

Things I Dislike

I dislike laws that cannot be understood.

I dislike laws that are unfair.

I dislike laws that are unreasonable.

I dislike laws that compensate for more than legitimate injury.

I dislike laws that do not address the concerns of our citizens.

I dislike laws that emerge from other than the legislative process.

I dislike lawyers, politicians, and bureaucrats who write laws for their sole benefit.

I dislike the label on the public restroom that reads "Recycled flush water unsafe for drinking."

I dislike the sunshield that warns, "Do not drive with sunshield in place."

I dislike the label on the baby stroller that reads, "Remove child before closing."

I dislike it when people are unwilling to accept responsibility for their own actions.

I dislike it when case law moves from the ridiculous to the downright outrageous.

I dislike it when teacher unions prevent major reforms in teacher standards.

I dislike it when it can take up to three years to terminate a bad or dangerous instructor.

I dislike it when civil servants are judged on quantity instead of quality.

I dislike it that civil servants learn they must "go with the flow" to keep their jobs.

I dislike it that the government feels it can spend our money better than we can.

I dislike the thought that OSHA is not there to help us but to boss us around.

I dislike it that the average citizen slaves well into May each year simply to pay his tax bill while corporations buy their way clear.

I dislike it that in 1999, of the twenty-four big federal agencies, only thirteen could provide enough financial records to undergo an annual audit.

I dislike it that the Pentagon hasn't submitted a report capable of being audited since at least 1992.

I dislike it that throughout our federal government, no one knows how much is being spent and on what.

I dislike it when people abdicate their responsibility.

I dislike it that we permit individual standards for individuals rather than a reasonable standard for all.

I dislike it that the reasonable standard is disappearing.

I dislike it that the scales of justice tilt not from the weight of the evidence but from money and status.

I dislike it that the zero tolerance in schools has created a litany of absurd yet tragic results.

I dislike it that there is a rich justice and a poor justice.

I dislike it that a 1992 Supreme Court decision held that "innocence was not sufficient justification to stop an execution."

I dislike it that white-collar crime costs the economy some \$40 billion a year, about seven times what was stolen by street criminals.

I dislike it that the war on drugs has cost about \$16 billion a year in federal spending alone.

I dislike it that drugs consume an estimated \$75 billion per year of public money.

I dislike it that drugs are responsible for nearly 50 percent of the million who are today in jail.

I dislike it that drug users occupy an estimated 50 percent of trial time of our judiciary.

I dislike it that the war on drugs takes the time of 400,000 policemen.

I dislike it that this country keeps trying to incarcerate our way out of the drug problem.

I dislike it that prison building is one of the largest industries in this country.

I dislike it that over 450,000 die each year courtesy of the government-subsidized tobacco industry.

I dislike the fact that California spends more money to house criminals than to teach college students.

I dislike it that we're letting big drug dealers and money launderers off with presidential pardons.

I dislike it that the rich and famous receive special consideration upon conviction.

I dislike it that we show so much compassion for a millionaire ballplayer and then lock others away who have done far less.

I dislike it that instead of rehabilitating prisoners, our national leaders give most of our tax dollars to the politically powerful prison industry for bricks and mortar to build more prisons.

I dislike it that the imprisonment of nonviolent users has cost billions of dollars and has destroyed countless families.

I dislike it that expenditures for our burgeoning drug war industry have kept prison contractors and lobbyists ecstatic.

I dislike it that Wall Street firms collect lucrative fees for issuing bonds for new prisons, and wealthy investors collect tax-free interest on the bonds.

I dislike it that we have created a society where politicians, lawyers, and bureaucrats govern our every move.

I dislike it that too many politicians behave as though this nation's fate resides on Wall Street, not on Main Street.

I dislike it that the government subsidizes Big Tobacco on one hand and sues it on the other.

I dislike it that states have reduced appeal bonds for court judgments, thus making it cheaper for tobacco companies to challenge adverse rulings.

I dislike it that tobacco settlements with the states are making our federal and state governments literal partners in the industry's success.

I dislike it that the more cigarettes are sold, the more money states can add to their treasuries.

I dislike it that nearly half the net farm income in the United States comes from federal subsidies.

I dislike it that while the IRS is staffed to chase "little" guys, it hasn't the resources nor political support to go after those who can fight back.

I dislike it that tax breaks, subsidies, and grants enable many large corporations to legally zero out their tax bill.

I dislike it that from 1996 to 1998, Texaco reported \$3.4 billion in US profits yet received checks back from the government for \$304 million.

I dislike it that lawyers have their finger in ever pie. No public policy or personal activity escapes their reach, and the law profession is profiting accordingly.

I dislike the fact that all attorneys, licensed to practice law, are not adequately educated in every aspect of the law.

I dislike it when some states like Florida are reinvesting state's pension funds in the tobacco companies, confident that the profits will be there for years to come.

I dislike it when an unholy alliance exists between the state of Missouri and tobacco interests, as the five law firms involved in the case donated a total of more than \$500,000 in campaign contributions over the past eight years.

I dislike it when multi-language people are hired in place of English-only people.

I dislike it when I call a government office and a recording tells me the call might be recorded and then, when I tell the woman/man that I am recording the call, I am told I can't do that and they hang up on me.

I dislike it when authority abuses its power.

I dislike it when the city of Los Angeles proposes to spend \$35 million dollars to house three elephants but has not enough money to hire more desperately-needed police officers.