

# READY, FIRE! AIM

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WHAT IS IT ABOUT "PROGRESSIVE" STATES LIKE WASHINGTON - ( & MA, CO, CA, N.Y., MINN, IL ) - WITH PERMISSIVE WORLD-VIEWS 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 DEPENDANT UPON BUYERS AND USERS OF THAT DRUG. THE

NATURAL PROGRESSION, OF COURSE, IS THAT USERS OFTEN BECOME ADDICTED, BECOME LAZY AND FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, HEIGHTENED BY THE FACT THAT THE DRUG IS OVER-TAXED, SO MANY GO OUT AND COMMIT CRIMES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THEIR EXPENSIVE HABIT(S) AND WHEN, INEVITABLY, THESE USERS FIND THEMSELVES ON THE WRONG END OF THE LAW AND WIND UP BEHIND BARS, DOES THE STATE FEEL ANY RESPONSIBILITY? 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  
ALL THE TIME. YOU  
SEE THE ADS ON T.V.  
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 ADDICT-  
ED 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.  
NOT A BIT!

IN WA, ST. IF YOUR  
3RD FELONY IS A 2ND  
DEGREE HOLD-UP, YOU  
WILL GO TO PRISON  
FOR LIFE. NO POSSIBLE

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 FALLS UN-  
DER 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 HIT-  
LER AND STALIN. IT  
IS COMPLETELY BLACK  
AND WHITE. THERE ARE  
NO GRADATIONS. BUT  
EVEN MORE IMPORTANT,  
IT DOESN'T SOLVE  
ANYTHING. THE

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, SOME-  
ONE BIGGER AND  
STRONGER THAN YOU  
IS ESSENTIALLY  
THROWING A TANTRUM.  
AND THAT'S A MEMO.

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