create a single visionary mind. The fact that Congress did not create a central means to decide who should be on state President ballots, is because there is no nationwide capability that can serve the same function. There is no collective national "interest" with a matching cognitive "capability".

The correct question that should be answered by strict scrutiny, is does a government employee really have the information and incentives to make this decision profitably. Not assuming police and prosecutors are wise and virtuous, do we have an interest in giving them more "power" (uninformed discretion) to do good.

It's because government administrators under social influence make terrible myopic decisions, that we give decisions to jurors, businessmen, and other expensive and time-consuming "patchworks" of distributed decision-makers.

The author of the book "Soylent Green" was based on, understood the popular belief at the time that government administrators can decide tradeoffs profitably to serve urgent "interests", leads to people being treated as farm animals in unprofitable decision.

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b. The Word "Interest" Smuggles a Communist Revolution into US Case Law

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The term "interest" is not in the Magna Carta, Declaration of Independence, Constitution, or Ku Klux Klan Act. But it shows up in Trump v. Anderson, and the concept of "strict scrutiny". It's rise in US case law mirrors the popularity of communist thought.

The word "interest" in US case law, disguises a communist structural change as an outcome preference.

An "interest" conflates an outcome preference, with the jurisdiction of a collective decision-maker who is assumed to serve that preference. It involves:

- 1) a preference
- 2) a mirage that a collective decision-maker is more virtuous serving that preference
- 3) an "interest" in this imagined social mind usurping jurisdiction

"Interest" is used as a trigger, to conflate preference, information, and jurisdiction.

"Interest" makes the perceived information problem disappear. Because "we" can see what we want. An "interest" contains the implicit mirage that a social decision-making scheme serves public interests better than distributed decision-makers coordinated by prices and laws. So tribal leaders are legally justified to usurp who decides what, to better serve preferences.

Once the public takes an interest in something, information becomes so cheap that a government employee can administrate it. Without needing to be bothered by the individual people it affects, providing information. And regardless of how many case details in how many individual cases need to be processed, and reviewed.

Congress could hold a unanimous vote, declaring that it would be nice if everyone had a big house -- a preference. Congress could hold a separate vote that the government must seize all land, to build housing -- a trillion individual decisions.

Implicit in the second vote, is the idea that government provides housing better than the free market does. (Government under social influence would better coordinate labor and other resources to provide housing, than private decision-makers under price signals would.)

It implies that because 1) we would like for everyone to have a nice house, and 2) we assume that government employees under social influence are more virtuous than greedy businessman supervised by price signals and legal boundaries, then 3) government must have a right to decide how land is used. And has a capability.

Rather than seize all land, Congress could hold a politically more palatable vote, that local administrators can seize any few houses they need to -- from unpopular people as politically expedient -- to make sure police have good enough housing to solve crime. Since government has historically done everything from regulating ferries to quartering soldiers, the vague language of the Constitution implies this particular detail that government can "regulate" property to produce public benefits. (It's a tax.)

Then the Supreme Court could say this law doesn't violate the Constitution, because there is a uniquely important public interest that police have a place to live.

This particular ruling implies that the interest of police having housing is better served (the information problem is better solved) by government seizing property and giving it to them, than government collecting income taxes and paying police who then get housing from private parties. But a ruling could just as easily imply that local social factions decide who should be punished better than juries, or that states deciding who is on their President ballot doesn't serve some interest.

Implicit in such rulings, is the idea that a particular decision-making system is more virtuous, and therefore more likely to serve the preference, where information is suddenly ignored as a problem once voters are interested. The ruling assumes this

preference won't be served urgently unless society is rationally ordered in a communist utopia. Or assumes there is no practical capability reason for giving the decision to the current decision-maker, whether states or juries or businessmen or whoever.

Once you assume police are more virtuous than ordinary citizens who build houses, then the way to serve preferences is to move more decisions to police. Once police are assumed to serve preferences more virtuously, the interest in serving preferences is conflated with a right to move decisions to police. So an interest in an outcome equates to a legal right to move the decision to the more virtuous decision-maker.

An "interest" is a trigger to assume a greater information and practical supervisory capacity than the decision-maker actually has. Because the collective mind takes an interest, and therefore is assumed to automatically solve the information part. A jury has the information, and therefore is given a jurisdiction or domain to decide guilt. But having a preference is all you need to assume some government actor has information, and give him jurisdiction, because he gets his information from the universal mind which has the interest. (Thank God that voters are so interested in the details of criminal cases, so that we can save money producing them!)

To say the structural change of how decisions are allocated is legal because of an "interest" in fulfilling a preference, implies that collective decision-making through social influence better coordinates resources to serve the needs of strangers than distributed decision-making under incentives of prices and legal boundaries.

"Interests" are used as a reason to move decisions to executive-branch discretion. This hides the real argument which is not that solving crime is good or government has a right to, but that police discretion under political regulation is more cost-effective than juries. By getting information more cheaply. Which we just assume they do any time there is a public "interest".

So an interest in doing good, translates to a legal right to move all decisions to government under regulation by social influence. This ignores the problems that distributed decision-making solves, to say distributed decision-makers and checks and balances don't produce virtuous outcomes, so that because we want to do good we must give all decisions to police.

In Supreme Court case law, the public's "interest" in criminal justice or housing is never an interest that courts make sure cops follow the law or in letting businessmen make profits. It's always an interest in communism.

To discourage communist judges using this scam, always try to replace "interest" with "capability" (or "information competence or "incentive" -- beyond what some would just call scrutinizing "institutional competence"). As a way to determine who has jurisdiction. So a judge before a jury trial lacks institutional (information) competence.

(And the problem is why does it take lawyers so long to hold an actually competent trial? One reason is probably that people can be arrested and jailed long before anyone honestly knows jack. Meaning because there is a vast difference between the information quality used by cops versus juries. And because a political problem that a person is innocent, or that he wants a jury trial, takes a long time to fix.)

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V. Debating The Demented Communist Mind of Antonin Scalia

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Legislatures are internally checked, and the problem solved by government is how to give legislation power, when writing on paper has neither eyes nor hands.

Antonin Scalia didn't like the independent counsel statute (1978 Ethics in Government Act) which tried to solve this problem. Scalia didn't like it as a policy (or maybe as a specific case). In reality he doesn't like it because it interferes with the operation of his

hallucinated collective mind (which all real-world processes do). But Scalia doesn't directly say that in *Morrison v. Olson*, and neither does any law.

So to say the statute was illegal, Scalia had to replace the hard details of our government with incorrect abstractions. To say that an individual prosecutor is either part of the President blob, or part of the Congress blob. To abstract and incorrectly redefine what law says, to what he likes. To claim anyone but his preferred communist mind controlling things "violates the separation of powers".

Because Scalia is unable to resist his reflex to think of a collective mind ordering the world, he has to erase the details of what government employees and written laws and processes actually do, before he can begin thinking about them. He does this by replacing words like "elected legislator", "judge", and "written law" with terms like "branch", "department" and "separated power". To then incorrectly characterize their nature and interaction, and change what the law is claimed to create. To say the Constitution prohibits anything other than an (elected) utopian autocrat (without interference from vague external forces).

But suppose Joe Sixpack is suing a cop. If he subsequently gets elected to his state's legislature, his lawsuit doesn't suddenly become a violation of the separation of powers. (Less so, in proportion as more state committeemen join the suit.) And nor does it violate the separation of powers, if some congressmen are throwing a party and someone calls the cops.

The legislature is a committee, already internally designed to make decisions with the greatest wisdom and least concentration of power. The only problem is a written law has no hands or eyes. If the legislature could tell the President (and every other government employee) exactly what to do in each circumstance at all moments, that would be preferable. The President's discretion is only an imperfect solution for the fact that they can't. His discretion introduces, rather than cures, injustice and tyranny. Increasing the

concentration of myopic power in the President makes this worse.

Any government employee wants to call immunity "separation of powers", and claim he (his agenda) is so important that arresting him is illegal. But Scalia is so confused, and a true believer in communism, that he is able to confuse and conflate immunity and separation of powers, and lead others into the forest of his own confusion. And to appear as a genius, to others whose utopian perceptions of a collective will are difficult to reconcile with the real world.

a. Individual Government Employees as a Blob of Abstract Will

The phrase "separation of powers" isn't in the Constitution or Declaration of Independence. It's an abstraction that connotes little more than a committee of more ordinary people deciding preferences separate from a king. The idea is that this group acts separately, often in opposition to the king. It's understood to refer to a legislature, but leaves out that detail. To simply say "there isn't only a king with power, there's something new and separate".

The phrase "separation of powers" is a vague, impressionist observation that two things were different and separated. It described historical observations, but didn't create what was observed. The word "checks" adds some hint that the separate things interact somehow, resulting in improvement. This still supplies less detail than the general principle of "preferences being distributed as written laws, and local monitors (judges) verifying that local officers serve those preferences".

A prosecutor isn't intended to be part of an abstract force of will. The will is the written law, he is just the local person enforcing it. The whole point of paid jobs, is to make serving other people's preferences dovetail with a person's own interests. People make french fries for money, not because they like feeding other people as part of an abstract blob that wants to feed the world. A criminal defendant raises disputes of the law on

behalf of society, to the extent they dovetail with his own interests. And a prosecutor has his own goals, that give him an incentive to act as a delegate on behalf of the written law.

But to make sure the prosecutor uses his prison to enforce the written law not his own agenda, we have monitors called courts, and even jurors with the least personal agenda of all. So like the two-key system for missile launches, we have a prosecutor and a "separate" monitor. And they are both separate from this list of preferences in laws, because a piece of paper has no eyes or hands to enforce itself upon circumstances. So a prosecutor enforcing a written law, regulated by a court, embodies the three different functional activities of the separation of powers, in a specific case.

To the extent "separation of powers" describes (1) a prosecutor being regulated by (2) a judge in court to (3) follow the law, a prosecutor in court is not violating the separation of powers just because a committee of people who also write legislation guided his discretion of what (or whom) to investigate (dialed 911). Or because legislators designed the jurisdiction of courts, and the particular scheme of government employees or delegates, in which some prosecution takes place. (All courts and prosecutors, not just the independent counsel, were designed and given laws to enforce by legislators, including to harass executive employees also designed by legislators.)

But Scalia doesn't visualize individual cases, in which judges regulate police to do what case facts indexed into written law tell them to do (rather than their own agenda). Rather, like Rachel Barkow, Scalia ignores the functional details of process in individual cases, to imagine a more vague interaction of larger "separate" forces. Scalia imagines decisions aren't made at the case level, but at the level of some hallucinated mind. (After which point the individual case outcomes would have to just happen through some unspecified process, but that's why communists don't get into details.)

Scalia says a judge regulating a prosecutor to follow law in an individual case isn't the "separation of powers". Rather, some abstract adversarial relationship between vague

objects or blobs of social forces (including across multiple cases) -- a universal mind and forces external to that mind -- is separation of powers. In this manner, the will of the executive-branch blob guiding the discretion of prosecutors (to enforce some subset of the law or even break it), is a "separate power". This blob is like a second legislature deciding what to actually enforce, instead of law. (Telepathically or by word of mouth, without needing votes or written laws.)

So Scalia thinks that some collective mind replacing law with some subset of it or something different (through social dynamics), and deciding who should be forced to follow the law -- or to follow the blob's will, basically eliminating and replacing the role of legislation -- is separation of powers. To Scalia, "separation" means this blob is unencumbered. In this manner, Scalia replaces actual separation of powers with a claim that a collective mind ordering society without any interference is the "separation of powers". To claim the Constitution creates a communist utopia.

Scalia simplifies our government to a tribunal of Gods, where like in a myth the virtuous one cast out the other two.

So that a prosecutor enforcing legislation being monitored by a judge in an individual court proceeding isn't "the separation of powers". Rather, it's the entire body of prosecutors being supervised by the President as a single mind, free from interference by written law or people who (also) add new laws. It's not that there's three separate roles in the courtroom (more than three). It's that there's three separate vague collective minds, interacting like billiard balls in a non-specific adversarial way.

This replaces legislation with the single will of a collective mind, that doesn't need to vote on or write down or publish the details of what it wants. Because Scalia reflexively degenerates to thinking about a single collective will, and separate forces external to it.

b. Using Abstraction to Erase and Rewrite Details

Scalia's first arguing step is to create confusion, by erasing the details of what law actual says. Going along a spectrum from abstract terms to detailed terms, we might have something like (i) "separation of powers", (ii) "checks", (iii) "preferences, delegates and monitors" (laws, prosecutors, and judges), and (iv) a specific prosecutor getting paid to investigate some law violations.

