

Justice and Law is like the left hand and right hand. Both belong to the same body of purpose, but at the same time are opposites, and sometimes at odds with each other. This gives meaning to the expression "the right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing." At times, it seems that way in our judicial system. Law will always trump justice. Right or wrong. Fair or unfair, that's how it is. Lady Justice is depicted wearing a blindfold over her eyes for that reason. She judges by what the LAW states, NOT feelings or emotions. Can a miscarriage of justice ever happen? Probably, depending on who is expressing their point of view or opinion, perhaps, at least in a court room. It's not the law, but the evidence that determines a verdict. Not all evidence is heard because it is determined to be inadmissible for different reasons. How was evidence obtained? Is it inflammatory? Was accused read their rights in a language they understand? Advised of right to counsel? Are they competent? These are just some of the legal laws our justice system allows and even demands for all Americans. Where this law can and does become dicey and iffy is when it involves a non-American who is in this country illegally. Some will argue that person has the same rights as legal Americans. Others say, "No, they don't." Even those in the legal justice and enforcement systems help illegals circumvent the law. Is this justice? Their defense attorneys then argue everything in the law that applies to legal Americans for their non-American defendant, who has violated the law. Is this justice? Is it justice when lesser crimes are more vigorously prosecuted, ensuring a conviction, instead of harsher, more serious, hard to win conviction crimes? Some will say the decision to prosecute or not is based on 1. Conviction vs. Non-conviction, 2. Race of defendant, 3. Gender of defendant, 4. Status of defendant, and 5. Type of crime. If any of these are provable, is this justice? Or is this law? Or something else?

I believe, oftentimes, it is not the law that is in need of repair and replace, but some of those who administer, or try justice. Realistically, this doesn't happen often enough. You can get involved to affect change. You can vote. If not public servants, get entrenched, like a tick or a leech, who doesn't want to let go until they get their fill. They want to protect their turf and status, so they push their agenda. This happens at the local, state, and federal

congressional levels of government. I could easily go on a phraseology bashing of any of these systems at any of these levels. But, I won't. Why? If you might be wondering, and even if you're not, I'm going to explain it to you. ALL of these individuals in public service made a decision, a choice, to get involved. Each one had to meet criteria in order to be considered for selection among other candidates, and then pass the interview. This is a simplified version of what happens. For an elected politician, it's even more difficult. Each voter is the interviewer and employer. Who you hire, you can fire. You pay for what you get.

As imperfect as our law and justice are, and the people who serve in any of those positions at the local, state, and federal level, it is far better than any other alternative.

\*It is better than Communism.

\*It is better than Socialism.

\*It is better than Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses, Monarchs

\*It is better than a Dictatorship.

\*It is better than Anarchism.

\*It is better than Fascism.

\*It is better than Autocracy.

\*It is better than militant Militarism.

\*It is better than Totalitarianism.

Freedom is better than slavery, servitude, and hardship.

Self-determination is better than imposed control.

Democracy in a Republic, freedom to elect officials, even in imperfect systems with imperfect people, which are far outnumbered by those who are not, is still a better alternative than ALL the rest.

THANK YOU, AMERICA.  
GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.!  
E PLURIBUS UNUM!  
I AM AN AMERICAN!

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