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top illustration:
Cook County Criminal Court
26th and California, Chicago, Illinois
2007 December 13

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The first President of the United States said, Government is not reason, it is not eloquence—it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant, and a fearful master; never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action. [The Christian Science Journal (1902)]; also [page 305 in The Cry for Justice: An Anthology of the Literature of Social Protest. New York (NY): Upton Sinclair (1915)]

Government, like fire and water, may be a good servant, but is a bad master. It is not difficult to realise that when we think of the motives of the individual. [page 190 in Motives of Mankind: A Study of Human Evolutionary Forces. Frederick Uttley Laycock (author). London: Open Road Publishing Co. (1907)]

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An adage attributed to George Washington is quoted variously but has not yet been found in his actual works https://quoteinvestigator.com/2015/05/26/fire-servant/

In early 2018, I received a summons to Grand Jury duty at the Cook County Criminal Court (26th and California, Chicago, Illinois). The Clerk sent the summons by Certified Mail and threatened dire consequences for failure to appear.

I'd answered a summons to regular jury duty at a suburban court a year earlier. It arrived by regular mail and was less intimidating. Suburban regular jury pay had been \$25 for the first day and \$50 for each day of trial, if selected for a jury. I knew from jury summons 1970 through the early 2000s that Illinois jury pay was increased by a few kopeks in the 2000s but was essentially the same as it had been in the 1870s, with total disregard for inflation. The 2017 pay raise was a pleasant surprise; and I assumed it was consistent throughout the Cook County Courts.

I was not selected for the suburban jury in 2017. When I was released with full pay without serving a full day, somebody mentioned that it would be my last jury summons because of my advanced age. Thus, the Grand Jury summons a year later was a surprise. A search of Illinois statutes revealed that a provision that set an upper age limit for jurors was revised, and it took effect at the beginning of 2018.

I'd learned by unpleasant personal experiences that provisions of Illinois law on the same topic are not always or typically combined in the same chapter or statute in law books. In 2018, I searched for provisions about juries as much as I was willing and no more. Then I combined and reformatted the results for easier reading because, in my opinion, dyslexia or aversion to reading is the biggest problem in the administration of justice. Lawyers pose in front of shelves weighed down by impressive-looking books. The visuals aren't proof that lawyers actually read them. Indeed, because lawyers write laws in the first place, they know what they meant to write, even if they didn't actually write it. And, because nobody else reads laws, lawyers can get away with saying a law says what it doesn't say—or doesn't say what it says.

Lawyers who write laws take outlining to absurd and incomprehensible depths, probably with malicious intent to confuse average readers and develop a monopoly on the law. The Attorney Registration and Discipline Commission (ARDC) was established to do what it's name implies. It's supposed to enforce a rule that tells lawyers they can't create and exploit confusions. However, if statutes and ordinances weren't confusing, lawyers couldn't earn a living by endless disputes or by the excuse that The Law is too complex and esoteric for laypeople to comprehend. In their opinion, government isn't of-by-for the people; rather, the people must keep a lawyer on permanent retainer for protection from the laws that lawyers concoct.

My next lazy internet search revealed a history of Grand Juries with special reference to Illinois. It was a student project at Northwestern University Law School in 1953. More recently a practicing defense attorney uploaded an analysis of his experiences and opinion of Grand Juries. The two parties are in essential agreement. Grand Juries have the potential to do good, but they don't actually do good.

One of the problems of Grand Juries is that Grand Jurors don't know the full extent of their powers because nobody in authority clues them in. Northwestern Law students drafted a pamphlet for distribution to Grand Jurors to remedy the problem. Passages from the 1953 pamphlet seem to have gotten into the Illinois statutes, if they weren't already there. Pre-1953, a person who attempted to educate Illinois Grand Jurors could be found in contempt of court.

The defense attorney said that Grand Juries are now obsolete. They're obsolete because they're redundant to arraignment hearings. Assistant State's Attorneys (ASAs) (prosecutors) exploit the coexistence of Grand Juries and arraignment hearings to double-dip. If an arraignment judge dismisses a case for insufficient evidence, the ASA can walk the case over to the Grand Jury where the burden of proof is lighter. In a Grand Jury hearing, the ASA needs only one witness; and the witness is usually a cop.

ASAs do the same things in front of a judge at arraignment hearings that they do in front of grand jurors. The difference between the two types of hearings is that the defendant and his attorney are present at arraignments and barred from Grand Jury rooms. At arraignments, the defendant and his attorney can exert his right to confront his accuser; and the judge can put a leash on the ASA. There is no judge in Grand Jury hearings. In a Grand Jury proceeding, the defendant has no protection from vicious ASAs, lying cops, and ignorant, gullible jurors.

The Cook County Court Clerk summons more potential Grand Jurors than ASAs need. In 2018, when the summoned filled a big room, an ASA spoke at length to the summoned. He's worked in the system for 29 years. He's oriented grand jurors for 10 years. He remarked that the Cook County Circuit Court is the largest court system in the United States (or the world). The criminal division is the largest in the world (or the United States). He said nothing about jury powers.

Cook County Grand Jurors work nine to five, with a one-hour lunch, Monday through Friday, four to five weeks (depending on legal holidays). The pay is \$17.20 per day, including the allowance for transportation. Free parking is available in the parking lot across the street.

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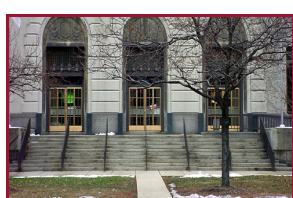
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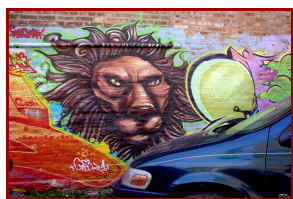
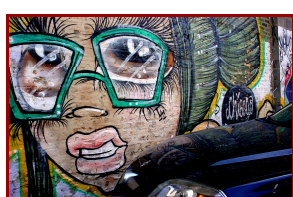


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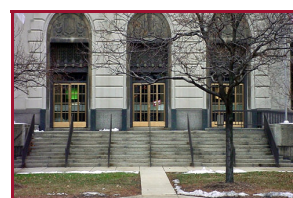
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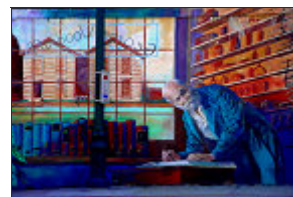
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Chicago Avenue at Mozart
Chicago, Illinois
2012 April 13

As a group, English nobles are known as The Peerage
As individuals, English nobles are known as Peers
Thus, at the origin of the term, a jury of one's peers, it meant a jury of noblemen
The term didn't mean a panel of common people and neighbors
Peers certainly have character flaws, but they're less likely to be malicious gossips and ignorant, pathological liars like many of my neighbors and local cops
Blackstone explained that Peers are usually educated in Law and well-qualified to form legal opinions, especially in matters involving real estate

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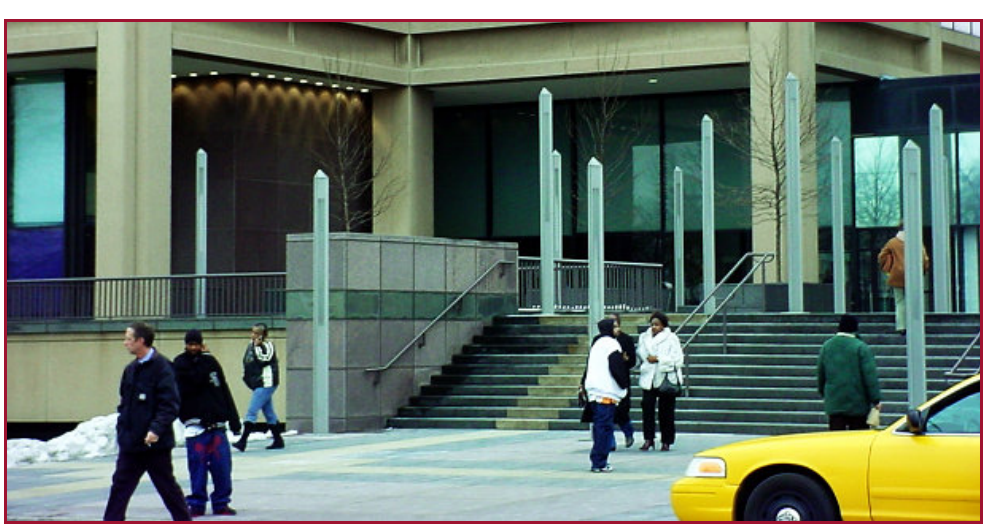
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The grand jury work day is divided into two sessions. Afternoon sessions are allotted to suburban districts, because they don't have grand juries. Suburban districts send in a variety of cases.

Morning sessions are for Chicago cases; and they involve the sale of narcotics. The sole witness is an undercover cop who bought drugs from a dealer. ASAs use Grand Juries to hide the identity of undercover cops from defendants, their attorneys and the public. An undercover cop would be useless after his first bust if he was identified at an arraignment hearing for the first bust. Thus grand jurors are summoned to protect the identity of undercover cops, and no other purpose, more or less.

The scant research I did on the internet failed to find anyone who pointed out that barring the accused from grand jury proceedings violates his right to confront witnesses against him.

In my opinion, ASAs use Grand Jury hearings to scare accused people into plea bargains and avoid trial altogether. The elimination of a trial allows ASAs to achieve convictions by harassment and intimidation alone, regardless of truth—and ASAs can build impressive resumés to further their careers.

The ASA who oriented grand jurors revealed that old people can still use age to opt out of jury duty despite the new law, but ASAs have discretionary power to retain them against their will.

The ASA tried to sell Grand Jury duty to my demographic by saying that retirees probably get tired of watching crime shows on tv. Grand Jury duty makes oldsters active participants instead of mere observers.