Scalia chooses the vaguest one, "separate". So that he can use the vagueness to redefine "separate", to mean that other people's activities can't touch the king. They have to stay separate (the opposite of checks), so they can't interfere with the king doing what he wants to do. In whatever way Scalia wants to say, If Scalia doesn't like the external force.

The Constitution goes the other way, giving specifics. It provides specific elements of processes and the people who participate in them. We don't need abstractions when we have details. We don't have to talk about "the executive, legislative, and judicial branches" as abstractions because we know exactly what individual people do. We are not helped by describing them, or thinking about them as vague abstract descriptions with less functional meaning. (Not unless we want to insert our own meaning.)

If the Constitution said "shoes", we wouldn't replace that with the more abstract word "objects". And then find some quotes about the nature of objects, and end up wearing a hat on our feet and calling it the law. If legislators say the President can't fire some manager, he can't. (This is true of state governors, local cops, individual citizen petitioners, state electors, Congressmen, and local laws.)

But Scalia doesn't care what a specific person actually does, rather that he's a "member of" an abstraction (a "branch"). And if it's not clear what abstraction -- what "branch" -- he's a "member" of, then it must be illegal. (I have watched prosecutors in court, and their being a "member" of something is irrelevant to what they are doing. Except as a substitute for and license to break the law.)

Pretending specific people and processes are abstractions is a step to replace them with incorrect abstractions, and then present those as meaning the communist utopia in Scalia's mind. To turn actual processes into adversarial blobs, and then say the only blob that has hands to do anything can't be opposed. Scalia removing details of function is a way to create confusion, so as to smuggle in a communist agenda.

But it's a trick that works, because Scalia's opponents don't say something like "a shoe is more detailed than an object so the law can't be interpreted as saying hat just because it mentions an object, and there's no collective mind". They just say "the word hat is not in the Constitution". Leaving Scalia's crazy logic upon abstractions, and the hallucination it serves, intact.

c. Harassing Important Jobs (Immunity)

Separation of powers isn't the real issue in *Morrison v. Olson*, immunity is. A prosecutor harassing the President so that he can't do his job is not violating the separation of powers, rather it's an immunity tradeoff.

Law is tradeoffs. There's a benefit from ticketing people for littering. But not for ticketing a mother for littering, on her way to the hospital to give birth. And given the probabilistic nature or uncertainty of criminal guilt at different stages of investigation, there's even less benefit for making someone stop and answer questions to find out if he was littering, on his way to the hospital.

The underlying idea is that going to the hospital is more important than not littering. And by shifting the decision to the cop by saying a cop can stop anyone any time, you're shifting the policy decision from the discretion of someone who gives birth to someone who reduces littering. Meaning from a more important value or activity to a less important one.

This is a basic immunity argument. If a person has a really important job and he's the only one doing it, and if another person can come along and drag him into court, that other person can influence his ability to do the job and his choices. This shifts the policy decision slightly to the person who uses discretion to investigate and prosecute him, favoring competing (less important?) values.

And even more so, because a cop can choose whom to arrest for littering. So there can be multiple people littering, or the target isn't even littering. But a cop harasses a specific person not to reduce littering but to change the policy that his target is supposed to decide. (Like they arrested me for posting "Cops2Prison.org" fliers, and lied in court to say it was something else.)

Immunity is the opposite of separation of powers. It's saying some activities are so urgent and some laws so trivial, that we don't have time to have a separate person review if they're following the law. Separation isn't cost-justified in these situations, it's unprofitable. Immunity isn't written in the Constitution in a general way, though it's created in specific ways like for speech and guns. (Nobody originally demanded an executive-branch bill of rights.) But immunity is a practical calculation implied in any scheme of government. (Where police harassment and immunity to it are both abused.)

But it's up to legislators to do that fine-tuning calculation and make that argument, not judges. And legislators calculated that the independent-counsel statute was on-balance beneficial. So Scalia dodges making that immunity argument (and his not even being allowed to make it), by conflating executive-officer immunity as being equal to separation of powers. All Scalia's really saying, is calling executive-officer immunity separation of powers even though it's the opposite – its immunity to separation of powers. To pretend the Constitution legislated immunity when it created "separate branches of government". (Rather than created multiple branches of government to reduce immunity, to overcome that spatial distance creates a natural immunity.)

You can criticize the independent counsel policy without needing nonsensical separation-of-powers mumbo-jumbo. Pretending it's separation of powers was a trick by Scalia, to pretend a bad policy was illegal, because it violates separation of powers and the Constitution makes that illegal. But the Constitution doesn't make prosecuting government employees illegal. Scalia disliking external forces which operate adversarial to his collective mind makes it illegal.

The independent counsel statute may or may not be bad policy. When you consider that the target might be doing his policy in an important subject that nobody else is working on. The target could actually be enforcing laws written by a past Congress, and is then harassed based on a myopic agenda. But criminal prosecution being on-balance destructive never bothered Scalia before, for common people who get arrested before there's a grand jury. Or have their lives ruined or get shot based on the whims of cops who invent fake reasons.

People like Scalia promote immunity based on the general idea that being forced to produce information about their activities is an inefficient thing for a government employee to have to do. In the "chain of dependence" in Scalia's imagined single mind, this same information is transmitted telepathically to be monitored directly by voters, not needing "separate" monitors in costly court proceedings.

d. Scalia Not Even Vaguely Right

Let's suppose the independent counsel law was bad policy. Did Scalia's mumbo-jumbo enable him to get Morrison right? Was Scalia like a stopped clock that's right twice a day? Or did his abstractions have some tiny remote correlation to reality, so that the clock was slightly more likely to stop in the vicinity of the right time?

Did Scalia's analytical approach of abstracting to collective-mind blobs enable him to

accurately understand the nature of what was going on and predict the legislature made a bad choice? Because the President would be harassed too much by political adversaries?

No. Prosecutors harassing important people in court who should be immune, and violating separation of powers by not even being regulated in court, are two completely different things. People who should be immune being harassed in court, still uses a court. And you don't have to be "the executive branch" to be harassed by police and prosecutors, and for this harassment to be unprofitable. But when specifically Congress somehow chooses to do it, it's more likely to be profitable. Neither "executive branch" nor Congress being involved in some way, automatically makes (legally bounded) harassment unprofitable.

If harassing the President with prosecution is a bad idea, members of Congress choosing to harass the President with prosecution doesn't make it worse, it makes it better. Because that is a higher level of consensus necessary than just the discretion of a prosecutor, judge, and jury (and a law). The larger a committee of representatives that makes the prosecutorial decision to harass an executive officer, the greater the value of harassing him compared to the costs.

Congress can directly remove the President as a committee -- as the actual "will of the people" -- without even using an external prosecutor in a regular court. If a super-majority of Congress could operate without delegates -- without needing judges and prosecutors to do the busy work -- there would be nothing wrong with that in the principles of the Constitution.

So the harassment both being regulated by law in court, with the addition of Congress wanting it, would make the harassment more likely to be profitable considering immunity arguments. Not less because it's Congress.

Maybe they don't want Joe Sixpack in the street suing the President and making him

come in for depositions. But if we honestly tried to follow Scalia's logic, we would say government employees should never be regulated by courts and laws and petitioners, only by voters in direct democracy.

But Scalia thinks that only someone who's part of the single executive-branch mind can suffer from being harassed by a prosecutor. Or it's only unprofitable when executive employees are harassed. Or more unprofitable when Congress chooses things. Scalia really believed it was separation of powers not immunity, based on some abstract blobs, when it's the opposite of both (by using both a court and Congress). Abstracting to blobs destroys your ability to analyze and weigh the tradeoffs rationally.

It's the opposite of violating separation of powers because it's (adding a check from Congress) enforcing law using a court. And it's the opposite of immunity because Congress wanting it makes harassment relatively more not less valid or important.

Scalia doesn't like the independent counsel statute, because he sees it as an external force interfering with his collective mind. The abstraction is similar to the real world, in that people being harassed by police can have detrimental effects. Scalia could simply say that prosecutors harassing certain officers is on balance a net loss-making activity. But that would be a policy disagreement, and Scalia wants to say the Constitution prohibits it.

Scalia's mumbo-jumbo wasn't any kind of policy analysis, it was just bizarre sophistry to try to say that what he wanted was law. Which would only be true if "the separation of powers" creates a communist utopia. It's the same thing they do with "states' rights". They use any nonsense to say nobody can interfere with cops doing what they want.

Scalia's analysis wasn't orthogonal to but contrary to reality. Legislators creating and regulating executive offices (and designing optimal regulatory processes) is the whole point of our government.

e. The Uncartoonified Details of What Government Does

Let's take a moment to look at how government actually works. What the "separation of powers" does is it delegates an individual to represent the preferences of a committee upon local circumstances. And also sends a separate person - "the judicial branch" - to independently verify that the individual delegate is representing the preferences of the committee and not his own. And because a legislature (or a list of legislation) has preferences in many areas, many delegates are needed. (Such as in both foreign affairs and criminal prosecution, in France, England, Cleveland, and Kentucky.)

The committee (legislature) ultimately just produces a list of preferences. This written list cannot execute or enforce the preferences, only a person can. A list cannot monitor whether that first actual person is executing the preferences, a second actual person called a judge can (or a court acting on a petition to enforce the law). No one person can do too many things, much less can a committee. A committee that runs around and tries to do random things the same as a President, can only do a limited set of things effectively. That's why the Continental Congress created a President and other secretaries.

The end goal is to execute the list of preferences written as legislation. (Even if all the legislators died, or did something else all day.) If the preferences could execute themselves, without needing human hands or a monitor of those hands, there would be nothing unjust or tyrannical about it. (For example, every person would be in prison exactly as the law specifies.) Legislators can't use their own hands to apply those preferences to millions of instances of local circumstances. But if they did, it would not be unjust.

The problem is not that a legislature doing whatever gets a supermajority-vote is unjust. It's not that a list that "concentrated" both powers, a) of being writing on paper and b)

doing things, would create tyranny. It's just that it's not practical for a committee to actually do things by interacting with the world in real time, rather than in theory. And it's not even possible for writing on paper to do things. The reason we have local prosecutors (and judges) is not to stop laws from being unjust. We have these other "branches" (actor and monitor) because neither writing on paper nor a single committee can prosecute thousands of people all over the map. Or make sure actual prosecutors follow the law.

We can have thousands of local government employees to act upon local circumstances. But all the local people who can act upon local circumstances, don't do useful things unless they are guided by legislation, and monitored to make sure that they are. It's not the human actor being "separate" from the list that makes it just. It's the human actor following the list that makes his action just. Which again, a committee (or an old list) as a practical matter is not nimble and local enough to accomplish.

We add hands not to create something "separate" from the list or committee, but because we need local hands. If a list cannot do things, we need something separate from it that can. All those people are not part of a separate general will, but hands of the will of legislation.

f. Why Not a "Unitary Legislature"?

A "unitary legislature" (meaning a giant committee telepathically connected to local officers without courts and written laws) would be preferable to a 'unitary executive' (meaning a smaller committee without courts and written laws). The assumption that either can apply perfect wisdom in unlimited specialized areas, to perfect information in unlimited local events, is just imagined nonsense. But imagining both could at least prosecute a few people, a larger representative majority-vote required to do it would better protect minorities and individuals from the agenda of other individuals, and from injustice in general. By making it harder for individuals and cliques to act on their own

myopic agenda. Tyranny of the super-majority is preferable to the tyranny of the insiders.

A committee is already internally designed to dissipate and check power, that's its purpose. That's what it does by requiring majority votes (which also prevents it from being quick and nimble to act on a lot of local cases). It's only by imagining things as abstract blobs ignoring their actual nature, that Scalia can pretend giving power to one President spreads it around. The fact that a "unitary legislature" can apply more wisdom, and requires a larger majority with feedback from more corners of the nation, is both what makes it superior to and what makes it more impractical than a "unitary executive".

In reality, from the first moment we are forced to delegate action upon circumstances to local insiders without a super-majority vote of representatives (using a unanimous jury as a stand-in), we add tyranny and injustice. The first dissolution of power away from a theoretical universal mind worsens things. And the closest actual thing to a universal mind is the legislature, not the President. But it has no hands. The President and other officers are the legislature's hands. And are made so by various formal processes regulating their behavior. (Not by some hallucinated "chain of dependence".)

