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And Yet Another Attack on the 1st Amendment

We Americans take our rights for granted, as if they can never be taken from us. Elsewhere, the world suffers from not having rights at all, even in England. That black sheep (can we still say that?) Prince Harry, admitted to [not understanding](#) the 1st amendment. And now, the Biden Administration has mounted yet another attack on Free Speech. Our Elite Leaders have barged into a Supreme Court case, Mahanoy Area School District v. B.L., [court file 20-255](#), which was heard April 28.

The precis of this case is that B.L. (a minor at the time) had been a cheerleader her freshman year. Sadly, in her Sophomore year, she did not make the varsity squad, and was placed on the JV team.

In a fit of pique, she and some friends made an inappropriate, rude post on Snapchat. The post was captured and sent to the school. She was then suspended from the cheer squad for one year. The post was made off-site from the school, and on a Saturday, not in school hours. A similar case was made previously in Iowa, with the difference that the post had been made on school grounds, during school hours, and it was considered that the post caused a disturbance to learning at the school.

The 3rd Circuit Court ruled for B.L., noting that the offence was made outside the jurisdiction of the school, and therefore, the 1st Amendment protection was upheld.

The school district has appealed to SCOTUS, and the Biden Administration has entered the case to weigh in favor censorship. We await the SCOTUS ruling.

This is yet another example of good intentions growing into bad law. This case actually presents a wonderful opportunity for the parents, teachers and school to create a teaching moment, in which B.L. might have been taught a better way to handle her disappointments. But no, this has become a Federal Case, and will have a major impact on the destruction of our rights.

If the school wins, that will allow all schools to monitor and penalize all students for their speech, whenever and wherever it is made. Maybe even after they graduate. Indeed, it is not beyond the realm of feasibility to imagine a school not liking a post made by a parent. Or a neighbor. Exactly where does the censorship authority end?

And as is always the case, who is to decide what is acceptable speech, and what is not? Will schools be looking to create systems to check everyone's speech?

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“Dishonesty in government is the business of every citizen. Its not enough to do your own job. There’s no virtue in that. Democracy isn’t a gift. It’s a responsibility.”

Dalton Trumbo

Where to get knowledge

1. Hillsdale.edu
2. Newsmax.com
3. Oann.com
4. ConventionOfStates.com
5. WesternJournal.com
6. Solari.com
7. TheEpochTimes.com
8. Conservative.org
9. AmericanThinker.com

A (very) little humor

You know you are getting old when “Friends with benefits” means finding someone who can drive at night.

“The American story, still young, is the greatest story ever written by human hands and minds. It is endlessly interesting and instructive and will continue as long as there are Americans. The most important stories are those about what it is that makes America beautiful, good, and therefore worthy of love. In this light, we can see what might make America better and more beautiful”

Hillsdale’s **Imprimis** provides us another beautiful story. Enjoy.

Nonsense I

It is sometimes difficult to believe the decisions from our leaders. Merely shaking one’s head in disbelief is no longer a sufficient response from us in our role as Citizens. It used to be that the media delighted in finding these types of non-sequiturs and making the culprits pay in embarrassment for their stupidities. No longer is that true. The media may cringe, but they also turn the other cheek, sparing no effort to protect our sublimely idiotic supreme leaders.

And to what do we owe this diatribe? Let me tell you about the US Department of Labor, and its leader, Martin Walsh. The worker’s compensation laws determine that anyone who contracts the Chinese Virus at work is eligible for a compo claim. That may be fair enough, but wait! There’s more!! The Department has now determined that if an employer mandates the vaccine (sounds logical, right?), and the employee consequently suffers in any way from the shot, that employee can claim worker’s compensation. There is, literally, no way for an employer to protect itself. Genius.

Nonsense II

Everyone on the left – and a few on the right, too – are ranting that the Republican party and its base are blindly supporting the man, Donald Trump. They are trying mightily to drive a wedge between Trump and the base, thus weakening the party overall. They want us to believe that following “a man” is the wrong thing to do. And they are right, of course. But this is nothing but a straw man argument. We are not blindly following a man.

Hogwash. The spectacle of Liz Cheney et al, is quite a sight. And it is one without any logic at all. The base supports Trump for one reason, and one reason only. He delivers what the base wants. Should he ever stop doing that, the base would drop him like bad habit.

No, we are not Trump fanatics, you and I. We are America First fanatics, and Mr. Trump is – far and away – the best chance we have of achieving what we want.

So, as always, when you listen to politicians and pundits blather on about this or that, tune them out. Nothing they say, sadly, bears a resemblance to the truth.

This issue’s final thought comes from W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965):

“If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that, too.”