The ASA guilt-tripped young and old. He dwelt on quadriplegics and on severely injured war heroes who go above-and-beyond. They sit on Grand Juries despite the pain.

If guilt-tripping is appropriate, let's talk about that \$17.20 per day Grand Jury pay. If jurors are essential to the justice system and it can't do without them, they should get paid the most and not the least for their services. Yet ASAs, bailiffs, clerks, judges, jail guards, police et al. get paid a lot more; though they wouldn't get paid at all, if it weren't for jurors.

The orientation ASA exemplified the bamboozling that public servants inflict on the public, especially the tax-paying public. Their attitude is a clear case of psychopathology. In their minds, everything is all for them; and nothing is for everyone else.

The orientation ASA said that ASAs are sympathetic to people who want to wiggle out of grand jury duty. ASAs accommodate as best they can the people who fail to wiggle out. For example, ASAs will use two people to fill one slot in a Grand Jury so they can take the days off necessary to fulfill prior commitments.

An individual ASA or team of ASAs is unlikely to lose a case in Grand Jury. ASAs need only 9 of 12 grand jurors to vote their way, unlike a regular jury trial when all 12 jurors have to vote an ASA's way to give him/ her a conviction.

Individual interviews are the main event on Day One of Grand Jury duty. A team of ASAs sits on chairs at a long table in a corridor. The ASAs have questionnaires and a roster of the jury call. Small groups of potential jurors are called to the corridor and then each takes a turn with one or another of the ASAs to answer the questions.

ASAs determine which of the summoned will and won't sit on the Grand Jury. The defense has no say. Not even a judge can throw in his two-cents. This is what I'd mean if I said the system is rigged. I don't know what other people mean when they say it.

When an ASA interviewed me, I told him what I told two ASAs, a pro-se defendant, a judge, and a courtroom packed with potential jurors the year before, in the suburbs. I've had a lot of bad experiences with Cook County courts, ASAs, cops and other public servants. I don't trust them. I don't respect them. I think they're the biggest and worst of local gangs.

The suburban judge allowed me to speak at length and thanked me for my candor. He even allowed me to ask the question, If the jury determined that one or more prosecution witnesses lied, would the court find the witnesses in contempt of court and punish them for perjury? The judge answered that ASAs have the discretion to prosecute or not prosecute for perjury.

I did the best I could to alienate the two suburban ASAs so they'd release me. Grand Jury ASAs also took my remarks to heart and released me.

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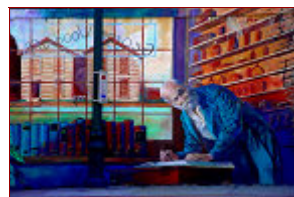


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top illustration:
Chicago Police Department headquarters
south State street (2008 May 28)

An artist seems to suggest that police officers and brass contemplate an adage that begins
People in glass houses ...

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I know from several personal experiences that in the absence of proper judicial oversight, politicians and their supporters can use ASAs and cops to wage personal and political vendettas under-color-of-law.

In Chicago, public servants owe their paychecks and usually their jobs to aldermen. Aldermen sign off on the annual budget that covers pay and benefits for municipal employees and contractors, including police officers. Aldermen also meddle in the business of city departments, including hiring and firing.

In Chicago and Cook County, public servants owe their paychecks to the Cook County Assessor. The Assessor values all properties in the county for tax purposes; and the Assessor's valuations control the amount of revenue. Property tax revenue finances a large part of municipal and county budgets, including pay and benefits for ASAs.

The Assessor can and has under-described and over-described properties so that some owners pay less than their fair share of government expenses and other owners pay more than their fair share to make up the difference in revenue. Thus, the Assessor plays a key role in the destabilization of neighborhoods. He can target specific owners for over-valuations that will force them into tax delinquency. Then the Treasurer can seize their properties and sell them to friendly speculators. Many city and county employees are well-paid; therefore, they're well-positioned to buy delinquent properties for personal use or to flip.

Many people think of aldermen and the Assessor as kings because of their immense power over the lives of civilians and civil servants alike. Police officers in particular tend to come from the low end on the Bell curve of academic excellence. They missed the main points in their US history and civics classes. Instead, they identified with a variety of bad role models in the family, neighborhood and media. A significant number of police officers think of themselves as The King's Men; and they need a king to sustain their delusions.

Police officers have become the spoiled brats of Chicago and Cook County law enforcement because they initiate prosecution for criminal offenses, especially offenses that involve cocaine. Everyone else in the justice system has a personal financial stake in the quantity of drug busts; and only a few have the integrity to blow the whistle on bad busts. Prosecutors and their staffers, jail guards, jail bus drivers, cleaning staff, kitchen staff, judges, bailiffs, and employees in the clerk's office are motivated to go along to get along.

The 2019 June episode of Whistleblower, a CBS tv series, reported that a white female Chicago cop risked her safety to report on a south side black male Chicago cop who was credited with 70 bad drug busts. The male cop planted drugs on innocent people and lied to grand juries. He and his colleagues had personal financial interests in the cocaine industry. He wanted to protect those interests. Stunts like his cost Chicago taxpayers a bundle in payouts for damages, plus the extra, unjustifiable day-to-day expenses of the legal system. The stunts are a way to pad the payroll.

While the Cook County Criminal Courts became the largest in the US or the whole world, the population of Chicago shrank by 30-35%. Some Chicagoans moved to suburbs inside Cook County. Most relocated to collar counties, downstate Illinois, or out-of-state. Thus, the number of property tax payers declined while budgets for police, court employees, teachers and other civil servants increased. Civil servants demanded ever more generous pay and benefits. Civil servants also demanded new positions to reduce their work load.

Elected officials capitulated to the demands. They even funded excessive overtime pay. Many civil servants clock-in solely to qualify for a pension. The pension is a percentage of what they earn their last several years of clocking-in. A typical civil servant wants to reduce his work load and increase his earnings at the same time. It couldn't be clearer that elected officials hold office because they buy the votes of civil servants. The more civil servants they budget, the more votes they buy.

It's all too obvious that fraud supports a bloated system of law enforcement in Chicago and Cook County, as well as other government services.

The most generalized fraud in property tax inflation involves immigrants, police, real estate agents, and mortgage lenders. I happened to buy a house that gave me a front row seat on the fraud.

First, white police officers failed to follow through on quality-of-life complaints by white neighborhood residents, when complaints were about other whites. Offenders might have been rookie police officers.

Second, two Puerto Rican police officers moved to the block, as well as a Colombian immigrant with a patronage job in the courts. They committed quality-of-life offenses with impunity. They also protected private sector Mexican and other Hispanic immigrants from suffering consequences for their racist offenses against whites. White officers continued to fail to protect the pre-existing white population or to blow the whistle on Hispanic officers. The negligence of white officers initiated white flight.

Third, property values inflated instead of deflated.

- ♦ Inflation defied the law of supply and demand. More whites and blacks moved out of Chicago than Hispanics, other immigrants, and Yuppies moved into Chicago.
- ♦ Inflation defied common sense. A typical house had been constructed 1900-1930. By the time of white flight, properties were more than 50 years old. Properties deteriorate over time, same as people. Houses remain habitable only by increasing and expensive maintenance that should lower market value.
- ♦ Inflation defied financial realities. A typical buyer was/is a low-income first, second or third generation immigrant. He doesn't have the skills to investigate the pricing history of the house he buys, nor does he know how to multiply principle times interest times term to learn that he will pay twice the sticker price with a 20-year mortgage and thrice the sticker price with a 40-year mortgage. He isn't encouraged to add in the rising costs of taxes, utilities, and maintenance. He is encouraged to think he can get away with creating illegal apartments in his house so that low-wage tenants will help pay his mortgage. Chicago Public School data reveals that 95-100% of children in predominantly Hispanic schools qualify for free lunches. The schools are a bad investment. They're very low-performing despite Hispanic orgullo and official hype.

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Chicago patronage gangs fly their colors.



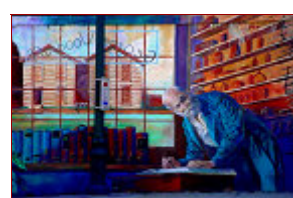
Puerto Ricans are among Chicago's most territorial racial/ ethnic groups
Puerto Ricans fly their colors in materials more permanent than polyester flags at several places in Chicago
I was raised by people with a bad opinion of Chicago's patronage gangs
My personal opinion became even worse because I own and inhabit a house in a ward that voted two notoriously corrupt Puerto Rican officials to government office
One was an alderman who headed the Real Estate Committee and claimed the status of Vice-Mayor
The other was the Cook County Assessor

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top illustration:
mural in railroad underpass
southeast side
Chicago, Illinois
2008 May 24

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Fourth, the 1970 Illinois Constitution set a cap on property taxation; however the cap is a percentage of assessed valuations county-wide. The Assessor can defy the only justifiable intent of the cap by over-valuing properties. The constitution makes the sky the limit on property tax revenue. The constitution gives politicians a blank check with which to buy votes.

Fifth, the Assessor values all properties for tax purposes by the actual selling prices of the few houses that sell during a three-year period.

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Affordable housing is incompatible with the wealth management plans of people who buy municipal debt, as well as of aldermen, patronage workers, and city contractors. Therefore, with absolute hypocrisy, under guise of making housing more affordable, Chicago aldermen use tax revenue to subsidize inflated housing prices and make housing even more unaffordable.



