

Perception

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Can we believe, it was just 240 years ago that the Continental Congress prodded Adams and Jefferson to polish their thoughts, day and night, to compose something eternal and understandable, about their mutual ideas of independence and governing? That when finished, all 56 members of that Assembly concurred, boldly signed that document, the first two paragraphs of that document's required memorization at every school for decades?

That was followed with the Constitution in 1787.

And that the Nine Justices of our Supreme Court regularly cite these documents for their interpretation and validity of laws enacted by the recent Congress? Still, there appears to be wiggle room; every 5-4 decision, either way, leaves a segment of society wondering.

When in the course of human events, I shall do something that in my mind is reasonable and just; but others object; do I have to wait to the next decade for the Supreme Court to vote 5-4 on the constitutionality of my act?

The answer of course, is yes.

Meanwhile every village idiot or genius has had a microphone thrust in their face, is asked to comment of my action, none questioning their authority or judgement.

Today perceptions of good are evil, worthy or false,
sinful or praise worthy, reasonable or silly, helpful or
harmful, lasting or temporary, eternal or fleeting,
all are under assault;
so is authority itself.

Then and now,
As Thomas Paine noted,
“These are times that try mens souls.”