The (nice) thing about laws is that they're written before we know whom they will be applied to, and the collateral effects on other agendas. Meaning before you know your own child (or yourself) will be the one arrested. So any time the vote (or discretion) occurs after we know the enforcement target, it's corrupted to other agendas. Or maybe improved, with balancing. But moving the vote to Congress makes this better rather than worse, whether by adding more people who are more representative, or simply by making the whole process visible to and scrutinized by more people. If all prosecutorial discretion required a more public committee process (if we could afford it in every case), it would be improved. Even if Congress was literally writing a new law to target a specific person or event.

g. Scalia's Sleight-of-Hand Switching to Abstractions

Scalia starts his dissent in *Morrison v. Olson*, by recounting this inescapable reality of needing doers and monitors to enforce laws, as observed by legislators in Massachusetts. Someone observed that a written list of laws can't execute themselves upon local circumstances, or monitor their execution. Scalia quoted someone saying "the legislative department shall never exercise the executive and judicial powers, or either of them".

Notice that the word "department" begins to throw out the details of reality, to say a legislature (the list, individual people, votes?) is just a nondescript "department". All the various activities of individual legislators and old papers, just became a single mind. In a moment Scalia will use this to say a legislature has the same properties as a monarch, because they're both "departments".

Scalia then makes the jump to saying that committees not being able to enforce and monitor laws all over map isn't an inescapable reality (that has to be overcome), but "the absolutely central guarantee of a just government". That's not what anybody said, and they are crazy idiots if they did. Scalia is talking about a monarch, as the "department" which must have powers separated to not be tyrannical. Not Congress.

(This is like Rachel Barkow seeing criminal process not as a natural reality of the need to use information, but an arbitrary tax to create justice.)

Scalia jumps to something completely different which Madison said in *Federalist 47*, that a person doing whatever he wants, rather than serving laws and being monitored in courts to make sure that he serves laws, doesn't do anything useful. Laws being unable to execute themselves is not "the guarantee of a just government". Actual humans being forced and confined to execute laws is the guarantee of a just government.

Madison is just saying that a human actor on his own, not following the list or being

monitored, doesn't do anything just. Nobody had ever had a problem with a legislative super-majority being unjust, but with a king and local strongmen being unjust. Nobody ever had a problem with a prosecutor enforcing legislation on another person, monitored by a court, being unjust.

A legislature and a monarch are not simply two conceptually interchangeable "departments". A "concentration of powers" in a legislature is not the same thing as a concentration of powers in a monarch, which is what everyone is talking about. Nobody had a problem with written laws magically being enforced without separate delegates, but they can't be.

h. The Independent Counsel in the Cartoon

Now that Scalia had two adversarial abstractions that nobody would untangle, he had to endow one with magical powers. To set up his logic that attacking those powers is bad. But describing what our government does in a little more detail, breaks Scalia's hallucination.

Does a President have special capabilities? The office of the President is more a social circle, like a small legislature without formal votes and written records. Chosen indirectly, by a person who is elected once every four years (by at least a near-majority of national voters). So it's a more nimble committee than a legislature, that can address fewer diverse endeavors in detail. (Less representative and less internally checked.)

It's impractical for a committee to even try to do much of anything, in the thousands of local places where things need to be done. Or to try to directly monitor and control the local government employees who do things, without the middleman of courts and written laws. Local government employees doing whatever they want is also a disaster (basically just local wars). And a monarch even trying to control all the local actors (without laws and local courts), is also a disaster. Because it's almost as impractical for a monarch as

for a legislature, to try to directly control all of them. Before the monarch even gets to ignoring law.

The President is different from the written list of legislation. But is he really that different from any other government employee, like a cop or a legislator? Is the President an abstract branch of government, a "department" like the legislature? Or is he just a person with a small social circle trying to do things. Does the fact that we imagine the President as different make him different? Or are we imagining (and trying to create) an unrealistic world. With an entity that can't really as a practical matter be as different as we imagine he can.

The idea that the independent counsel is not accountable the way the President is, relies on a false cartoon of accountability through the "unitary executive" "chain of dependence" that doesn't actually exist.

It's only when you begin with the false imagination that the entire government can run through the President, or that you should try for it to, that the independent counsel interferes with what you imagine you are doing (and disastrously try to do). Otherwise, you realize the independent counsel is just prosecuting a single official, not "the executive branch". The way any prosecutor prosecutes another person who is doing his own things, taking care of his own business.

It's the same idea as prosecuting the Ambassador to Chile. The President has more duties and responsibilities than the ambassador to Chile (including declaring smaller wars without Congress). But saying he has so many powers that prosecuting him or his supposed employee ruins government, already ruins government the moment you incorrectly imagine he can have so many powers or should. You're not prosecuting God, and if you try to have a government run by God, you've got bigger problems.

When one prosecutor prosecutes another person "in the executive branch" -- another

government employee -- he's not prosecuting the single mind of God. It's fair to say the President is big and unique enough, that prosecuting him (for small crimes) creates problems. But to say that prosecuting some other officer attacks the President or his supposed universal control, relies on some sort of incorrect impractical assumption of a single mind.

By falsely attributing some sort of all-knowing character to the President, you also overestimate the power or effect of the person prosecuting him (or his supposed direct employee). People may think the President can singlehandedly see and administrate all of government. And in fact as a practical matter under current law, the President may be able to step in and interfere wherever he wants. And the media may like talking to him. It's fun (and also disastrous) for everyone to pretend and imagine the President is running everything through this conversation.

But the President is hobbled by the unworkable nature of this God-scheme, before the independent counsel can hobble him. As seen with the current President Trump, who flounders around in a series of endeavors he is unqualified to meddle in, from tariffs to improvements of parks and monuments to threatening media companies that criticize him. (This is a generic never-ending story, in every nation where everyone is always disappointed in their leader. They blamed the previous President for ignoring law to let immigrants break it, so that the current President ignores law to fix it.)

Neither the authority to prosecute people, nor any other function in a specific domain or region, is given to "the executive branch", but to a local domain expert. By harassing the President you are not harassing these functions, and by harassing these functions you are not harassing the President. Except to the extent the President has an ill-advised power to meddle in everything, and put on a theater for a media mob while doing it. Which theater for a mob is not any kind of functional government, and cannot effectively determine and implement useful policy details in specific areas.

The President is not the supervisor of every local prosecution. And pretending he can be, becomes a disaster long before the special counsel supposedly interferes with something it's not practical to do in the first place.

Yes, the Founders thought (and feared) that the President would be powerful. But no plan, desire, or imagination, can change the smallness of what functions the President can actually do well. This is the actual objection to a king, not that he violates the constitution, but that he doesn't do what he does, well. People didn't like monarchy because it became impractical and produced worse results, regardless whether law calls for it or not. Law responds to discovered practical realities.

Scalia really believed the Constitution created this communist autocrat. Though necessarily in a mushy confused way because it doesn't. All doubt was pushed aside, by pointing to elections every four years as completely transforming and curing the character of this autocrat. So you have a single mind, and it's not a communist autocrat but something magical by the magic of being elected every four years. And then after that tiny piece of logical assertion, it's all sophistry and confusion.

I don't know why Scalia thought a legislature was needed. Maybe to list the things that individuals outside government could be prosecuted for. Maybe to legislate the process required before the unitary mind could take away individual liberty. But Scalia spent his life arguing that individual liberty could also be decided by a single will without process. (Exempting businesses and money which Scalia thinks need to be protected from the collective will.)

i. Failure to Debate and Discredit Scalia's Nonsense

So Scalia's logic is that because the Constitution creates a utopian collective mind, the independent counsel statute must be illegal because it interferes with that collective mind. But Scalia doesn't say "because the constitution creates a collective mind, the

independent counsel statute is illegal, because it interferes with that collective mind". Instead, Scalia says that elected legislators are the arm of an abstract "department". And "separation of powers" simply states that there are separate abstract departments operating in an abstract way.

Scalia then says that if in this imaginary cartoon one person was running the government, and if another person ("the legislative branch") attacked him, then neither person would be running the government. Or the second person would be. Or who even knows, because it's an impossible nonsensical idea that can't actually be pictured. Not using actual people in a realistic world.

Scalia conflated the executive branch and local prosecutors as a single mind. And conflated Congress as a list of laws, as the committee that adds to the list, and as elected congressmen who do things other than write laws, as a single mind. Scalia was able to imagine government employees acting against the President were acting as part of a competing collective-mind "department". Even when they're not actually writing legislation. And Scalia's opponents let him fluidly invent forces and dynamics of the interactions between these vaguely-imagined single objects, to support a result.

And then Scalia found historical participants in US government who either lived under, observed, or wanted a king, to say an elected king must be what they understood themselves to be consenting to. And they never consented to checks on that collective will, except as specifically enumerated. Scalia's discovery of a tool or magic act -- "originalism" -- that vaguely worked by coincidence to get the result he wanted, was not his real reasons. The tool did not dictate the result, the result dictated the tool. His real reasons were simply that he's a communist.

The reason Scalia was able to get away with this, why the incredible stupidity and confusion of what he really believed was never confronted, is because of two things:

- 1) Scalia's opponents basically accepted the idea a collective mind could supervise the

government through the President, but with a few modifications.

2) All the crap Scalia pieced together was too screwed up to reveal what he believed, or any coherent set of beliefs and create a coherent attack surface. (Nobody new what shell the ball was under, and the majority in Morrison didn't care.)

Attempting to trace Scalia's reasons as the cause of his decisions was backwards. He imagined a single mind in the President, and he tried to explain that out of what legislation actually says. There was an intermediate step where he substituted abstractions and got confused as to what he was even talking about, making it impossible for anyone else to know. Whether Scalia's reasons passed as making enough sense, depended on whether you wanted the same thing. But if his reasons didn't make sense, people said "your reasons don't make sense". Not "stop inventing crazy crap to get a communist executive".

Scalia's reasons were mush and sophistry passable to idiots who also wanted a utopian executive. And his reasoning was so bad that by arguing with it, you could only end up arguing with a ghost. Instead of just saying "don't make up random crap to promote a utopian communist executive." Like Scalia could say "The Constitution says we have a President to do good, and therefore he should be able to do whatever he wants." His opponents would scratch their heads about the logic of that and where it says that. And people who want a utopian communist executive would quote him as a genius.

People who are confused and have no idea what they're talking about, will grab onto the first thing with any semblance of logic, like a lifejacket in the ocean. If you also want a utopian executive, and from there your thinking goes downhill where you are confused how government even works and lost trying to argue that the Constitution says this, whatever crap Scalia is able to come with really is impressive. Compared to your own efforts to say anything to explain it all. Scalia had an inventory of clever quotes the average idiot never heard before.

There was nothing coherent for Scalia's opponents to see, so they attacked small local bits. Like simply saying that "the unitary executive" is more than the actual text of the Constitution will bear. Rather than saying "this is all nonsense". Rather than saying there is no single mind, and everything else Scalia says is mush and sophistry.

When Scalia starts saying that Madison said the guarantee of justice is that "the legislature department" (legislation? some legislators?) can't have too much power, nobody thinks to respond "you're a communist". Behind Scalia's logic, is this idea in his mind that the President needs to operate as a single mind and Congress can't interfere with him. But Scalia doesn't know how to express that in hard details, nobody does. Because it can't be rigorously explained in the physical world. And so Scalia resorts to some mumbo-jumbo about what Madison once said. And that is what people end up arguing with or accepting, never getting to the root of the problem.

Scalia created a moving ghost of a judicial theory as a smokescreen, tricking even himself the way Cotton Mather proved to himself the rampant existence of witches. And waved it in front of his opponents like a bullfighter, so that they charged to where he wasn't. What Scalia was wrong about was not what people who disagreed with him were saying he was wrong about, his law interpretations. Because Scalia didn't himself know what he was wrong about, meaning where the real debate was.

Scalia was celebrated because of the end result of his decisions, which was to promote a utopian communist executive. Which is always popular. Scalia was not celebrated because the details of his reasons made sense. Quite the opposite, it is because Scalia's actual reasoning was such nonsensical mush, that he was able to smuggle his popular communist policies past people. By distracting them with his dumb details of the reasons he gave, rather than saying "the reason I am doing this is to create a utopian communist executive".