Humboldt Park (2008 June 5)
Belmont-Cragin (2008 February 5)
69th and Stony Island (2008 May 24)

- No system of checks and balances exists to prove that the market can actually sustain the Assessor's valuations. The Assessor blows off the bargain-basement prices fetched by banks when they foreclose on mortgage defaults and by the Treasurer when she seizes tax delinquent properties.
- The values of all properties can be inflated fraudulently for tax purposes by only the small amount of capital needed to inflate the values of a few properties fraudulently.
- Real estate agents and mortgage lenders are motivated to inflate property values because their pay is a percentage of the selling price or the loan that backs up the selling price.
- Mortgage lenders can get the capital to inflate property values fraudulently from tax revenues, including property tax revenue, while it's on deposit, waiting to be disbursed. Indeed, speculators began to borrow and invest US tax revenue during George Washington's administration. Alexander Hamilton, his Treasury Secretary, seems to have engineered a scandal to expose the practice to the tax-paying public.
- Mortgage lenders manage capital for investors world-wide who couldn't care less about the problems that inflation causes locally.
- Drug cartels deposit their money in US and foreign banks. Executives in the cocaine industry almost certainly invest their profits to inflate property values so they can gain additional profit from inflated mortgages and tax revenue. They couldn't care less that tax revenue supports the bloated Cook County Criminal Court that prosecutes lesser cocaine profiteers.

Sixth, drug cartels also propel many Hispanic immigrants north to pay rent or sign contracts and borrow money to pay inflated prices for Chicago houses.

Seventh, Chicago aldermen themselves invest tax revenue to sustain inflation with grants and low-interest loans to purchasers.

Eighth, suburban mortgages and taxes are even more profitable investments. A person who has experienced obnoxious Hispanic and other immigrants in a city neighborhood is motivated to pay an even higher price for a suburban refuge than an immigrant buyer pays for the refugee's former city home.

Inflation of the property tax provokes inflation of all taxes. An employee will demand a raise when he learns that his housing cost is more than he expected. He will then pay more income tax. His employer will demand a higher price for the product or service. Customers will then pay more sales tax.

A fraud that begins in the local housing market is protected at the state and national level. State and national officials need to buy votes, too. Inflated income and sales tax revenue gives them more spending power. The voting blocs that the aldermen and Assessor create can be marketed like commodities to other politicians. Local voting blocs can put state and national officials in office; therefore, the officials are motivated to ignore and perpetuate the fraud. In my opinion, politicians stir up a frenzy at election time as a cover story for election outcomes that are a foregone conclusion.

In summary, several species of sharks are swimming against the strong current of reality.

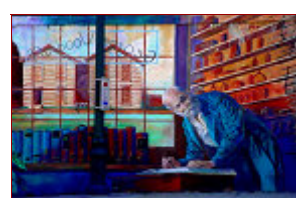
To remedy the problem, I recommend that people don't vote. When the majority doesn't vote, taxation is without representation except for the minority with a personal financial interest in taxation. Then the courts must enforce a fundamental principle that US founders created in their 1776 Declaration of Independence.

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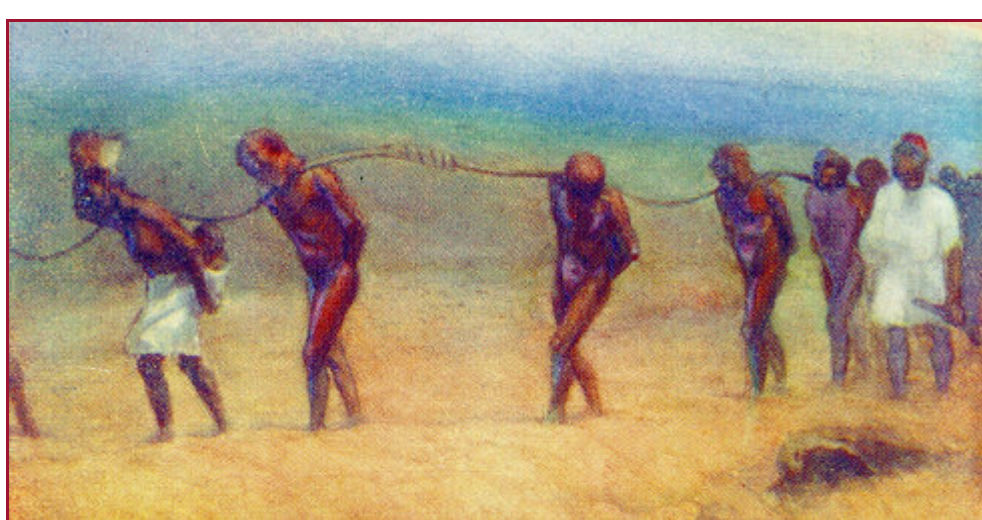
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Slave Traders
They burnt the village
Golding, Vautier (author) (1913)
page 76 in The Story of David Livingstone
in series: The Children's Heroes
London: T. C. & E. C. Jack New York: E. P. Dutton & Co.

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The principle that supports the criminalizing of rape, supports the de-criminalizing of cocaine and other contraband substances.

Rape is a crime because a person is the sole determiner of what does and doesn't go in his/her body. A person who has a right to consent to buggering and other acts of penetration that can and do lead to death seems to also have the right to consent to the snorting and shooting up of cocaine and other drugs regardless of their danger. Cocaine is criminalized because of an insupportable double-standard.

People can legally engage in sports and other activities regardless of the danger to their own property and person as well as the property and person of others. People die while mountain-climbing, inhabiting a house on a mudslide-prone California hillside, boating, cruising a highway, and crossing the street. The state imposes fees and taxes on it all. As long as the state encourages a father to spend his family's grocery money on state lottery tickets, the state can't claim a compelling interest in the well-being of his family or any other.

Small children are sometimes washed into sewers during heavy rains. Sewers remain legal.

A principle doesn't exist to support criminalizing cocaine. Entitlement to a government job isn't a principle. A person can wish for a drug-war job in the FBI, DEA and local police departments. Nobody is obliged to fulfill his wish.

Another principle in the 1776 Declaration of Independence is useful to the de-criminalizing of cocaine. It is the principle that all people are born with innate rights that pre-exist the formation of all governments.

To binge on National Geographic magazines and other anthropological and ethnological literature is to learn that the most primitive and natural people on earth have discovered and use substances to make themselves high. Altering one's consciousness seems to be an innate right respected all around the globe.

It can be argued that ancient people were slave mongers; and slavery was eventually outlawed. However, it was outlawed because it restricted and denied the slaves' freedom—their right to control their own persons and property. Slavery wasn't abolished because of health concerns. Agricultural slavery was no more unhealthy than sharecropping, military conscriptions, and wage slavery that followed emancipation. All over the world, people of all races were once born into bondage because of contracts without an end date. They're alleged to be free now, but inflation and greed enslave them by decades of mortgage debt and never-ending taxes. Slavery wasn't really abolished.

A state honestly concerned about the health and longevity of its people wouldn't send them to war. Nor would it grant charters to corporations that pollute the country.

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Sumerian civilization preceded Babylonian civilization in Mesopotamia, the Tigris-Euphrates area of Iraq. Sumerians inhabited the area as early as BC 6640; and their civilization survived to BC 2000. They lived in an area inhabited by Semitic people but weren't themselves Semites. Sumerians invented wheels, city-states, hieroglyphic and cuneiform writing, and the world's first code of laws. Sumerians recognized that societies can function only when people have shared values and respect for life and property. Their city-states developed the arts of war by fighting among themselves, but they preferred trade and commerce. Sumerians established colonies from the Taurus Mountains in Turkey, to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, and as far east as Central Iran. They captured and enslaved people from surrounding areas to do their work. Sumerians used canals to irrigate their farms because rainfall was sparse. Canal water evaporated and deposited salt in the soil. Eventually the soil became too salty; agriculture failed; and the Sumerian civilization collapsed.

Sumerian cuneiform tablets include medical books in which the words a-zal-la, sami-ni-is-sa-ti, gan-zi-gun-nu, gur-gur-ru, har-mu-um, and har-gud refer to medicines made of plants that can be spun into cloth and braided into rope; therefore, the words probably refer to the parts or whole of medical marijuana plants. The Sumerian definition of cannabis seems to be, The drug that takes away the pain, as well as the evil spirit that afflicts the victim. However, scientists don't agree on exact definitions of the words in ancient texts Mesopotamian (Babylonian and Assyrian) medical tablets were found in the ruins of the great library in the palace of King Ashurbanapal of Assyria, who ruled from 668 to 626 B.C. Sir Austen Henry Layard discovered the tablets in 1849 during his excavations at Mt. Kouyunjik, opposite Mosul, the site of Nineveh, capital of the later Assyrian Empire. [Medicine of the Babylonians and Assyrians By Morris Jastrow (1913)] Of the most famous tablet, the British Museum's website says: Part of a clay tablet, lexical list of plants, 28 + 7 lines of inscription, Neo-Assyrian. Includes reference to cannabis (hemp), Assyrian azallu.

Alan Sumter (2017 April 7). High History: Cannabis in the Ancient World
<https://hightimes.com/culture/high-history-cannabis-in-the-ancient-world/>



Esarhaddon ruled Assyria BC 680-669. The Aramaean tribes were allied against him until they signed a peace treaty. Then Esarhaddon turned his attention towards Egypt. It suffered under Nubian rulers and was not a united country. In BC 671 Assyrian forces took Memphis, the Egyptian capital. Esarhaddon immediately assigned agents to assist the provincial princes of Egypt. Their primary assignment was to collect tribute.

http://realhistoryww.com/world_history/ancient/Images_Egypt/Esarhaddon.jpg
http://realhistoryww.com/world_history/ancient/Egypt_3a.htm



In the Kara Kum desert, near the Hindu Kush mountains, the ancient city of Margiana was an oasis along the Silk Road, a trade route across Asia and China. Cannabis and psychoactive drinks were exported from Margiana into India and other places, possibly Egypt and Judaea. Scientists found residue of cannabis, ephedra and opium poppy in different pottery at Margiana, dated approx. BC 1,000.

