**Ready Fire Aim**

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What is it about "Progressive" states like Washington - (and CA., CO., Min., IL) - with permissive worldviews when it comes to things like the legalization of pot, but are severely draconian when it comes to prison reform and sentencing? First of all, when a state decides to legalize a drug for the purpose of turning it into a revenue source, it automatically becomes dependent upon buyers and users of that drug. The answer is a resounding no — not one iota! The same can be said about the state lottery, as well as heavily taxed...
Casinos popping up all over the place, you see the ads on TV, all the time, like a stick rattling inside a swill bucket.

Many otherwise well-intentioned people play the lotto, and then become addicted. Many become so addicted that they spend their rent money on the lotto, or scratch tickets, they then panic, commit crimes, and wind up behind bars. And does the state have any empathy toward these lawbreakers? No.

Parole, a great philosopher said, "Distrust all in whom the impulse to punish is powerful." To that point, the 3-strikes statute doesn't even consider mitigating factors! It is a fascist concept that fails under the oppressive umbrella called "zero tolerance." Which is essentially a mode of non-reason, which suppresses the very things that separate us from lower forms of life. It was a concept practiced by the likes of Hitler and Stalin. It is completely black and white. There are no gradations. But even more important, it doesn't solve anything. The 3rd felony is a 2nd degree hold-up, you will go to prison for life, no possible anything.
USE OF THE SLOGAN SIMPLY ALLOWS THE GOVERNMENT TO RULE WITH AN IRON HAND. IT'S REALLY A NON-SOLUTION DESIGNED TO INTIMIDATE THE LOWER CLASS. WHENEVER YOU HEAR THE WORDS "ZERO TOLERANCE", REMEMBER SOMEONE BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN YOU IS ESSENTIALLY THROWING A TANTRUM. AND THAT'S A MEMO.

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