Antonin Scalia was a communist, who really believed in the power of a single mind to

enact "the will of the people". With voters as the eyes, the President as the mind, and local government employees as the hands. Scalia was able to conceal that he was a complete idiot, by speaking in mushy abstractions, and never clearly articulating what was going on in his mind that his individual bits of reasoning were acting in service of. (The contents of Scalia's mind were too much confused mush to be rigorously expressed and criticized.)

Trying to project some sort of simple physical rules onto powerful people playing complicated games, became a great spot to insert communism by saying "this guy should win". But camouflaging it behind some crazy thing that would confuse Scalia's opponents forever, trying to find an abstract rule in it to beat Scalia's claimed abstract rule.

It wasn't enough for Scalia's majority opposition to just say the narrow detail at the end of Scalia's nonsense, is more than the text will bear. They should have torn down the whole nonsense. They knew Scalia was wrong, but they didn't know why. Confused people can't attack brazen idiotic liars.

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D. What Judges Actually Do

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I. Constitutional Violations Accepted by US Courts

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What are the most brazen constitutional violations accepted as standard practice in US courts?

A lot of people would say Fourth Amendment, since cops can do whatever they want in the street, and courts let them. Courts let cops lie and help them sweep it under the rug.

But while that might be true, it's not courts brazenly ignoring the constitution. Because cops lie, and courts play games like saying Section 1983 is for railroad taxes, to put on a

theater that they're following the Fourth Amendment. They're violating the meaning of the term "Oath", which word implies somebody has to care if they lie, but not openly admitting they are. They will insist "there was probable cause and it was reasonable" from here until the end of the world, like a kid who denies breaking something you watched him break.

Courts playing games while pretending police follow the Constitution, is not the same as openly saying they're doing something in clear violation of the Constitution. Which is what they do for the First, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments, when government openly tells publishers what they should publish. And tells witnesses what to say in court, and their own lawyers are paid to help coerce them.

You can go into court any day, and see people in chains saying exactly what the government wants them to say, whether entering guilty pleas or testifying against others in plea bargains. While their lawyers smile all the way to the bank. Defendants' own lawyers are paid to persuade them to give up their right to examine evidence, and instead say what the state wants them to say.

The reason this government witness and speech tampering is called "proper", is because the elected officials coercing the lies are supposed to be regulated politically. But not only do voters have no clue what anyone is even talking about. Publishers are specifically immunized and financially encouraged to promote false inventions preferred by government as true.

The Constitution addressed this, judges had other plans.

Fifth Amendment

Probably the most brazen violation is the Fifth Amendment which says suspects can't be compelled to testify against themselves. Obviously the concept here, isn't that there's a

problem with witnesses talking about themselves, or advocating for their own viewpoint. The concept is that people in chains will say what the person holding the chains wants them to say. So the government can't brazenly reward and punish people for saying one thing versus another in court. Government using their power to make sure their preferred viewpoints are produced in court, defeats the whole purpose of having courts. (Which is a popular goal.)

Government uses the power of imprisoning people and letting them go (and making their lawyers go to trial versus the golf course), to get people to say exactly what government wants them to say in court. And everyone who is not an idiot (or profiting from it) can see this is exactly what's going on.

But for those who are complete idiots, government will claim a defendant pleading guilty isn't being coerced to testify against himself. Because it's not at trial, or because he's coerced to say he isn't being coerced. Or because government doesn't know if it's a lie. Or that people being coerced to testify against other people isn't the same thing. Or that it's only the jury that can't prefer a defendant testify his own viewpoint that he's innocent, because rewarding equals compelling only when jurors do it.

Supreme Court justices say we can't afford courts and witness confrontation (when in reality they just don't want them). So it's better to just accept the viewpoint of government employees as true. So government can compel prisoners to testify whatever is socially approved as reasonable, as long as the government can claim to not know what is really true, or to not be directly responsible for the lies. Even as they never prosecute lies that help the government, which makes their intentions obvious.

Today's court outcomes are a complete charade. Jailhouse-confession witnesses are a more brazen scam than anything in history. But they're accepted practice to get results that are useful to lawyers. What courts call "proper" versus "improper" coercion, is based on whether the outcome is expedient for those in power, exactly what jury trials and

courts in general are meant to prevent.

The Fifth Amendment makes court proceedings honest by saying government can't tamper with witnesses to choose preferred outcomes. Similar to the First Amendment. Courts admit witnesses are being told what to say by government, including lies which the government rewards and doesn't punish. But judges will simply pretend to have no idea what the Fifth Amendment prohibits, while spending years interpreting other amendments.

First Amendment

The next most brazen Constitutional violation, is police and judges tell local publishers what they can and can't say about police activity. Not based on truth and witnesses, but based on viewpoints that are politically favorable to government.

They do this under cover of defamation law. They say people can't say bad things about each other that aren't true. Unless police point the finger at you. Then people can invent any lie about you, as long as the lie is preferred by government.

This is a way for government to win elections, and publishers to get free local gossip without needing investigative reporters, editors, or lawyers. Local news doesn't critically examine government activity, it publishes whatever is expedient for those in power, regardless of whether it's false and harms nobodies.

Liz Bradshaw was raped by a family associate Brian Dubey, in Florida when she was 11. But police destroyed the evidence, and lied to her that Dubey was dead. Then years later Liz saw Dubey alive at a gas station, and went all over social media saying this guy raped me and police covered it up. But despite having a witness, local news refuses to say his name because police didn't say they could.

For comparison, I was arrested for posting "Cops2Prison.org" fliers, and there is no witness of anything but this. But police told publishers they can invent that I was approaching a housewife with stealth and a sexual motive. Despite there being no witness of this, only government preferring this false viewpoint.

Both cases have a sworn witness. In one case a rape victim. And I have sworn in court that the cop who arrested me Pinellas Deputy Robert A. Weil, committed perjury. But whom publishers lie about, and what they say, is determined by whom police point the finger at and what they want publishers to say, not by truth and witnesses. To in essence always say police are honest, and whomever they target are criminals, and totally defeat the purpose of the First Amendment to examine government.

Sixth Amendment

The next most brazen standard Constitutional violation, is violating your right to an attorney. They will list an attorney next to your name. And then they will pay that attorney to advocate to you on behalf of the government. To persuade you to give up your right to a trial, and that it is very bad to call government employees liars.

Judges tell us over and over, that the criminal legal system can't function without plea bargains because there isn't enough money. Prosecutors ration plea bargains, by deciding whom to give them to. So according to judges' own logic, a prosecutor determines whether a defense lawyer is allowed to make money and function.

Your attorney is literally told by prosecutors and judges, that they can only make money if they persuade you to take a plea bargain, and sweep government misconduct under the rug. This is sometimes worse than not having an attorney. Because inexperienced defendants don't know their attorney is on the government's side, and will never represent you zealously if doing so annoys his peers.

People who hire lawyers are tricked about what's going on. When attorneys win your business by saying it's only a few thousand dollars, they don't tell you they can't afford to go to trial or represent you zealously for that price. And the public defender couldn't get elected if he pointed the finger at other government employees and called them liars. No matter how much they really lie about you.

Your attorney depends on the goodwill of his peers every day, but once you get sent up state he will never see you again. Painting you as guilty helps all of them. And sending you upstate fixes all their problems, no person no problem. There is literally nobody in the courtroom with any interest in protecting you.

There's no point being a good attorney when most people accused of crimes are broke. It would take more money than criminal defendants have, to get an attorney to really work to discredit the state viewpoint. They stretch out your court dates long enough to drain you of every penny, then send you upstate whether you are guilty or innocent.

General Theme

The general theme, is the Constitution is ignored when it gets officials elected, and makes money for lawyers and publishers, at the expense of nobodies. Viewpoints which actual evidence would contradict, are substituted for witnessed facts because those in power find them convenient.

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II. Social-Decision Backstop Approves Subverting Formal Process

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a. Witnessed Facts and Legal Background

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Plaintiff witnessed violations of his rights, by cops lying. Plaintiff witnessed cops lying was regular, that it was judicially and socially condoned, and that state law structurally designed this discretion, to subvert judicial process in service of local agendas.

Plaintiff witnessed numerous cases where police and prosecutors subverted warrant and jury hearings with perjury, and researched many that others witnessed and brought to Plaintiff's attention. Plaintiff witnessed countless people with similar experiences recounting the same pattern. Which is that state-agenda perjury is rewarded not prosecuted, information about this is buried rather than reported and disclosed, empirical evidence about this isn't considered, prejudice about this isn't cured, and propaganda about this is used to mislead, at the finder of fact.

Police could harass Plaintiff in the street and blow off courts with lies, adjudicated facts were parrot circles, court outcomes were negotiated behind closed doors along political expedience, Florida was letting murderers go free while squandering tax dollars wrongfully convicting and freeing whomever was politically convenient at a given moment. The resulting conflict deprived Plaintiff of the peaceful coexistence with fellow citizens he has a traditional right to.

All this was built on the discretion and conflict of interest of local prosecutors to not prosecute state-agenda perjury, designed by Florida law. And rather than this being prohibited by voters, prosecutors used perjury to pander to them.

Plaintiff witnessed federal judges support this, based on a communist theory that voters can directly regulate executive officers using political speech, without needing the middleman of courts and law. Based on a mirage that information can be transmitted more cheaply than it can through vaguely-imagined social processes, making distributed formal processes a costly interference. Plaintiff witnessed voters rarely know or care when cops lie, or have any accurate or rational thought about innumerable events, or check actions that are calculated to mislead or not cross some majority.

The ability to observe state witnesses lying about things you have firsthand knowledge of, and the harm from it, is inversely proportional to one's political influence. No cop

expects to lie about things a Governor or federal judge have witnessed, and get away with anything. To witness the full effects of law and politics rewarding state-agenda perjury, you have to be a nobody, and a witness of facts about other nobodies who are lied about. When you talk about government producing lies in court, you're talking about people with more connections to judges than you have, who lie about outsiders.

It's a supply chain of coin-shavers looking the other way on each other lying to insert their preferences, bolstered by confidence in their moral superiority.

To witness these political facts, you have to participate in political debate, including about local cases you have knowledge of. Plaintiff witnessed cops and their political supporters explaining and defending this in the anonymity of the Internet. The idea that voters can witness government activity but Plaintiff cannot, is a scam.

No judge or Defendant in this case claimed to witness anything any state witness testified about. People who never witnessed anything state witnesses testified about, gullibly believe cops who claim to not lie. People who never advocated for the innocent, imagine voters cure rather than create the harm. But they can't legally insert this hearsay below the surface and rule on it as fact against the actual witness. When Plaintiff tells judges what many have witnessed, that local voters will never know or care when police and prosecutors torture ordinary people with lies, judges can't substitute their own imagination, and religious propaganda without empirical evidence.

When state witnesses are allowed to lie, it can't be recovered by other processes, not by lawsuits or jurors judging facial expressions or informal social regulation. Plaintiff learned from his own injuries, from his petitions in courts, and about people whose case facts he firsthand witnessed, that when perjury is undeterred, it's hard to recover from afterwards. It's only the prospect of occasionally being caught and punished in rare cases, and fact-finders considering these real risks and incentives for perjury in every case, that can protect nobodies

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b. Witnessing Judges Overwrite Process

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We have the right to a jury trial because prosecutors, judges, and voters are evil liars. The fact that when prosecutors can convict whomever they want, they convict the innocent, is implied. The right isn't trusted to the hands of executive officers or voters, assuming they're virtuous and want jury trials, which they don't.

Defendants express "how dare you accuse us of intentionally using lies to convict the innocent". But it's because the crowd and politicians are assumed to harm the innocent for sport and theater, that we have laws and juries, so that their impulses aren't relevant.

Plaintiff witnessed popular thinking about this -- about who makes decisions and what protects criminal defendants -- contradicts due process. They can't imagine the purpose of courts is to determine facts even if no participant consciously thinks those are the facts, and create outcomes contrary to the conscious preference of any participant. Rather they think the purpose of courts is to obtain the outcome, which participants have consciously decided in some informal social process. So that criticism of a flawed process, is perceived as criticism of conscious intentions of government officers.