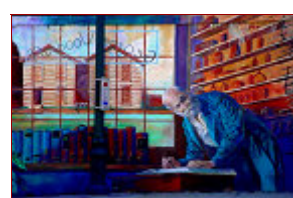
The ancient Greek historian Herodotus described a funeral tradition of the nomadic Scythians, who fumigated cannabis on hot coals inside tents. They regularly traveled through Silk Road areas, including Bactria, southern Siberian Russia and northwestern China. Scythians were in contact with distant tribes who cultivated the plant in the modern Xinjiang province of China. Ancient cannabis remains of 16 intact female plants were found in a grave, lain across the body as a shroud. A grave in a nearby cemetery contained a little under two pounds of processed and cut cannabis. This grave belonged to a shaman.

In ancient India, pharmaceutical texts of approx. BC 1600 prescribe cannabis for treating anxiety.

In ancient Egypt cannabis is first mentioned in approx. BC 2350. The hieroglyphic symbol shemshemet indicated cannabis and hemp. Egyptian medicine used other terms for cannabis, too. It was part of the Egyptian pharmacy into the AD 1800s.

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Native American peace pipe (smoked in peace pipe)
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<https://bpwriter22.wordpress.com/2013/11/28/7-crazy-native-american-drugs/>

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Bedouin with pipe (1920)
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Arapaho Indian smoking pipe
Curtis, Edward S. (1868-1952) (photographer) (copyright J150276, 1910)
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Between BC 13,000 and AD 600, blacks from East Africa and Asia began settling in South America. Many African skulls have been found in Ecuador, in sections of Chile in Valdivia, and among the Ponuencho of Peru. Several artifacts inscribed in linear Sumerian have been found in South America. Sumerian place names have been identified on the Altiplano, suggesting that Ecuador to Bolivia, was the Sumerian Kuga-Ki, a tin-mining colony.

<https://www.ancient-origins.net/sites/default/files/styles/large/public/field/image/East-African-Invasions.jpg?tok=7GWREyBu>
<https://www.ancient-origins.net/artifacts-ancient-writings/representation-sumerian-elites-detected-crespi-gold-tablets-009920>



Mongol Empire AD 1294
http://realhistoryww.com/world_history/ancient/Images_Egypt/Mongol_empire_2.JPG
http://realhistoryww.com/world_history/ancient/Egypt_4a.htm



Cheyenne priests pass before the pipe during sun dance ceremony
In foreground, woman holding pipe; buffalo skull
Curtis, Edward S. (1868-1952) (photographer) (copyright J150264, 1910)
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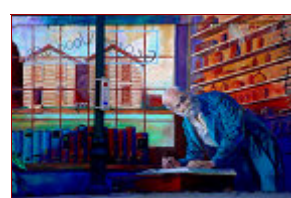


Chief of the Choctaw Tribe, Mo sho la tub bee (He who puts out and kills)
George Catlin (artist) (1834)
http://realhistoryww.com/world_history/ancient/Misc/Americas/Choctaw_2.jpg



A Chinese merchant, Zheng He (1371-1435), mapped his voyage from Nanjing in China through South East Asia, the Indian Ocean, and the Red Sea, to the Persian Gulf
image 22 of 22 in chapter 240
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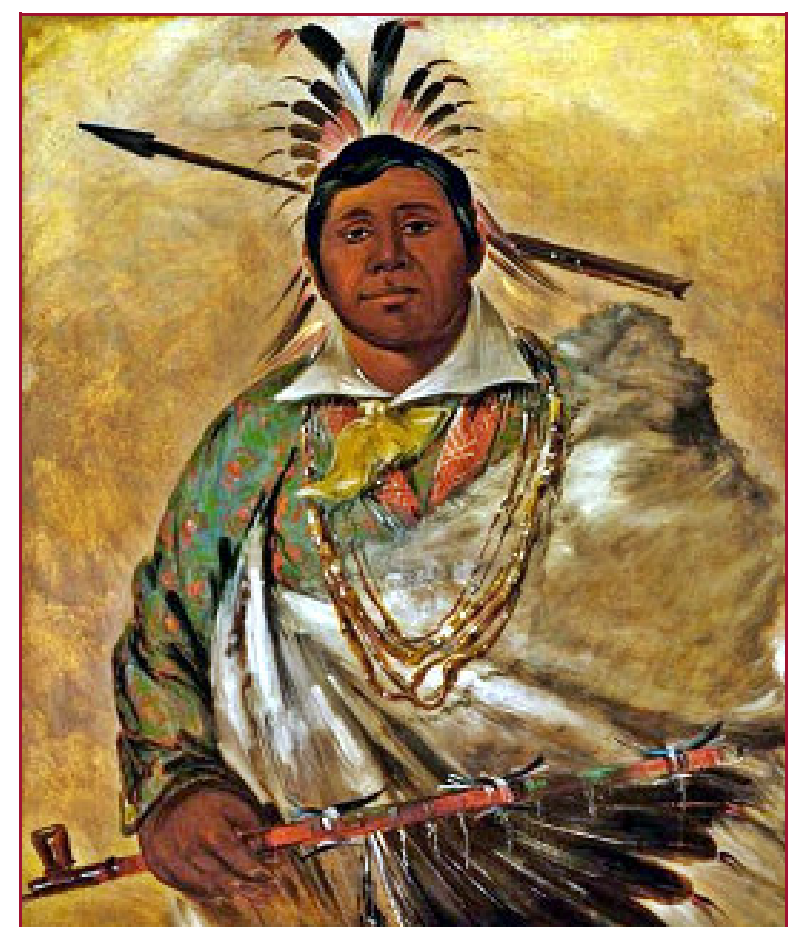
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Téh-ke-néh-kee, Black Coat, a Chief, painted at Fort Gibson, Arkansas Territory
George Catlin (artist) (1834). Smithsonian American Art Museum
The Cher-o-kees. Living in the vicinity of, and about Fort Gibson, on the Arkansas, and 700 miles west of the Mississippi river, are a third part or more of the once very numerous and powerful tribe who inhabited and still inhabit, a considerable part of the state of Georgia, and under a Treaty made with the United States Government, have been removed to those regions, where they are settled on a fine tract of country; and having advanced somewhat in the arts and agriculture before they started, are now found to be mostly living well, cultivating their fields of corn and other crops, which they raise with great success.
Catlin, Letters and Notes, vol. 2, no. 49, 1841; reprint 1973
<https://americanart.si.edu/artwork/teh-ke-neh-kee-black-coat-chief-3923>
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Opium smoker in Turkestan province, Russia (1872)
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Mind Altering Drugs

Ayahuasca—South American shamans boil down a variety of plants and vines to make a hallucinogenic drink

Cannabis—buds and flowers smoked to produce emotions that range from euphoria to anxiety, depending on the individual. Alleged to be used by ancient Jews, early Christians, Sufis and South Asian ascetics for religious ceremonies

Coca—a leaf chewed by Incas to improve mood

Fly Agaric Mushrooms—a fungus native to birch, pine, spruce, fir and cedar woodlands throughout the temperate and boreal regions of the Northern Hemisphere. Used recreationally and religiously as a hallucinogenic drug used by indigenous people of Siberia

Heavenly Blue Morning Glory—ancient Mexicans made a hallucinogenic drink from the seeds by a process that modern people haven't been able to duplicate. Peyote—a flowering cactus used in religious ceremonies by Apache, Comanche, Kiowa

Jimson Weed or Hell's Bells—used as a mystical sacrament in Central America and India. Hindu sadhus smoke it with cannabis

Kava—a plant brewed into a beverage used throughout the Pacific for religious, medicinal, social and political purposes

Poppy—produces opium, a euphoric painkiller from which comes heroin. Sumerians depicted the plant 6000 years ago. The beautiful flower has been worshiped as a gift from the gods and feared for its potential to destroy millions of lives

Psilocybin—a psychedelic mushrooms found world-wide. Recorded in paintings as early as BC 5,000 and found in Algerian caves. Central and South American cultures worshipped mushroom gods as early as BC 1,000 - 500. Induces visions and revelations ranging from exhilaration to distress

Salvia or Diviner's Sage—Shamans in Oaxaca, Mexico, make a tea of salvia leaves to induce visions during healing ceremonies. Modern Mexicans chew, smoke and take salvia as a tincture to relax, improve mood, and experience deep insights

Wormwood—associated with ancient Greek moon goddess Artemis. Found in temperate Europe, Asia and North Africa

<https://bpwriter22.wordpress.com/2013/11/28/7-crazy-native-american-drugs/>
<https://listverse.com/2008/05/11/top-10-psychoactive-substances-used-in-religious-ceremonies/>
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Grow coca plants from seeds (thread started by joyslik (2009 February 28))

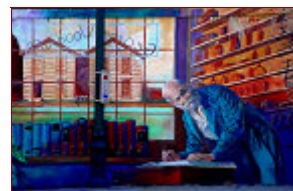
Coca plants are fussy but easier to grow than salvia
Take them in during the winter and put them in a window or under fluorescent lights
Pictures are of seedlings and a fairly large bush. Berries are 1/3" long and red (2009 August 27)
https://mycotopia.net/uploads/monthly_08_2009/post-33048-138187463633.jpg
https://mycotopia.net/uploads/monthly_08_2009/post-33048-138187463572.jpg

I will keep on working as long as I have buyers
In the United States, where the best live
They buy 100 kilos of powder
Like they are buying flowers

Voy a seguir trabajando ientras tenga compradores
En los Estados Unidos alli existen los mejores
Compran cien kilos de polvo omo comprar unas flores

Clave Privado by Banda el Recodo
page 18 in Aguilera, Mariela (author)
El Paraiso del Traficante
Analysis of Lyrics in Narcocorridos
(2011 December 14)
<https://www.saintmarys.edu/files/Narcocorridos%20Mariela%20Aguilera.pdf>

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A Cheyenne Peyote leader
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Yanomomo man, Venezuela
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A man lances a poppy bulb to extract the sap used to make opium
He works a field in the mountain region of Heliodoro, Castillo, Guerrero
(2015 January 3) Reuters
in Mexico Now World's Third Biggest Producer of Opium Poppy (2016 July 1)
<https://www.telesurenglish>



Harvesting poppies in Afghanistan
uploaded by Brandon Ladd (2014 June 16)
http://listverse-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/r154804_557487.jpg



Colombian police teargas coca farmers in Taraza during protest against coca fumigation.
Colombian farmers grow coca because they can't sell food products. They're exposed to dangers
of aerial glyphosate spraying. They receive lowest profits from cocaine; and they also risk jail.
Photo by El Espectador via Colombia Reports
Orsetta Bellani (author) Via Latinamerica Press (posted 2014 July 18)
<https://viewsweek.com/colombian-farmers-without-alternative-to-growing-coca/>



14-year-old boy stands in coca field that is growing back after fumigation with glyphosate
El Oasis hamlet, Putumayo, Colombia (2006 February 8)
Most farmers prefer to not grow coca
All farmers disagree with the government policies and methods.
Carlos Villalón (author). Contemporary Colombia. The Pulitzer Center (2007 July 12)
<https://pulitzercenter.org/reporting/contemporary-colombia>

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Great Wall of China
page 29 in Allom, Thomas (artist). Wright, George Newenham (author)
China: In a Series of Views, Displaying the Scenery, Architecture and Social Habits. Volume 1
London: Fisher, Son & Co. (1843)
<https://books.google.com/books?id=bPxcAAACAAJ>

The cultivated elite of China constructed the Great Wall to protect itself and the productive serfs who supported it from the Golden Horde. The Wall motivated Mongols to improve their machinery of war. They breached the Wall and ruled China thereafter. Mongol khans became one of China's imperial dynasties. When the khans conquered China, they got access to the Chinese navy. Then the fearsome khans could attack by sea as well as by land. They could inflict their cruelties everywhere a fleet can go. The Mongol dynasty probably persisted after it was supposedly replaced. It's rapacity seems to steer China's course in the world even today.

A person of high intelligence recognizes the rights of other people. He considers those rights in everything he does. She abhors exploitation—of others and of herself. He is concerned about the well-being of others. She figures out ways to increase the quality of life without violating the rights of others.

A person who falls in the middle and to the left of the Bell curve lacks scruples. She is unable to rule out exploitation when she strategizes. He uses his mind to take advantage of everything and everyone he encounters. He and she have always controlled the course of human endeavor.

In the 1800s, Anglos exploited the human tendency to escape reality through naturally-occurring plant-based substances. British imperialists encouraged their subjects in South Asia to cultivate large amounts of opium poppies. Their merchants transported the product to East Asia and unloaded it on millions of Chinese. The product seeped across the world and afflicted many more people who are predisposed to addiction.

In China, opium addiction led to The Boxer Rebellion—an attempt to evict Europeans who exploited the starving millions. Japan jumped in on the wrong side. The US assisted the wrong side. The response of world leaders to the Rebellion is one of many ugly episodes in human history. China's masses lost the war. Merchants from everywhere gained.

Addiction creates wealth. The capital that supports crusaders against mind-altering substances often trickles down from the money other people pay to escape the world as it is.

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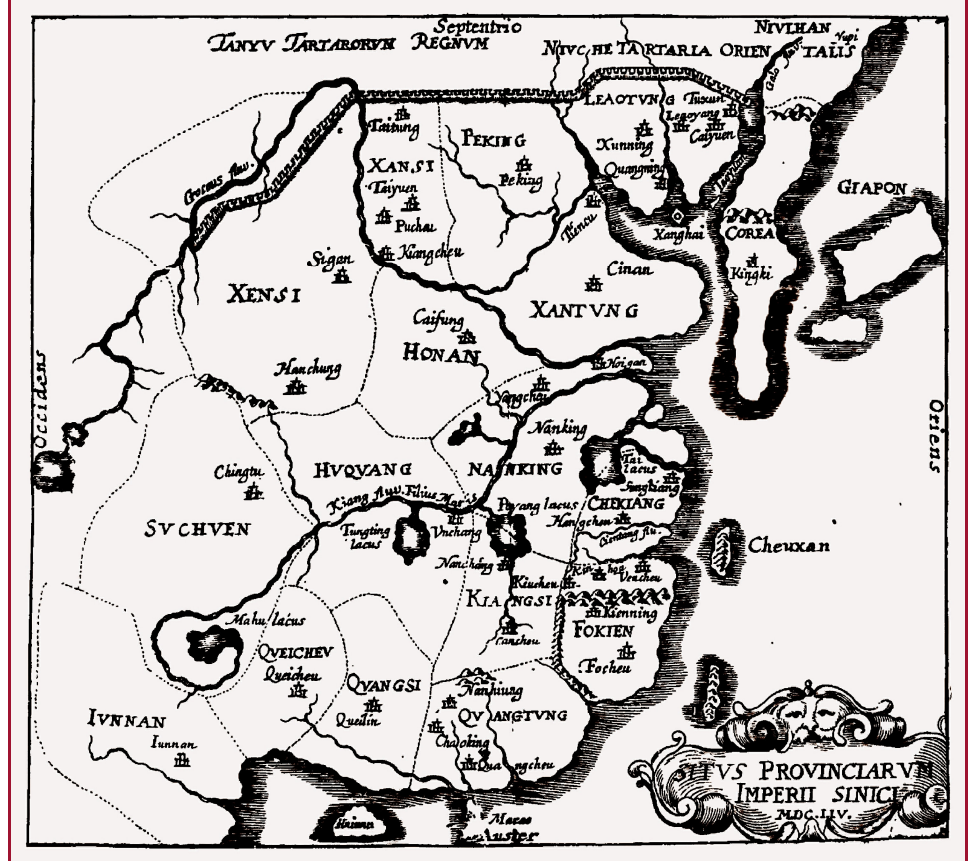
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The Redcoats survey India from the north. Lett's bird's eye view of the approaches to India
Payne, W.H. (artist). London: Letts, Son & Co. (circa 1900)
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Mongol Conquest of China (1654)
in Bellum Tartaricum, or the conquest of the great and most renowned Empire of China by the invasion of the Tartars, who in these last seven years, have wholly subdued that vast Empire Together with a Map of the Provinces, and chief Cities of the Counties for the better understanding of the Story
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London: John Crook (English translation, 1654) (reprinted 1939)
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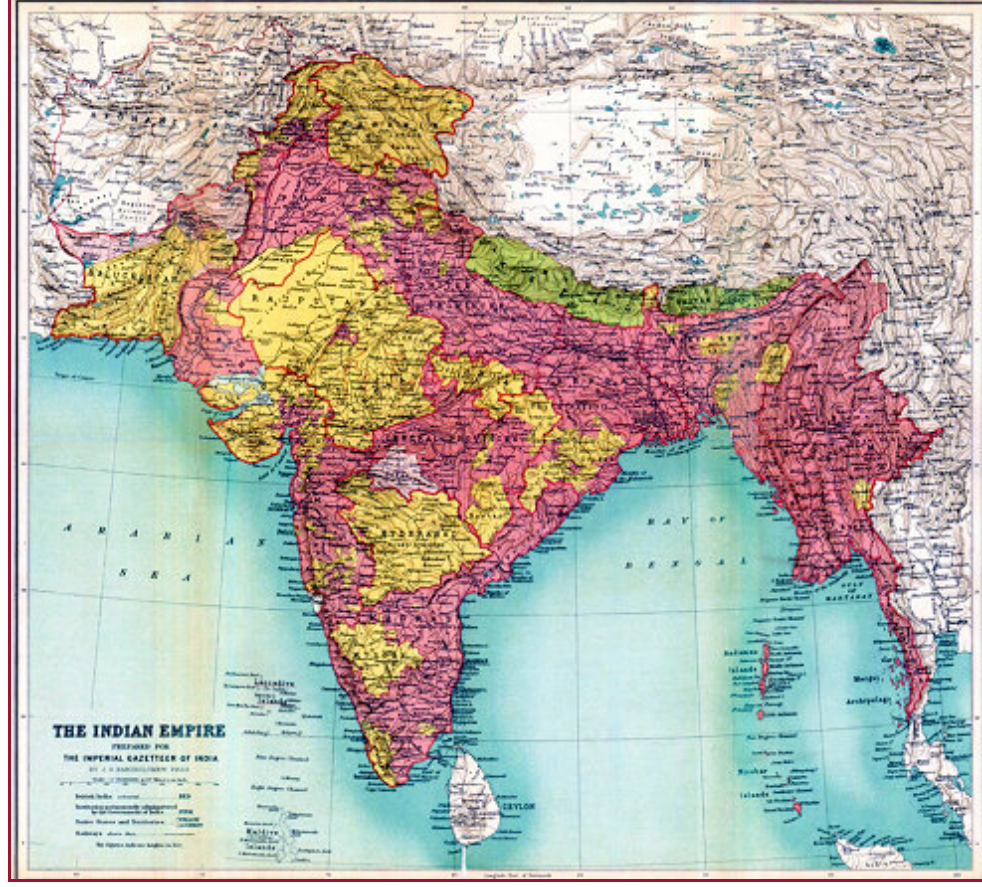
Mongols were known as Tartars, from the Greek word for Hell. Mongolia was labeled Tartary on old maps. Martino Martini—an Italian Jesuit, historian, and cartographer—entered China in 1643, one year before the collapse of the Ming dynasty and the transition from Ming to Qing. He traveled extensively through numerous provinces and visited the capital and the Great Wall.