They think protection of rights comes from the conscious intentions of government officers to do good, and the ability of voters to observe and regulate each case. But failure of the system doesn't come from defects in the character and choices of prosecutors, who are assumed to be defective liars. The system is supposed to mitigate that and make the judge and prosecutor powerless to choose to convict the innocent and their intentions irrelevant, by distributing power with checks. The system fails when it doesn't do this, and let's the outcome depend on wisdom and conscious intentions of some participant. They can't imagine the problem process solves, by enforcing laws which may never be understood by any person, living or dead, isn't solvable by their own virtue and wisdom.

The fact that prosecutors tell you they figure out what's true, before they prosecute people and reward felons who lie to obtain this result, is irrelevant. Judges thinking due process is unnecessary because prosecutors figure out who's guilty before rewarding and not punishing people for lying about them, defies legislation. There's no right to a trial by conference room. A prosecutor's supervisor and coworker won't know when he produces lies and convicts the innocent.

In cases like *Hudson* and *Kansas v. Marsh*, Justice Scalia admits he thinks the quality of outcomes is guaranteed by things like "good faith" and "intentions" eclipsing process defects or "mistakes", words not in the Constitution. Scalia thinks it doesn't matter if the process for producing evidence is defective, if courts have a social track for knowing whether it was a good idea to search someone or consider some evidence. When Scalia said it makes sense to admit evidence when someone's obviously guilty, he's saying there's some parallel social process determining guilt, and court proceedings should be rigged to obtain that outcome, excusing process violations.

Florida law is designed to subvert process to conscious intentions based on this misunderstanding, that the quality of outcomes is determined by the good intentions of government. It creates the system Defendants imagine, where intentions matter because prosecutors are checked only by voters and virtue, by giving local prosecutors discretion to reward and not prosecute perjury serving some socially-validated agenda. And by promoting religion about state-witness honesty incentives, while suppressing empirical fact about those incentives, to swindle juries for the public good. Jurors are tricked to imagine "Oath" means good intentions to prosecute perjury.

Judges exploit this hallucination that people can see what others are seeing and doing and optimal actions and supervise them socially. The collective mind of voters and "the" executive branch can observe everyone, and know what actions of others will best serve the interests of strangers in every local situation. Making middlemen like banks, laws, and courts, to transmit information and preferences to noble police and factory managers,

vestiges, pointless ancestral rituals. When voters can decide who's guilty, and fire prosecutors if they don't serve the imagined public interest by punishing whomever voters know needs to be cleansed.

Scalia observing that evidence-suppression results in a large number of guilty going free, requires a parallel social process determining the guilt of a large number of people, and knowing the costs of innumerable police interactions. Without ever working in a trial court, running for sheriff, or being arrested. This favors process hacks that make it easier to convict whomever police or local politics want. While whistling past the peril, like a communist who seizes mines for the public benefit. This fits with Scalia laughing joyfully about trial courts being able to rig outcomes and avoid review.

People say "letting the free market decide leaves some people unable to afford some medical treatments". But they can't say "voters and elected officials know which person should get what operation". When the result is to just hand out operations, they waste resources with an oversized prison population. Whatever the policy is for whose money should be spent on which treatments, needs formal procedure to make local decisions conform. Like the two-key system for missile launches.

Conscious collective processes are captive to fraud and lies. Cheap social opinions of guilt are destructive. Law and process exist because people don't do good and self-destruct without them. Harm from lack of process in individual cases isn't observable by parallel social processes, but by the judgment of history.

Judges have to examine the quality of process to interpret legislation requiring "due" process. The problem is judges aren't trying to fine-tune what process is due. They're trading off process as unnecessary, for this social-regulation mirage. Rational collective perception and social control don't exist.

To argue against communism, you need to persuade people capitalism gets better results

logically, without a controlled lab experiment. To argue against subverting courts with communism, Plaintiff needs only witness people lie to subvert courts, and argue this is illegal. Judges can't dispute that state-agenda perjury is rewarded not prosecuted. But as a practical matter, courts allow law-breaking if they think it works.

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III. Jury Theater: Faking Facts and Gagging Lawyers

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a. Hiding Diaz Confrontation of Real Perjury Incentives

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People get pulled over doing 50 in the 35. Cops asks "Do you know how fast you were going?" People answer "35". This has nothing to do with the science of speedometers. This results from a process not specific to any individual motorist or physical object, that can only be examined as Diaz information, about the real process creating the testimony.

Which in this case is the incentive to the speaker not to provide information, but to obtain a result.

To decide whom to believe and determine if someone was speeding, we wouldn't check whether speedometers are hard to read, or try to tell if motorists are lying by facial expression. The reason these methods are useless is not because the speedometer might be broken and people may really think they were going 35. This is looking at the wrong thing, straw men, distractions, not the actual determinant of whether they are lying. We would instead look at the incentives in the process of whether they think they can get a result by lying, or whether they risk a penalty for it.

Whether the drivers are believed or the cop is believed, is based entirely on being familiar with the process and the incentives facing cop and driver. It is all based on who has an incentive to lie. Such as whether a cop would face a penalty for faking a radar printout or something.

If we were somehow programmed or biased to imagine motorists expect an extra penalty for lying about their speed, or think they can get off by lying about their speed, or there is no harm trying or there is a benefit to playing dumb and pretending you didn't know you were speeding, that belief would determine our decision. If we used incorrect information about whether cops face a reward or a penalty for lying, we would be wrong frequently.

So the right to confront would fail if we are not allowed to ask some witness and consider "Does the cop get some kind of incentive for writing tickets? Don't they make a lot of drug busts pulling over beater cars for following too closely? How many times have cops been caught lying on tickets or in police reports? In all the times cops have been caught lying and the case was dropped, was any cop ever prosecuted or penalized in any way for lying? Is it possible to write the most tickets of any patrolman, get caught lying on one, and still get promoted, has that ever happened?"

Such beliefs are prejudices. The standard prejudice is to imagine there is a collective mind that would punish the cop. When in the actual real-world process, the opposite is true, the cop has incentives to lie to serve agendas. These prejudices can be cured with examination of real-world data. But every effort is made to sweep such data under the rug and pretend it away. There is an incentive not to tell the truth about state-agenda perjury incentives.

The right to confront fails to the extent we are programmed with false biases about the process that actually determines whether witnesses are lying. And if we aren't allowed to examine that process, so that these preconceptions about the incentive to lie remain uncured. While we are instead misdirected by sleight of hand to debate the properties of some substitute item at the wrong location. Such as whether a speedometer was calibrated recently. If you say the chance DNA came from someone other than the defendant is 1-in-16-billion, you are misdirecting like a magician, away from the fact that it takes three seconds for a CSI to lie about where a DNA swab was collected. And she will be rewarded not prosecuted for proving the state narrative.

The Florida Supreme Court said police can't hypnotize witnesses (e.g. *Bundy v. State*, 471 So.2d 9 (Fla.1985)). But they couldn't be honest and say "cops encouraging witnesses to imagine whatever lies the cops want to tell, and making witnesses abandon reservations that someone might fault them for inventing lies, violates due process". Like the Fifth Amendment can't be honest and say "coerced to lie", rather than the obtuse "witness against himself". So the Florida Supreme Court said the reason cops can't systemically manufacture lies through nonsense, is because it violates the right to confront. When it is rather that courts won't let lawyers confront or talk about what is really going on.

The reason you can't confront, is because courts shift the locus of credibility you are supposedly confronting to a fake one, a straw man. When the government has a pattern of lying the state narrative with reward and no penalty, they pretend it's the science. So when the new scam is hypnosis, we examine the new scientific literature on hypnosis, not on whether the government has paid witch-prickers and used every other scientific scam in the past and never prosecuted any witness for lying the state narrative. They say this is a different state witness, this is a different scientific scam, this is a different prisoner being compelled to say another prisoner testified against himself. You cannot confront by asking about past jailhouse-confession witnesses or previous scientific scams, or to what extent the government has generally encouraged witnesses to lie without penalty and make them disclose that.

Burns v. Reed and *Buckley v. Fitzsimmons* make the reward or prosecution of state witnesses for perjured testimony, part of an investigative process producing that testimony. But you are never allowed to confront the prosecutor about his process like you would a fingerprint technician, or a Diaz expert about the state process in general. When it comes to deterring state-agenda perjury, the difference between the process, and what you are confined to disclosing and telling naive jurors about the process, is politically contrived to be off-center in favor of the state. What you are allowed to say about whether state witnesses face a penalty for lying, is more off-center than any other

axis along which courts measure whether to permit testimony and accept it as true.

The testimony is produced and selected by the prosecutor, and by law which says he does not have to prosecute and cannot be sued for perjury. But they exclude confronting these extrinsic factors, and pretend the credibility of the testimony is created by factors isolated to the witness himself, whether he is an honest person. They put old wine in new bottles (different "science" and different witnesses"), and say "This bottle has a clean slate so far as honesty. And you can't ask if this wine has ever been in another bottle." You can't ask if there was ever another jailhouse-confession witness, or another scientific liar with a college degree, or what the penalty would be. Or whether all are rewarded not penalized for lying.

But the underlying investigative process - encouraging perjury without penalty - is the same for all the different categories and vessels of lies. jailhouse-confession, spectral, hypnosis, shaken baby, dog acts, bite mark... They all move the investigative process, and what determines the testimony and whether it is reliable, to something behind the scenes jurors are cultivated to have uncured bias about and you are not allowed to ask about. You can't ask "Will this scientist go to prison or even be forced to give a refund, has any state scientist ever, if everything he said turns out to be false? As has often happened?"

U.S. v. Perdomo, U.S. v. McClellon, and U.S. v. McClellan, make Plaintiff's remedy of an institution to compel reporting and prosecute perjury prerequisite, for disclosure of extrinsic Diaz and Kyles factors affecting witness reliability. Such as to disclose when local officials have dropped cases found to contain perjury, but have not prosecuted the perjury or otherwise made the lack of penalty available to defense attorneys ("the information is in the possession of some arm of the state" U.S. v. Perdomo, 929 F.2d 967, 971 (3d Cir. 1991), "pending internal investigations are confidential and are not disclosed" U.S. v. McClellon, 260 F. Supp. 3d 880, 884 (E.D. Mich. 2017)).

Burns v. Reed and Buckley v. Fitzsimmons show a recurring investigative process which

creates extrinsic factors affecting testimony reliability. Prosecutors will say such witnesses are not selected by a process, but "came forward" because they knew their testimony might be helpful. Such witnesses who know they can get a benefit for coming forward with jailhouse confessions or to proffer testimony for plea bargains, can reasonably be expected to also know what every inmate and defense lawyer knows, that state-agenda perjury is never prosecuted but is a 100% free gamble (see ECF 34/5).

Cases confirm the necessity to produce and disclose actual fact about whether state witnesses face prosecution for perjury, and cure juror bias:

- 1) U.S. v. Bagley and U.S. v. Agurs, because never prosecuting perjury is an "inducement" to lying which "might have affected" witness reliability.
- 2) U.S. v. Javelin which makes extrinsic Diaz material critical because jailhouse-confession witnesses are often the "only evidence" of guilt.
- 3) U.S. v. Abel which requires disclosing "evidence which might" elucidate "bias" in the process and incentives influencing reliability.
- 4) Shabazz v. Artuz and U.S. v. Weiss, because criminals facing only a reward and no penalty for lying, while the jury literally can't believe this shocking fact and is prejudiced to imagine the opposite, "outweighs" and eclipses all other impeachment material rather than being marginal in addition to it ("if the probative value of evidence is outweighed by the unfair prejudice that might result from its introduction, it should not be admitted" U.S. v. Weiss, 930 F.2d 185, 197-98 (2d Cir. 1991)).

The Florida Supreme Court creates the confrontation problem, by telling defendants they can't confront the real determinants of reliability. You are stuck trying to use face twitches or get the witness to admit he is lying. The right to confront fails when you are not allowed to ask any witness the real question which gets to the heart of whether the testimony is likely to be true: Does any witness or state actor face prosecution for producing lies? Are cops allowed to use scam processes to produce lies, or would they ever be prosecuted when DNA or something shows the witnesses lied? You are not allowed to

ask about the real issue that examines the credibility of the witness: Are cops and witnesses penalized for producing lies, or rewarded for it?

Because they can't admit that producing lies and letting state witnesses know there is a reward and no penalty for lying the state narrative, is what the state does. And cops face a reward and no penalty for producing lies that get convictions. Admitting that would take away all the power of the executive branch to put on theater and get elected. No scientific expert gets paid by broke negros to say the state knows nothing, and that there is no new scam that can produce evidence and overcome that.