English trade routes. Imperial Federation - Extent of the British Empire in 1886
Colomb, John Charles Ready and Crane, Walter (authors)
London: The Graphic (published for Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1886)
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Mongol costumes
from Allard, Care (1648-1709). Orbis habitabilis oppida et vestitus (circa 1685-1690)
page 37 (114) in La galerie agreable du monde
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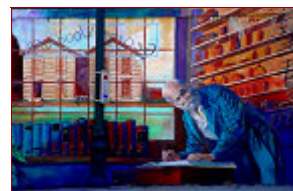


Indian Empire. Imperial Gazetteer of India. Free, J. Bartholomew (artist). Edinburgh Geographical Institute (1900)
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Opium trade route
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Quankong, Chinese God of War
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Emperors of Russia, Japan, and Germany, and the king of Great Britain, hold a balance scale and all but Japan hold a paper that states their country's claim for indemnity China kneels. Uncle Sam in background
Pughe, John S. (1870-1909) (artist). centerfold in Puck, volume 49, number 1255 (1901 March 27)
New York (NY): Keppler & Schwarzmann (copyright 1901) J. Ottmann Lith. Co., Puck Bldg.
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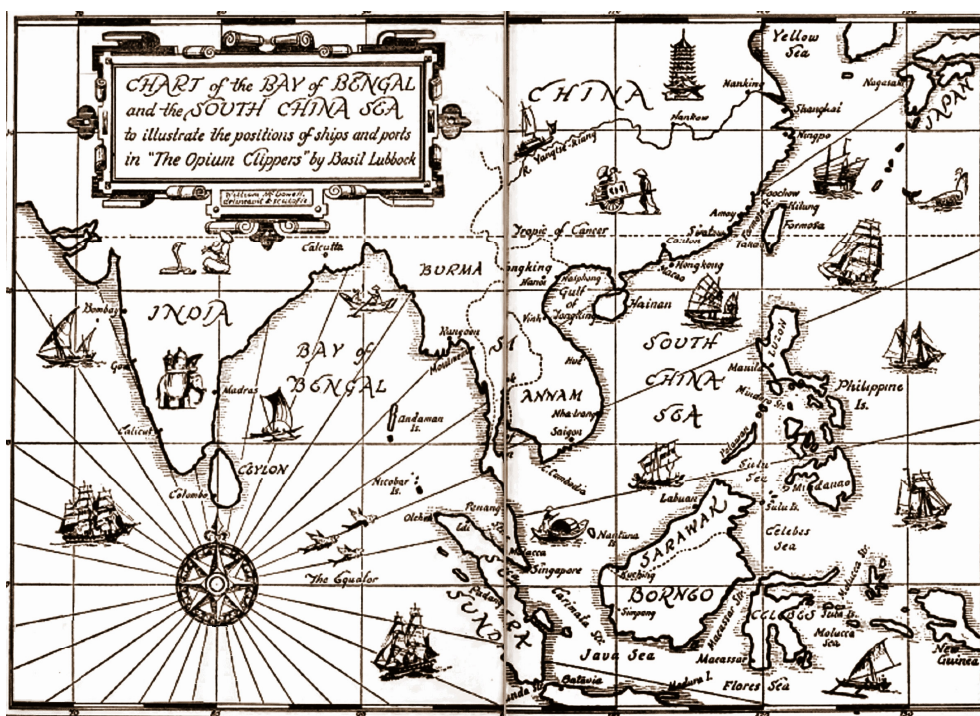
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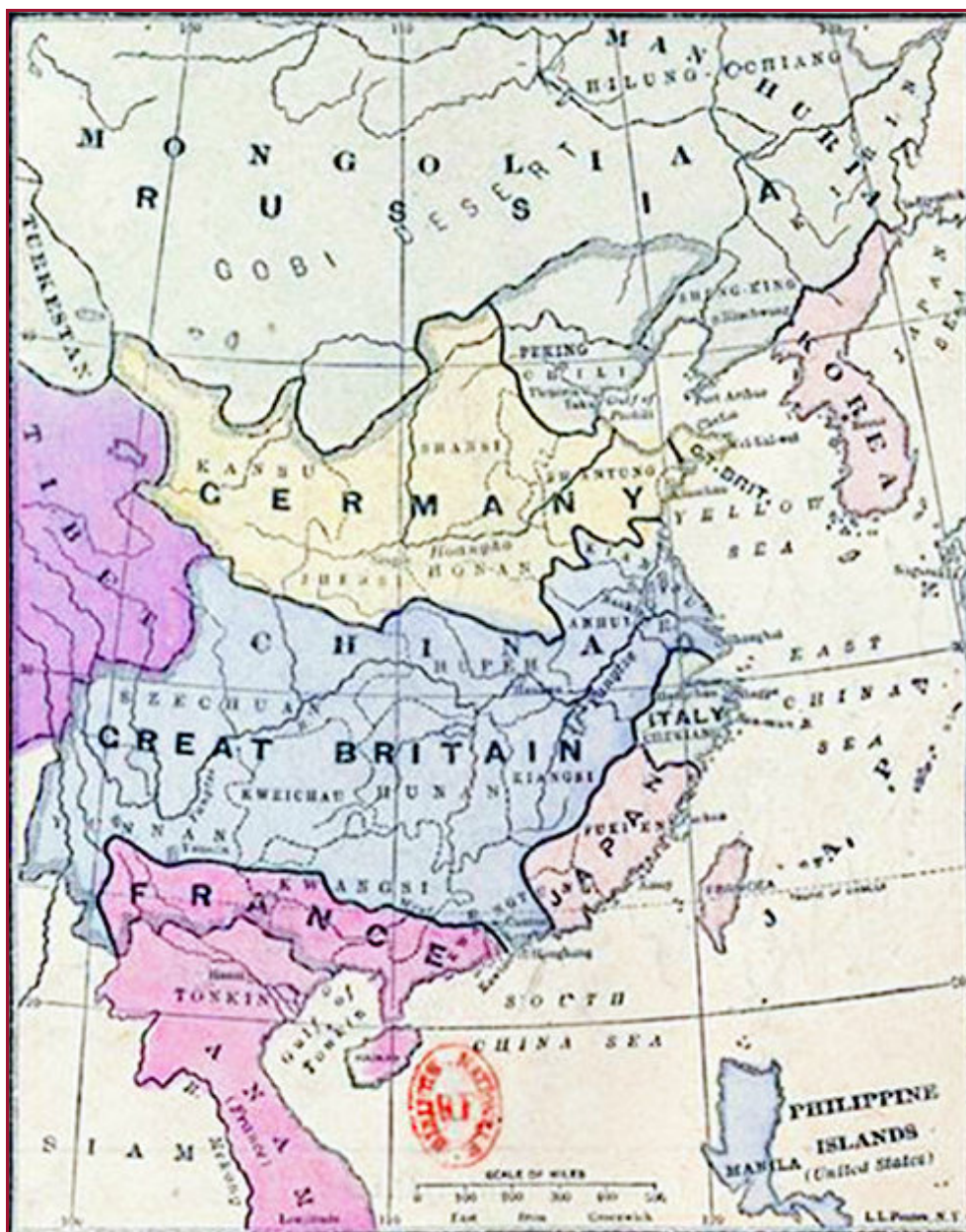


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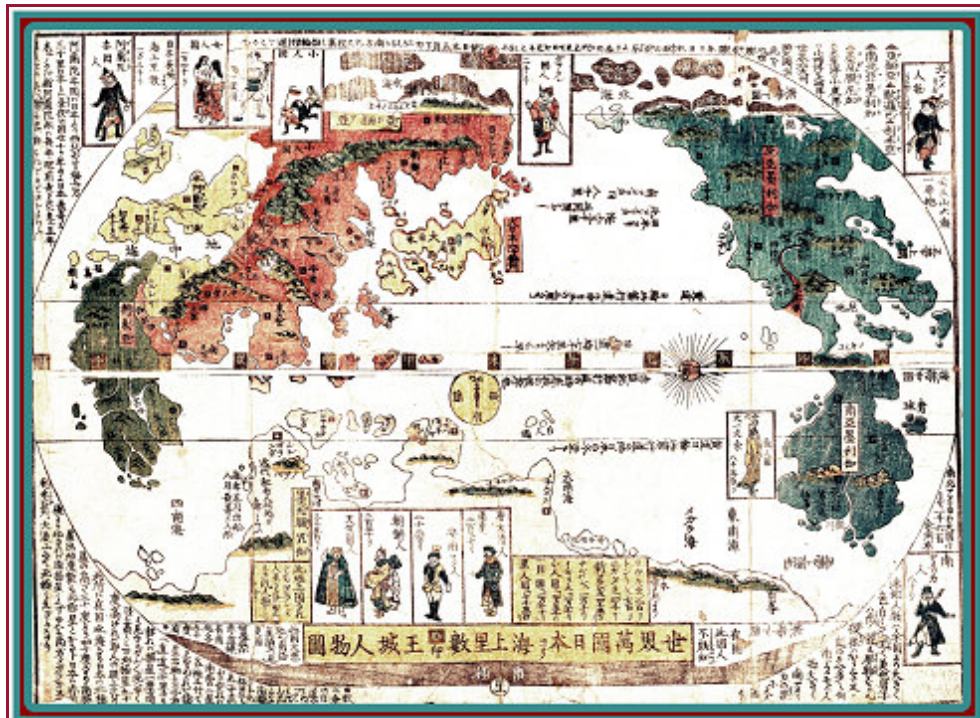
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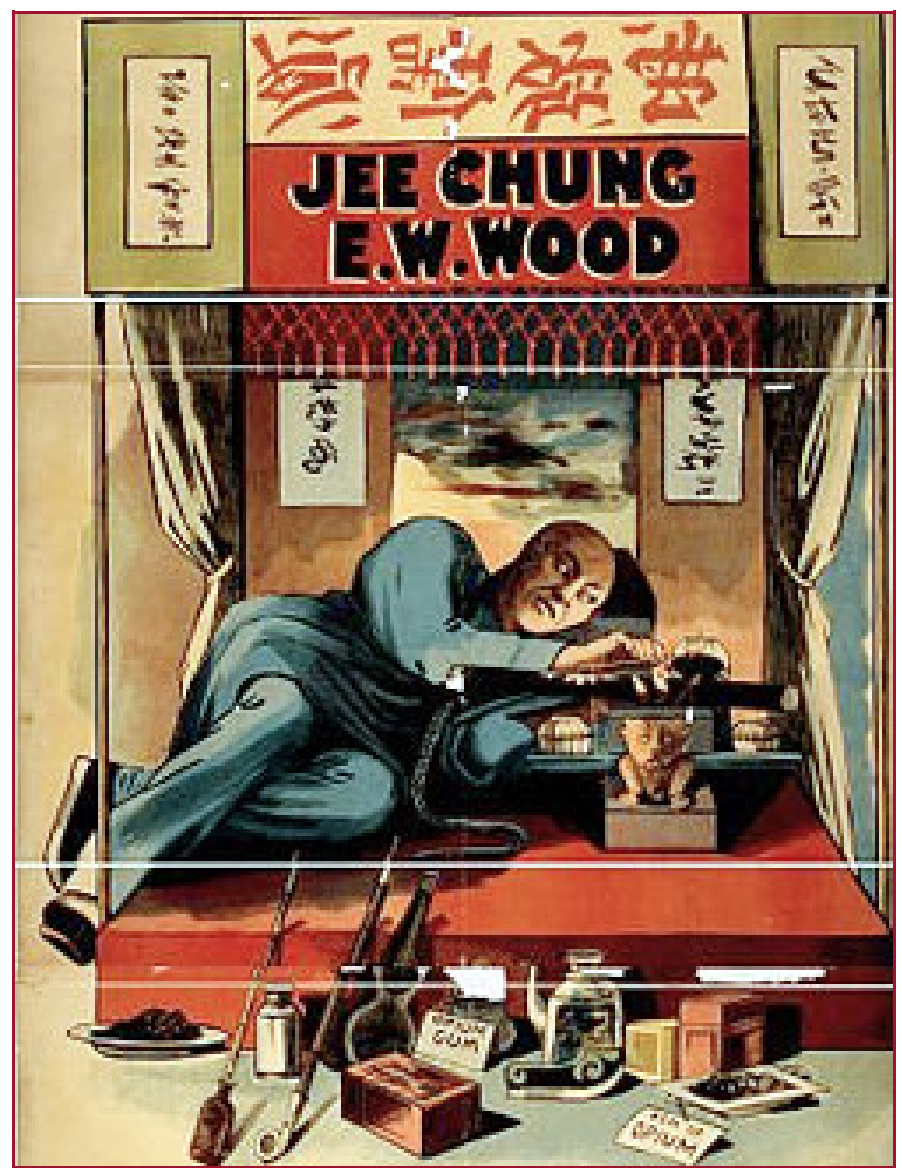


Forecast of Partition of China. Harper's Weekly (circa 1900)
in John Grand-Carteret's collection, Chinoise d'Europe et Chinois d'Asie
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Illegal exports of Indian opium to China enabled most of India's well-known business families to become rich and wealthy
Some of them are globally renowned even today
Opium of India Inc. in Corruption: From Raj to Rafale 3. Srinivas, Alam (author)
<https://www.filesindia.com/from-raj-to-rafale-3-opium-of-india-inc/>



Japan at the center of the world and its people. Sekai bankoku Nihon yori kaijō risū ōjō jinbutsuzo (circa 1800)
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Genuine Opium Den
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Japanese courtesan Shiratsuyu with opium pipe
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Opium trader, Hong Kong harbor, greatest opium port in the world, China
North Bennington (VT): H.C. White Co. (copyright H11278, 1901)
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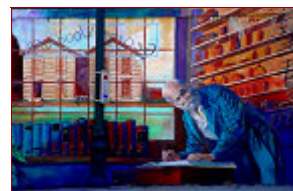
Men stand in front of demolished opium joint, Shanghai, China
Wasson, C.L. (author) (copyright H74198, 1906)
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 bodies of Chinese people at Peking wall killed during Boxer Rebellion
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 Lynch, George (1869-1928) (author)
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Kasai, Torajirō (artist) (1900 September)
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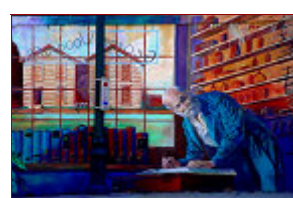


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In the Boxer Rebellion, an international gang of thugs (the allies)
 assaulted the Chinese people to protect their profits in the opium
 trade. They had to be high to do what they did.



Decapitated heads scattered on the ground. Canton prison, China (1901)
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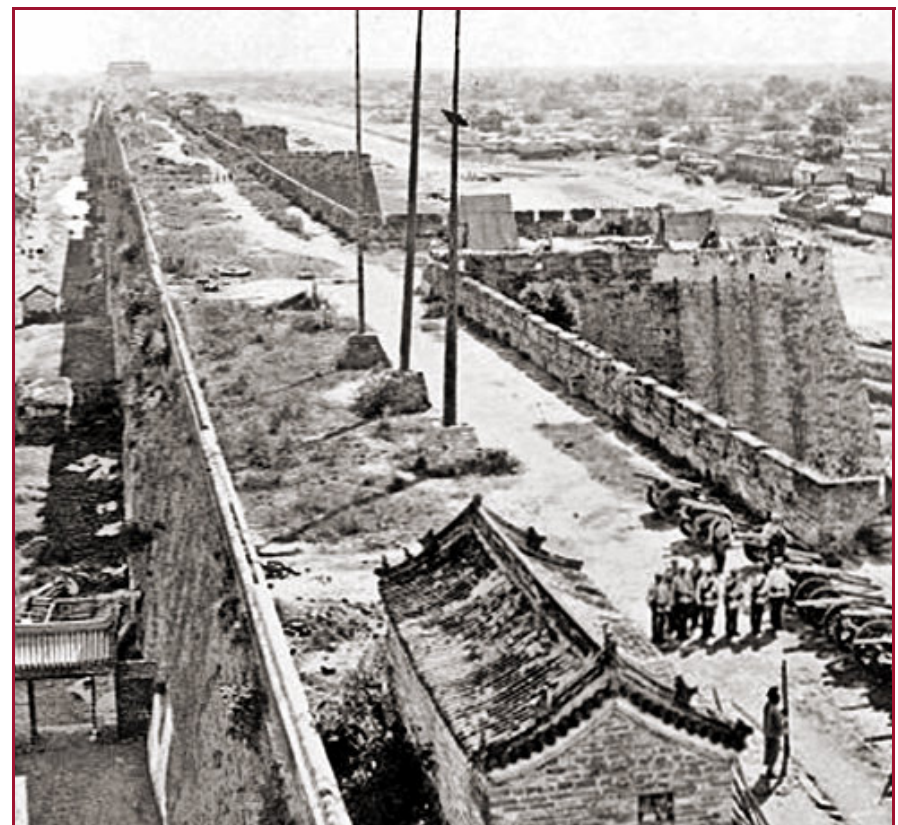
Burning Chinese bodies outside the South Gate, Tientsin, China, after Allies capture city
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Chinese coolies wait for orders from Japanese captors, Tientsin, China
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Japanese officers, Peking, China
<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2006689660/>



Russian artillery guards city wall, Peking, China
<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2006689658/>



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Bengal Lancers with captured Chinese flag
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Sikhs looting China during Boxer Rebellion
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Battle at the machine works, T'ien-chin, China
Kasai, Torajirō (artist) (1900 July)
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King of the opium ring - big scenic sensation
Blaney & Taylor (playwrights). New York (NY): H.C. Miner Litho. Co. (copyright 28952, 1899)
<https://lcn.loc.gov/2014636478>



Chinese wife nags opium-smoking husband
Woolf, Michael Angelo (1837-1899) (artist). Puck, Volume 17, Number 440, page 370
New York (NY): Keppler & Schwarzmann (1885 August 12)
<https://lcn.loc.gov/2011661773>



(MDs are able to sell narcotics legally simply by getting a medical degree)
Medicine Man! There ought to be a law passed to squelch you humbugs!
Dalrymple, Louis (1866-1905) (artist). cover of Puck, Volume 43, Number 1100
New York (NY): Keppler & Schwarzmann (1898 April 6)
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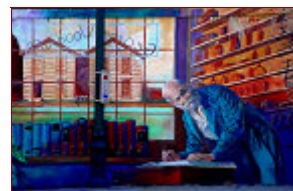
A positive cure for insomnia, neuralgia, headache, nervousness & sleeplessness
No narcotic, no opium, no chloral-forms, no bad habit. Sleep sound
Awake refreshed and invigorated for only 25 cents per box
Manufactured only by Good Night's Rest Co. St. Louis
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top illustration:
Morfin for Alderman, 25th Ward
campaign poster for 2007 municipal election
(2007 April 14)

In the 2007 municipal election, the mayor and aldermen won their offices with votes that represented a combined average of 23% of registered voters. Following the election, city officials made decisions affecting the persons and properties of residents who aren't registered to vote, as well as people who work and own property in the city, but can't register to vote, because they don't have their principal residence in the city. To be remembered always, are the 77% of registered voters who can't make themselves vote for scumbags. The 23% almost certainly represent city employees required by ordinance to live within city boundaries, plus people who are encouraged to think they owe the aldermen and mayor for a long list of benefits. Benefits include private sector jobs at companies the aldermen can strong-arm because they claim a right to permit or not permit the companies to operate on private property within city limits.