The idea that hypnosis interferes with the right to confront because witnesses don't know they are lying, relies on the assumption that if a witness knows he is lying, cross examination can expose this. It's totally off-target as to what the problem is, a misdirected straw man. They would never let you ask any witness "Isn't it true that witnesses who have been hypnotized are often lying and don't know it? Or know their testimony is socially approved? Isn't hypnosis a process for approving favored lies?"

If the problem is really that witnesses who have been hypnotized think lies are true, then all you need is to confront an expert by asking "Isn't it true that people who are hypnotized (and lineup-identification witnesses who aren't hypnotized) are often encouraged to invent things and don't know they are lying?" But they instead send some broke defense attorney up there with a plan to get the witness to twitch or something. And let lies and theater about extrinsic incentives rule (ECF 1/76).

They say look at his facial expression rather than whether liars are ever prosecuted, which is very convenient when the state rewards sociopaths for lying. Appellant has watched key witnesses lie at trial, and their facial expression showed it. But people who didn't know they were lying, would never have guessed that lying is what caused their facial expression. Because they could not guess the judge and prosecutor would let people sing reams of brazen lies without penalty. Plaintiff himself was shocked.

Courts pretend prosecutors know the exact amount of encouragement to "loosen tongues" or recover memories or compensate scientists, without cultivating lies. That's something that could be examined using evidence from past cases, but that is off limits. They say the letters "n", "o", "s", and "e" simply "came forward" out of their own independent human decency, or letting these letters out of prison merely "loosened their tongues" to tell facts independent of what the prosecutor selected. Plaintiff says "nonsense". Cross examination: "Are you really the letter n?" Not: "How were you picked and is this process reliable?"

The hypnosis testimony has been selected - manufactured - to be consistent with the other evidence and the prosecution's narrative. The testimony has been designed and selected and coached to survive cross examination. By the time he is on the stand, the witness knows what evidence and government and politics and even justice demand for him to say. But you are not allowed to ask any witness in court "Isn't hypnosis just part of a larger pattern of the state encouraging falsehoods with a reward and no penalty?"

Meanwhile, the jury is programmed with a theater to imagine state actors would face a penalty for straight inventing lies and bad science, and never cured of this bias. So they ignore brazen inaccuracies in fabricated testimony as somehow innocent or irrelevant. Not as evidence the entire thing is made up. Because of course the government wouldn't be allowed to let murderers out of prison or pay scientists for lying to torture the innocent. The same people who say criminals need death to deter their crimes, say maybe a cop would miss a promotion for lying, which is enough to deter him stealing the lives of innocents with lies. When in the real world the cop gets promoted by lying, and the prosecutor gets elected by helping the cop cover up his lies (search "John Preston's dog").

It is entirely the fact that the witness perceives a reward and no penalty for specific lies the state wants, while the jury has an uncured bias to imagine a penalty for lying for everyone involved, that permits every scam to manufacture testimony. From junk science

to jailhouse-confession witnesses, it all comes down to witnesses knowing there is a reward and no penalty for lies the government wants. And the jury not knowing. And there being no discovery or confrontation or Diaz expert permitted to clear this up. Certainly no confrontation of the prosecutor himself, who selects from among witnesses and coaches them and has never once prosecuted any witness caught lying his narrative, while many have been caught.

The Supreme Court of Florida admitted that hypnosis testimony is unreliable, but you're not allowed to ask the right questions that would expose it is unreliable. Because you are not allowed to tell the jury what the Supreme Court of Florida knows. This is what Plaintiff said (ECF 34/2-3), that the Florida Supreme Court knows witnesses like jailhouse confessions are unreliable. But then chooses to hide what they know from juries and go off-target with what the problem is or what juries are told.

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b. Google Gemini Flash on Jury Witness-Reliability Being a Scam

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The legal system's insistence that jury evaluation of witness credibility is an act of lay "common sense" creates a profound structural blind spot. By reducing witness assessment to reading facial expressions and demeanor, court doctrine transforms a complex evaluation of institutional incentives into a pseudoscientific exercise.

1. The Epistemological Failure of "Demeanor Evidence"

Standard jury instructions explicitly direct jurors to consider a witness's "manner and demeanor while testifying" to determine if they are telling the truth. Empirical psychological research has repeatedly demonstrated that humans—including judges, police officers, and jurors—perform at or near chance levels (around 50-54%) when attempting to detect deception through physical cues, facial expressions, or vocal tone.

Relying on demeanor treats lie detection as a natural human skill rather than what it is:

a subjective projection of bias. Yet appellate courts grant near-total deference to trial court "credibility determinations" precisely because the judge or jury saw the witness's demeanor—a doctrine that shields arbitrary decision-making behind an unreviewable procedural wall.

2. The Asymmetry of the Perjury Threat

Jurors operate under the legal fiction that lying under oath carries a severe, universally enforced risk of criminal prosecution. In reality, the legal threat of perjury for a state-cooperating witness is practically non-existent when the lie favors the prosecution:

- i. Selective Enforcement: Perjury prosecutions require executive branch discretion. A prosecutor's office will almost never indict its own key witness for perjury committed to secure a state conviction, as doing so would destabilize their own cases and invite post-conviction relief.
- ii. The Immunity Shield: When witnesses enter non-prosecution or plea agreements, the state holds total discretion over whether the deal is breached. Lies that align with the state's narrative are rarely classified as a breach.

Without expert context or specific instruction, jurors assume the oath acts as a powerful deterrent, unaware that for a cooperating defendant, the penalty for **not** satisfying the prosecutor (spending decades in prison) dramatically outweighs the non-existent threat of a perjury charge for lying on the stand.

3. Bargain Mechanics Are Technical, Not "Common Sense"

Evaluating incentivized testimony requires understanding complex administrative leverage that the average layperson cannot decipher through intuition alone:

i. The Machinery of Leniency: Mechanisms like Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 35 or U.S. Sentencing Guidelines § 5K1.1 allow prosecutors to file motions for sentence reductions that **only** the government can initiate. The judge cannot grant the reduction unless the state requests it.

ii. Iterative Narrative Grooming: Before a witness ever takes the stand, they undergo "proffer sessions." During these non-recorded meetings, prosecutors and agents signal—intentionally or implicitly—which facts fit their theory of the case and which do not. By the time the jury sees the witness, the narrative has been refined through a trial-and-error process of incentives.

Treating this administrative leverage as self-evident to a lay jury is equivalent to expecting jurors to calculate DNA match probabilities without statistical expertise.

4. Protecting the Jury's "Black Box"

If courts permitted expert testimony on the structural incentives of state bargains, memory contamination in proffer sessions, or the inaccuracy of demeanor-based lie detection, it would dismantle the foundational premise of the jury system.

The law designates the jury as the sole "finder of fact" because a jury's verdict is a unreviewable black box that provides finality. Admitting that lay jurors lack the institutional literacy to detect state-sponsored deception without scientific or expert framing would require admitting that the adversarial trial, in its current form, cannot reliably distinguish between a genuine witness and a incentivized actor.

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IV. "Originalism" Makes Voter Consent Impossible, Law a Black Box, Legislation a Fool's Errand

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One of the biggest ironies of so-called "originalism" on the Supreme Court, is that it does the opposite of the very thing it claims gives it legitimacy.

"Originalism" is supposed to protect the right of voters to consent through the details of legislation, but it does the opposite. Judges inventing what the Constitution says 200 years later, and repealing laws that have been on the books and enforced, destroys the ability of voters to consent.

Because voters don't even know how it works. Judges saying "this does this and that" and all this complicated stuff that only judges understand, destroys the ability of voters to know what current laws are, or even think they can know what laws are. Much less think that legislation works and that they can use it. They realize they need unchecked executive-branch power.

A lot more people than just the Founders, consent to legislation in the 200 years they don't try to change it. For 200 years people think the Constitution does something. All those voters in every Congressional election for 200 years, are consenting to what they think legislation says.

But then all that consent of voters, is thrown out in favor of things that only justices can see, that only clerics and magicians can see. Justices will spend all day trying to tell you what someone 200 years ago consented to (which has been hiding in secret all that time). But ignore what everyone since has (openly) consented to.

Spending 100 years not passing legislation because you think you already have it, is a form of voter consent. And then finding out you didn't have legislation because a court says you didn't -- because of something you never heard of and which wasn't written anywhere for you to find (like prosecutor absolute immunity which voters obviously didn't know about) -- instructs voters that they can't even try to consent through legislation. Because courts tell voters that legislators are powerless to control courts, and even more

powerless to control the executive branch.

Especially any time a court says there's some immunity, voters are going to say "Why am I going to bother with legislation, when courts are telling me I can't use legislation because it can't be enforced. And I have to somehow stand in the street with a torch, and that's the only way I can get anything done."

But that's what Justice Gorsuch says with his "chain of dependence". Courts say don't bother with legislation, get out in the street with a torch, that's the "chain of dependence".

When voters find out that they never could have guessed, that the President can fire people from the FTC but not from the Federal Reserve, they suddenly find out they don't have what they consented to. They find out writing legislation to fire FTC commissioners was pointless based on something that's not even written anywhere and would've been impossible for voters to know about. And now legislation does something nobody consented to, an FTC directly controlled by the President. And they can't fix it because the whole current election is based on gas prices.

Or when voters find out something they couldn't have known, that prosecutors have absolute immunity to fix criminal cases by coercing people to lie, which the Fifth Amendment says they can't do, voters can't fix it. Because they don't know it needs fixing, because for 100 years they never knew it in the first place.

The Supreme Court rewriting legislation like the FTC Act and 42 USC 1983, so that the dynamics of their behavior is changed to not even do what Congress designed them to do, isn't interpreting legislation, it's legislating something Congress never wanted, and repealing something they did. It's the Supreme Court eliminating what Congress designed, but then inventing a new institution that fits their utopian hallucination.

And these Supreme Court justices who seem like they haven't gone outside for 50 years or never drove a car or something, where they get the idea they had any wisdom to do anything, much less redesign these major institutions of American government, is they're stooges used to bypass the legislature.

What exactly is the life experience of a Supreme Court justice other than memorizing academic propaganda?

How can they write legislation when they can't know they need it until 100 years later, when the Supreme Court suddenly tells them what the law says or what it's allowed to mean. Voters think for 100 years that they already have fixed it. Then voters learn they have ("unwritten") legislation they never knew about, and don't have what they consented to.

Voters can't fix through legislation what only clerics can tell them is broken. And won't try to write legislation, if they know they can't predict what the Supreme Court says is allowed. There's no point of voters consenting to something like the "Voting Rights Act", if only someone with an advanced degree 50 years later can figure out what it does.

The Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade* or *Humphrey's Executor* or refusing to give venue to petitions designed by 42 USC 1983 or the Endangered Species Act, tells voters not to bother with legislation. By inventing all kinds of things the Constitution doesn't say like immunity, the Supreme Court destroyed the ability of voters to even attempt to consent through legislation. Why am I going to pass legislation when government employees are immune to it? Or when nobody is allowed to petition in courts to enforce things that aren't already popular anyway without legislation, so that an elected official does them not even needing legislation. Or even if the law says he can't.

Voters are taught the hard way, that legislation is not where power lies.

The Supreme Court saying over and over that government employees are immune to legislation, tells voters that legislation isn't how you get what you want from government. Consent through legislation doesn't do jack. The President needs to be able to take "unhesitating action".

You can pass a law, and nobody can enforce it on the President, or on everyone he can pardon or anyone else. So instead of wasting your time on legislation, the Supreme Court tells you to get out in the street with a torch. The Supreme Court rewards people who pursue mob rule, or any kind of power other than legislation.

Instead, voters will try to appoint judges to write legislation, or to just give government employees immunity to do what voters want, or what we think they are going to do. Or just feel lost.

It's pretty funny, Supreme Court justices don't like torch mobs protesting their rulings. But they are the ones who told people to use direct political influence, not legislation, to get what they want. To form into factions with common interests to be as loud as possible. How do Supreme Court justices they think they got appointed, except by a bunch of crazy people being loud and influencing politicians?

Justices didn't pick their rulings because they're smart. Not any more than a Chinese chef chooses the best way to cook, when someone else chooses to go to his restaurant. The people who voted for the President picked the rulings. People who couldn't get a super-majority to pass them, and who mostly weren't descendants of the Founders. Many of them immigrated after *Roe v. Wade*.