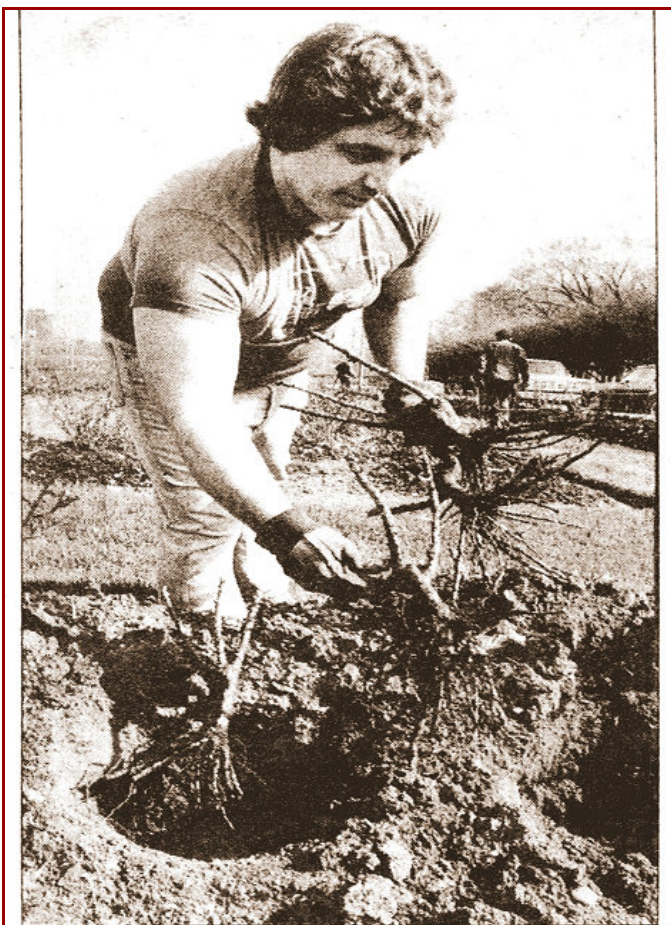
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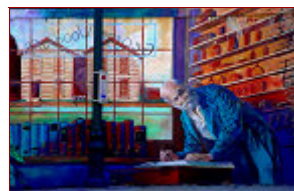
Let's root for warmth
On a blooming nice day, Chicago Park District worker gets things set for another kind of blossoming. He's planting rose bushes in Grant Park. His day in the sun was enhanced by temperatures that reached 82 degrees, just short of the record-setting 88 degrees in 1962.



Chicago Park District employee (1985)
Chicago Police Department responds in force to unfounded complaint of cocaine dealer up the block (2005)
The morning after a drive-by shooting in front of my house (2013)

In my opinion, CPD officers go along with criminalizing cocaine despite their own addictions and failings, because they joined the force to play cops and robbers like they fantasized when they were eight. They remain unpleasant children the entirety of their allegedly adult lives. They never grow up. Like most other gangbangers, they aren't satisfied with the father God gave them. CPD jobs give them a surrogate father and brothers to brag on, as well as higher pay than they can earn in the private sector, especially in an economically challenged place like Chicago. Propaganda efforts like Blue Bloods (a CPS television show starring Tom Selleck) pander to exactly the same personality problems that street gang leaders target to fill their ranks. Disaffected and alienated young men have destructive impulses. They can't pull themselves together to sustain productive and creative work. They find jobs on both sides of the law that allow them to hang out and shoot the bull during most of their working hours. They punctuate their paid leisure time with the high excitement and spectacle of car chases, running red lights, and getting physical.

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Everyone who sides with police in their alleged war against cocaine dealers has failed to learn the primary lesson of Prohibition—another ugly chapter in history.

Humans are contrary. They roll over and sleep when told to wake up. They speed up when told to slow down. They slow down when told to speed up. They turn right when told to turn left. They yap on the cell phone while driving, even though they risk a citation. They put their dog in a dogfight when the news says dogfights are illegal and cruel. People who wouldn't think of getting drunk before the prohibition of the sale of alcohol in the US, got drunk as soon as they were told they couldn't.

Prohibition created wealth for distillers of Canadian whiskey and Caribbean rum, as well as for US do-it-yourselfers who made whiskey, gin and beer. New jobs opened for coopers, stevedores and teamsters. Car production increased to transport small batches. Truck production increased to transport large batches. Boats were re-purposed, sunk, and had to be replaced. Prohibition was a boon for people who manufacture bars, bar stools, bar wipes, brass taps, copper kegs, mugs, shot glasses, cocktail glasses, stir sticks, miniature paper umbrellas, maraschino cherries, tables, peanuts, bowls for peanuts and other items associated with the high life and taverns. Producers of the raw materials also enjoyed a windfall.

To create or expand an industry is to create and expand financial dependence on it. To outlaw an industry is to make people destitute and/or defiant. To tell people what they can and can't put in their bodies is to alienate them, even if they're ignorant of their innate human rights.

A modern American should be born knowing that Prohibition created a criminal underground that got bored with the criminal underside of life and went legitimate. It went legitimate without altering its moral code for the benefit of decent people. Legally and illegally, the criminal underground has earned enough money to control the propaganda machine and clean up their image.

The lesson to be learned from police and other civil servants is that they gain more by being incompetent than by being competent. To fail to fulfill an objective is to justify hiring more people to fulfill it. To screw up a job the first time is to be paid to do it again. And again. Thus, there's no incentive for police to win the war against cocaine. Losing the war is their job security.

Their real war is against taxpayers. Their real objective is to gouge taxpayers as much as possible for as long as tax laws give politicians a blank check to buy votes.

In my opinion, cocaine industry executives have bribed US government officials for several decades to perpetuate the criminalizing of cocaine so the industry is profitable. The cartels have a symbiotic relationship with the officers of the courts. Cocaine sales are mutually advantageous to both.

I've socialized with three CPD officials during my life.

The first was second-in-command in the 1960s. I was his daughter-in-law's plus-one for Thanksgiving dinner while her husband and mine were in Asia. Entirely off-topic, the police executive blurted out that Chicago police are the biggest gang in the city. I didn't have enough experience to confirm or deny his allegation. The only police officers I saw stood in the middle of State Street, wore white gloves, and blew whistles to direct traffic. CPD jobs were not yet pricey charity gigs for overgrown 8-year-olds so they'd have money to attract females and reproduce. I didn't see cops loiter and flirt with females on the job.

I had more than enough experience with police to recognize his truth when an equivalent CPD executive got on tv a few years ago (after he retired) and said Chicago police are worse than ever.

I met a rank-and-file police officer in the early 1970s, when a colleague invited me to her New Year's Eve party. She and I were both young teachers. I've since realized that Chicago Teachers' Union members are the biggest gang in the city. Teachers outnumber cops by approximately 300% in demanding a big cut of property tax revenue. A graph on the internet shows that the vast majority of Chicago Public School students continue to perform at the lower left hand corner of a graph of achievement. The reason is, the most basic factors of mass education impede learning. Worse, jobs in schools attract low IQ bullies and narcissists. Who else wants to spend their days jerking around children?

Good-faith teachers are as rare as good-faith cops. My colleague and I became friends because we both had good intentions and the intelligence to follow through. My friend came to the US from the Ukraine when she was a teenager. She quit her teaching job to help liberate Ukraine from Russia. She was in Kiev when the Chernobyl nuclear power complex melted down. She relocated to Poland; and there she died of cancer when she was 40.

One of the many negatives of the massive Hispanic invasion of the US is the fact that they come here from countries with notoriously corrupt governments. They adapted. In the US they perpetuate the corruption to which they're habituated. My Ukrainian friend invited me to her parents' two-flat in the vicinity of Augusta and Western. She wanted me to see the Puerto Rican problem that still afflicts white non-Hispanics in the inner city. I experienced it personally soon after I bought a house in the Bungalow Belt.

I met another Chicago cop when he knocked up one of my college roommates and married her. He wasn't a cop at the time. He was a high-school dropout with a job in the Chicago Park District. He got the job by ringing doorbells for an alderman at election time.

My friend told a tale on him that involves Hispanics. He and his gang threw a Molotov cocktail through the livingroom window of the first Mexican family in their neighborhood. It transitioned rapidly from white non-Hispanic to Hispanic; and his family now lives in an enclave of public servants at a far corner of the city.

My ex-college roommate became increasingly mercenary as years passed. She told her husband to go back to the alderman and ask for a CPD job. The alderman said he'd have to get his GED and pass the Police Academy entrance exam. He passed on the third try. I haven't seen the family since. They were too busy to attend my son's birthday party; so I was too busy to attend the husband's Police Academy graduation party.

Twenty-years later, approximately 15 uniformed and plainclothes CPD officers swarmed the block in squads and unmarked vehicles and obstructed afternoon rush hour traffic. I went out with a camera to record the event. My friend's husband was in charge and told me to put the camera away. CPD officers had stopped an old compact car and hassled Hispanic occupants because an Hispanic neighbor complained they were cocaine dealers. The complaint was bogus. Complainant was a teenager who was home alone and bored after school. Cops saw that he and his single working mom needed therapy. I was accused of racism when I previously saw similar problems.

The boy's family is among property owners to whom the notoriously corrupt Puerto Rican Assessor and Alderman gave big property tax breaks and other illegal benefits in exchange for votes and other services. The Assessor said the family owns a one-story, single-family house on a slab foundation. The Assessor's photo of the house shows three doorbells next to the front door of a building with apartments in the full basement, first floor, and expanded attic. The family paid for an income-property. Their purchase price was used to inflate taxable valuations of actual one-story houses on slabs. When I blew the whistle on this and other frauds, the Assessor and Alderman used the single mom to make bogus complaints against me. White cops did the legwork.

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