People who like cops and don't like abortion and picked Justice Alito -- and thereby picked which idiot parroting would be written as law -- honestly don't know jack about the law. Justices are frankly hilarious in their estimation of their own brilliance.

Supreme Court justices only have their offices, because people who didn't like abortion and jury trials elected Presidents to get rulings. Voters for President -- not for legislators -- chose and choose what the Constitution says.

After *Roe v. Wade*, people who wanted to outlaw abortion never tried to amend the Constitution. Millions of people every election consented to *Roe v. Wade*. Judges had a great chance to say "fix it by amending the Constitution". Instead, the Supreme Court validated that legislation was never where the game was.

Judges like Frank Easterbrook have literally told voters there's an "unwritten Constitution" they can't see or know about, and that is what really controls government.

A 51% vote for a President every four years, can't consent to much of anything. Only legislation provides a means for voters to actually engage in details of consent. And the Supreme Court has basically told voters that legislation is a fool's errand.

The proof of this is in the debate surrounding the upcoming election. Nobody has any legislation they are hoping to pass. The opposition wants to win Congress so that Congress can act as executives, or exercise power in some vague way involving social influence.

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V. Justice Scalia Creates a "Parchment Guarantee" in *Lujan*

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In *Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife*, Justice Antonin Scalia said it's up to politics to make sure common interests are served. By using social influence to make sure government employees enforce previously-passed laws ("the impact on plaintiff is plainly undifferentiated and common to all members of the public... business of... the political branches").

The incentive to enforce the Endangered Species Act was already (politically debated

and) legislated by Congress (a "political branch") in 1978 (16 USC 1540 subsection g). Scalia said after that, it was still dependent on the political process (over and over every day) influencing the executive branch through "the chain of dependence", to make sure "the executive branch" actually enforces the law.

But the ballot in the next Presidential election did not contain any line about a particular river or elephant species in Sri Lanka, or any way to differentiate this interest. The 1992 election was about "it's the economy stupid" and "100 days to healthcare". The election (and debate) establishing the interest of individuals in environmental enforcement took place years earlier, when electing legislative representatives.

So far as I can tell, Lujan plaintiff Amy Skilbred lived in Alaska. The ballot provided to communicate her preferences in the 1992 election included the names of about a half dozen President candidates, and space for write-ins. But included zero text or space for specific legislation or environmental issues.

I remember the 1994 election being about Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America". And an anecdote of a farmer in California who couldn't use his land because of an endangered kangaroo rat. But I don't recall being told by anyone in 1992, that my vote could affect the fate of the Nile crocodile. I need people with more knowledge and information than me, as delegates to represent my interests in these things. But Scalia basically said it's impossible to legislate protection of any interest that 51% of people aren't avid experts on.

Lujan conflates between interest, knowledge, information, and incentive. Someone who has an interest that a law be enforced, and someone who has knowledge, information, and incentive to enforce it, are two different things. The incentive to enforce it must be conveyed from the person who has an interest, to the person who has knowledge and information. That can't be done by politics, because neither my brain nor my ballot, have space for everything I have an interest in or that could affect me. That's why I join a collective.

So that's why my representatives, on my behalf, created the citizen-enforcement provision in Lujan. Whether this is good or bad policy, is irrelevant. You can't have any policy, without an enforcement process. And politics can't process case-specific details.

It doesn't matter if you have an interest in some outcome, if you have an unconscious interest. I have an interest that a comet not hit Earth. But I shouldn't have to be aware of every space rock, to vote on which one NASA should pay attention to. I need to be able to delegate to them to take care of it -- and delegate somebody to sue on my behalf if they aren't (standing in for me like a juror) -- without my having to be aware. I need someone with differentiated knowledge and information, not someone with a differentiated stake in the outcome. I need some way to give that person an incentive.

Knowledge, information, and benefit are in three different places. I have an undifferentiated interest that the law be enforced (such as on meteor-prevention). But I have differentiated knowledge as to what should be enforced, and differentiated information on where it needs to be enforced. And so I have differentiated ability to enforce my interest by creating an incentive to enforce it, since the "chain of dependence" doesn't do it using my election ballot.

The "powers" to enforce it, and the information and incentive, are all in "separate" places.

Regardless of Scalia inventing what the text of the Constitution says, Scalia both a) really believes social influence works better than courts, and b) panders to the vanity of "the people" with a mirage of control, to slip in policies he likes. Where he imagines "the people" want his wise policies.

Scalia imagines he is part of this telepathic transmission. And is not really a fan of the actual parchment. (Like Gorsuch in *City of Grants Pass* prefers "collective wisdom" over federal law.)

And it's likely that Scalia simply thinks environmental laws are bad policy, because the tradeoff decisions created by citizen lawsuits are unprofitable. But also thinks that it's up to federal judges to protect business rights against such bad legislated policies, using sophistry. Scalia sees himself, rather than the Lujan plaintiffs, as the conscious delegate acting on behalf of the unconscious masses.

Such is the magical thinking inside the social world of the judge-ape. (Scalia seems to have no problem with individual police using courts to arrest people without a political debate on the particular case details. Because police have telepathy, environmentalists do not.)

Scalia thinks voters in direct democracy are both wiser and more efficient than petitioners enforcing laws in court. Like Powell in Imbler, Scalia believes this based on a hallucination of rational social influence, not based on any rigorous evidence or debate.

But it's dubious that people standing in the street shouting, forming shouting factions, and bombarding millions of distant strangers with esoteric propaganda every day, is more efficient than simply having standing in court.

When Scalia gives you standing to stand in the street shouting, it's the perfect example of legislation being turned into what Scalia called "a parchment guarantee". As I found out when I was arrested for posting "Cops2Prison.org" fliers. And judges actively participated in falsifying that record, by adding lies which even government employees themselves were too timid to tell.

This was Scalia's plan all along, to turn legislation into worthless parchment. If he doesn't think the policy or process is necessary. While preaching about abstractions as distractions. What "the people" want is magically the same as what Scalia wants.

And Scalia's opponents' only plan to stop him is to argue that a policy is good and so should be enforced rather than repealed with sophistry. And argue that the Constitution doesn't bar Congress from creating causes of action. Rather than address the root of Scalia's thinking. Which is that he's a communist idiot and fascist stooge, hallucinating away the physical realities of information economics, in favor of a utopian mirage.

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VI. Madison's Folly: Serving Dead Legislators Starves Ambition

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Why is it that every government office wants to expand their power, except courts. Courts alone claim to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money, and censors of their own power. The short answer is they're lying. It's propaganda. So what's really going on, and what does this fake prudence of courts have to do with the fall of civilization?

Every other government office grows their business, by spending more money and expanding their power. For courts, it's the opposite. Courts get what they want by saying it's none of our business, and it's too expensive to make it our business.

And the reason why, is because when courts do spend the money and make things their business, they don't get to do what they want. They have to follow the law.

Suppose a judge wants police to shoot someone. He just says "It's none of my business and we don't have the resources to examine what the cop did. I would love to look at it but we're broke, we're all backed up."

As puppets of the law in formal court proceedings, judges don't create power. They don't get to choose who gets shot or not. Not unless they use those proceedings not to enforce law, but to hand away power. And divorce power from law. So since law shrinks power, judges grow power by shrinking their job.

Jury trials, and honest court proceedings, take power away from government officials and

give it to dead legislators and jurors. Being a slave to law and formal procedure, is abrasive to human impulses. The law is not any judge's ambition. Avoiding the law is.

A juror doing what a juror wants is not a judge's ambition. Avoiding jurors is. And so at the exact moment James Madison says "ambition must be made to counteract ambition", courts say "we're going home". Judges going home unchains ambition from law like a dog.

Madison's idea that one government official will have the ambition to check another government official -- not by deciding things himself, but by letting jurors and dead legislators decide -- didn't work in Madison's time or today.

a. Creating Power by Shrinking Judicial Process

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People like to talk about why civilizations fall. You can see a fatal flaw in our civilization, in a recent Supreme Court case.

In the White House ballroom case, *National Park Service v. National Trust*, the Supreme Court delivered the standard line of judges: The Court said "We don't want this power. We don't want everyone coming to courts to solve their problems."

(The actual quote is "usher in a world where virtually every citizen had standing... federal courts do not operate as an open forum for citizens".)

Can you imagine a retail business owner making a similar objection, that too many people would come to his store for everything they want? Can you imagine a Congressman or sheriff complaining that people would come to him to solve all their problems? No other government office complains about growing their business.

But the Supreme Court complained like courts always do, that expanding their power would give them more work.

And the reason why, is that's not courts' real objection. It's just propaganda. Having too much work or too much power isn't judges real objection. Following the law is.

Never mind how expensive it would be -- how much work it would be -- for every voter in every election to decide whether or not to build a White House Ballroom; to learn about and think about and debate and litigate this issue at every kitchen table. We would waste more energy on direct democracy, than on a million courts. Competing policy gurus promoting political issues to gullible parrots in the street, is a time-consuming and acrimonious process. Especially for questions legislation has already answered.

But the Supreme Court knows this. Judges know voters can't really monitor every government employee in their so-called "chain of dependence". The Supreme Court knows 100 million voters can't decide something more cheaply than 100 legislators or 10 judges can. Courts saying direct democracy is more efficient than courts isn't really about cost. This is a power grab, disguised as a power forfeiture.

By not spending the money and not doing the work, judges take power away from jurors and dead legislators, and instead give it to their friends and their faction -- people they know. Judges use the cost excuse to create money and power for their lawyer friends. That's exactly what judges get hired to do, no more no less.

It's not the work that judges don't like, it's what the work is designed to produce. Which is following the law. Which the people present would rather not do, when their ambition is to instead make deals and do whatever they want. When Madison's ambition enters the room, judges go home and take the law with them.

But judges can't tell you that having jury trials would get a result the law wants rather than what the powerful people in the room want. So instead they say oh, it's too much work, it costs too much money. They say voters are virtuous, it's their right to decide who

is guilty. In reality, voters have no idea what police are doing in the street or what is going on in individual criminal cases. This is just a power grab to hide things from voters. Judges let their friends decide things, while the voters are somewhere else watching a circus.

Judges' real objection isn't "lack of judicial resources". It's that enforcing the law in honest court proceedings would take away all their decision power, and enslave them and every other elected official.

Judges actual objection, is to being forced to listen to witnesses whom they have no control over what they say. And to letting jurors decide whom to believe and follow the law. Judges are the heirs that want to break the will and sell the house, so they can instead get what they want.

51% of legislators get what they want. Cops get to decide whom to shoot, and lie about it. But when judges do their jobs they have no say, the law decides for them. What courts do was never judges' business to begin with, it was the law's business, it was commands written by dead people. Judges breaking the law takes the power back, and puts it under control of the living.

Judges expand their power by breaking the bonds of their enslavement, which is the law. And giving the decision to someone else outside courts who doesn't have to follow the law.

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b. Legislation is Never Embodied in Human Ambition

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Every government office wants to expand its power. The welfare office wants more people on welfare, more programs with more money to do more things. But courts say every day: We don't want everyone coming to court to get what they want. Having all this power would create too much work for us. We hear every day from the judiciary that their dockets are full, they don't want more business.

Judges don't want more jury trials. Judges certainly don't want everything decided by jury trials, like the other branches want to decide everything. Judges are sent on a mission to seize decision-power back from the words of dead people, by rejecting their own job.

Meanwhile, lawyers and prosecutors do want to make more money and get elected. So judges say let the lawyers decide. Let the politicians who get elected decide. Let the decisions be made by people who want to make them, because doing so can serve their ambition.

The reason we use juries, is because they are not corrupted by ambition, by their own agenda. But judges take power away from juries and dead legislators, and give it to the living people in the room who stand to benefit. Who benefit from torturing the innocent, to get elected.

A jury decision doesn't serve a judge's ambition. It doesn't make money for him. Or increase his status, unless it's on TV. It just creates work for him. So there's no ambition of a judge to let a jury decide. He says I don't want to hold a jury trial, and the law says I can't decide myself, so I am going to bed. Let the lawyers decide.

Judges don't profit from jury trials. Prosecutors don't get elected from it. Lawyers don't make money off it. Nobody has an ambition to let strangers decide things for him. People who have power, don't profit from jury trials giving power to nobodies.

There's no human impulse, to stand aside and give decisions to someone else, in this cases jurors and the law. Being forced to hold court proceedings, and then making them honest, doesn't serve any human impulse of judges, or make any profit for them, or expand their power.

Being forced to do what the law says based on what the witnesses say, makes judges and their peers into slaves. It makes lawyers and elected officials into puppets, into robots. No ambition is served by a judge having witnesses tell the truth, and jurors decide what to do.

The reality is powerful people don't won't nobodies coming to court, to solve their problems. Because courts take power away from the powerful. And make them all stand there like servants, while the witnesses and jurors and legislation decide.

Telling the truth in court creates power for no man and only the law.

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c. Legislation has No Local Representative

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James Madison said "ambition must be made to counteract ambition". But legislation has no person whose ambition or profit represents it. There's no individual in the room, no local actor, who gathers and accumulates wealth, or maximizes his power, by enforcing legislation.

So Madison's "ambition", doesn't result in old legislation being enforced. Not after the people who wrote it are dead. Ambition results in old legislation being rewritten into new case law, which makes lawyers money and gives government employees power.

And that is a fatal flaw of the United States today.

Judges will tell you they love that old legislation. And that what that old legislation actually says, is that someone alive today decides. Not courts and law. Never mind this isn't actually written anywhere. "The Unitary Executive" and executive-branch immunity, aren't legislated anywhere.

But judges say these things must be what those dead people wanted when they were

alive, to do whatever they wanted in their time. People always wanted to throw off the shackles of law. Or couldn't understand being regulated by law in formal procedure, rather than through social power dynamics. And that makes lawlessness the law today. Regardless of what old legislators wrote.

People who observed a king, must have understood that is how society worked. So that is what the "unwritten law" says, that government doesn't have to follow the law.

So judges and politicians -- government employees -- hate legislation and their first job is evading it. And no powerful person wants it enforced.

You might say what about the ambition of powerful people to have legislation enforced, when they're affected by it? You might say powerful people complain about courts being dishonest every day. But could any judge avoid that by holding honest proceedings? No, a judge can only avoid that by producing the outcome the fewest people complain about. Or better yet, by not even producing any court outcome at all. By letting the factions take their fight somewhere else. Which both sides want.

Powerful people aren't angry that judges didn't enforce legislation. They're angry about the outcome regardless of legislation, and angry that courts get to decide at all. The powerful can negotiate with police and corrupt and influence them, and donate to them. But they can't negotiate with something written by a dead person.

Powerful people don't complain about law being enforced in general, they complain about specific decisions. And their solution isn't law being enforced in general, it's courts not making any decisions.

So judges take power away from the law, and it give it to the local social system. They want to let prosecutors who win elections, and lawyers who make money, decide cases.

And then pretend it's up to the voters to decide. Politicians tell voters "If you want something, dead legislators and courts can't help you. You need to talk to me." So rich people sit in back rooms, and poor people stand in the street with torches, and dead legislators lie silent in the ground.

Law is not any powerful man's ambition, but a prison for it. For ambitious people to fulfill their ambition, whether it's jurors or judges or police or lawyers, the first thing they have to do is to take away power from the law. And nobody counters that ambition, with an ambition to enforce law itself.

Making sure that powerful people don't complain about court outcomes, or producing court outcomes that the participating lawyers don't complain about, or even that voters don't complain about in the few cases when voters are watching, is the opposite of following the law. It's following social dynamics, where might makes right.

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d. Ambitions of Judges Versus Businessmen

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When a businessman serves prices -- when he accepts prices as they are, and discovers that people will pay \$2 for widgets and he can get them in China for \$1 -- he gets rich from it. When a judge figures out what the law is and accepts it and follows it, he doesn't get anything for himself. He gets hate and blowback from powerful people who didn't get what they want.

In exchange for doing what prices say all day, a businessman gets to do what he wants at night. It's designed to work that way. A businessman gets to insert his own price by buying a boat. But a judge who enforces the law so that he can occasionally break the law, has to break the system to do so.

A judge who puts on the uniform and enforces the law all day, so that he can sometimes insert his own preferences, has to break the joints of the law to get this flexibility. And

once judges create the flexibility to sometimes get what they want, it's a free-for-all, for lawyers and politicians and businesses.

So the ambition of judges is to break enough joints of the law, that they can do what they want and serve actual ambition. The job of judges is to break the joints of the law, to instead serve the ambitions of lawyers.

You might say the ambition of a judge is to have social status. But you can get the social status of being a judge, without holding a single jury trial. You can have that social status and still minimize your work. And one of the ways judges break the joints of law is just to minimize their work. They can have the social status of being a judge, but just say I'm not taking any cases, you guys settle it outside court. Unless the case is on TV, then I'll do law all day.

Judges increase their social status even more, by giving the decision to their lawyer peers instead of law. But then putting on their law cloak when it's televised.

But make no mistake, when the Supreme Court says we don't want to fix this problem -- like in *National Park Service v. National Trust* -- it's not that they really don't want to fix the problem or don't have an ambition to decide it one way or the other. It's that not enforcing law, and instead saying something is none of courts' business, is judges way of doing what they want. Not taking a case, not letting law see the problem -- closing the eyes of law -- is judges' way of getting the outcome they choose. Judges let someone outside court choose the outcome judges want, and then say it's none of courts' business.

Judges can fix the world like any idealist, but their unique way to do it is by closing their eyes.

Suppose your ambition is to promote your religion. And the law says government can't promote a religion. In that case, your ambition is to become a judge. And then say you

know what, government promoting a religion is none of courts' business.

If you want to do something, and the law says you can't, then your ambition is to become a judge and say this thing I want done is none of courts' business.

If a judge wants X, and law says people can't do X, the judge's way of getting X is by saying X is none of his business. It's not that the judge has no ambition to decide X. It's that the judge getting what he wants, is achieved by saying X is not the business of the law or courts. X may be illegal. But it's none of courts' business to enforce the law. A judge can't choose to do something illegal, but can choose to step aside and let someone else do it.

A judge says I want X, the law says no, it's not up to law to solve this problem, I'm going to say it's up to the executive branch to solve this problem. And then lie that voters can see what's going on and have time to think about it, and it's up to voters to decide.

And that's how the judge gets what he wants. A judge's ambition is not just to do nothing or break the joints of the law, but to completely shut down the role of courts. A judge's job is not to speak for dead legislators, it's to shut them out.

Not just because deciding things is a lot of work and doesn't help him. But because making sure that courts don't decide things, making sure law doesn't dictate decisions, is how a judge with an agenda gets what he wants.

But judges do have an ambition. And the easiest way to break the joints of the law and instead serve judges' ambition, is to say courts don't decide this issue, someone else does.

So judges don't just come in with an ambition to not do anything, and just have the social status of being a judge doing minimal work. They come with an agenda specifically to break the joints of the law, so that factions operating outside courts can get what the

judge wants.

Judges' ambition is have the social status of being called a judge, and to make sure people they know get good treatment, and the laws they don't like get ignored, and their agenda is served. Not to be slaves to the law all day.

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e. Who Will Represent Legislation?

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Lawyers don't get paid by being zealous for broke people in prison. They get paid to pretend that criminal defendants have a lawyer, to check that box. They are like extras on a movie set. We have a right to jury trials, but no right that lawyers be paid for representing us at trial. Lawyers are penalized for demanding jury trials. Lawyers are penalized for not getting their clients to say what powerful people want them to say.

Neither criminal-process rights, nor enforcing any other legislation makes money for lawyers. Except protecting big-business cash flows. The Supreme Court says the only injury allowed in court is a cash injury. Because lawyers don't get paid in religion, or other values. So when government employees start screwing with big-business cash flows, courts say give us our job back, we're in the office today.

The Supreme Court only enforces the law, when their peers can make money off businesses by doing so. And breaks the law regularly, to serve other impulses such as pursuing their own ideology and vision, helping their peers get elected, and generally giving power to living factions other than the law.

Nobody complains that court proceedings are a charade, because it's the goal of every person who controls them, to corrupt them. That's the goal of every living person with any power. There may be two sides represented in the room, or three or four. And legislation comes in fifth, with nobody in the room.

I won't make a dollar, or even get 100 views, for telling you here that court proceedings are dishonest and making them more honest is critical for the survival of our civilization. This makes me enemies, and gets me called evil, and a heretic. Lawyers see the things I say as costing them money or power. Voters don't want juries deciding, when voters are told that it's instead up to voters to decide.

Nobody's ambition is channeled into enforcing legislation in general, only citing law at the moment and to the extent it dovetails with what they want. But such citations are rarely an effective check on social power dynamics. Judges scoff at lawyers who try to wave case law in the face of the dominant agenda. Judges smash them with smug lies and sophistry, throw their cases in the trash without reading them.

Nobody wants honest court proceedings, they all want particular outcomes. Honest court proceedings are a pillar of our civilization, but they serve the profit and impulse of no one.

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f. No Individual Impulse to Conserve Civilization

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Civilizations overall have incentives to do things, to survive. But if those things aren't constructed from incentives facing individuals, they don't get done.

It doesn't matter what it is, it could be that the survival of a civilization depends on everyone saying the word "bird" every day at noon. But if no individual profits or loses from whether he says bird or not, and doing so is not his natural impulse, the civilization will end. If that's not translated into a profit for any individual to serve those interests, if no human impulses are channeled into serving those interests, they aren't served. And the competing interests of individuals overwhelm and destroy them.

So it is with honest court proceedings. They give no power to judges, and lawyers and politicians do not profit from giving power to witnesses and laws.

Providing honest court proceedings only gives power to the law, and does not serve the impulses or increase the profits of judges in any way. The power and joy of a judge comes from choosing based on his own whims, not from following the law.

People who claim to favor law are as common as people claiming any other virtue, none of them do. Powerful people like law, the way fat people like dieting. They talk a lot about it, and get fatter.

Everyone from police to rich people wants to subvert court proceedings to their own interest. Sheriffs and lawyers won't complain that court proceedings are charades, they want them to be. No participant in court proceedings with any power over whether they are honest, has his impulses served or his profits increased by making sure they are honest and serve the law. Impulses are actually served by making them a charade.

Increasing the number of jury trials benefits society, but neither voters nor judges perceive that benefit. So regardless of what the law says, there won't be jury trials. While any jury trials there are forced to be, will be fixed with lying witnesses. Only if they're on TV, or a lot of people are watching, the lawyers will put on a theater hiding what judges and lawyers do every other day.

Demand a jury, and the judge will punish you for it by letting the prosecution lie. And your lawyer is not allowed to tell the jury a thing about that.

Believing the propaganda of judges, that they enforce the law, is the dumbest thing you can do as a citizen. Judges count on you not looking into the millions of pages to see what they're actually doing. Which is ending our nation so that their lawyer peers can make a profit and get elected. They will pretend they enforce law, when the TV cameras are on. And lawyers who admit otherwise and threaten the power, get swift consequences from their peers. But when you go into court, judges will do everything they can to give the

power to someone other than law or jurors.

Courts don't actually do anything. Courts are a theater, hollow of any ambition of the people who run them, to do what they're supposed to do. Law is only enforced -- law only works or does anything -- for as long as the people who wrote it are still alive and want it. Courts are an ancestral ritual put on like Christmas, for social groups to do what they want, dress it up, and present it as something else.

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g. The Turnover of Civilizations

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Regulating human behavior based on what a law written 200 years ago says, is critical for our nation to survive. But no person alive today actually benefits from it. No judge gets elected, no lawyer makes money, by letting witnesses, jurors, and the law, decide what government does.

Honest court proceedings are critical to our civilization. But they don't serve any human impulse or ambition, for the people who are trusted to make them honest. Nothing can fix this. And our civilization can no more function without judicial process than it can without private business.

When people want something, they will write down a law. But it is because they want it, not the law itself much less courts, that will enforce it. Today people want our civilization less than others want to destroy it, so they will destroy it.

America will fail because law itself has neither ambition nor impulse nor profit. Quite the opposite following the law makes men slaves, and neither judges nor anybody else wants that job.

Law cannot conserve our civilization, when its enforcement is not constructed from incentives facing individuals. We stopped amending the Constitution when we instead

chose the path of police and prosecutor immunity. Voters have since lost interest in legislation. When voters perceive no advantage from giving decisions to legislation or protecting individuals, such trends seem to end with big changes rather than gradual turns.

Civilization benefits from law being enforced, but people in power benefit from law not being enforced. Law has no profit or ambition of its own, and therefore no voice. And so our civilization will die from lack of law itself having individuals who obtain immediate concrete benefits from its enforcement.

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