

THE PSYCHOPATHIC SOCIETY:

part 7: MILITARY MADNESS

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Nowhere is the psychotic nature of American society so clearly displayed than in the current total insanity regarding "adultery" (and sexuality in general) in the Armed Forces of the United States.

What it all clearly reveals is that the upper echelon of America's military machine is composed almost entirely of an exclusive and elitist cadre possessed of small and extremely limited intelligence, who are entirely encapsulated within 19th century sexual mores and attitudes. A cadre of whom the world at large may justly be terrified when it is considered that these foolish people control the most enormous arsenal of 21st century weaponry. Dim-witted school masters with nuclear weapons are truly terrifying.

The primary problem with military machines is that they tend to be totally divorced from the reality in which all non-military human beings live. The "military attitude and mind" is what enables allegedly mature men to act like boys! The military machine is a method to enable the almost infinite extension of adolescence. No where is this evidenced more clearly than in occurrences such as "The Tail hook Association Annual Party", an event that would have been embarrassing had the participants been 13 year old boys, but they weren't, they were so-called "grown men" to whom we entrust machines of awesome cost and even more awesome destructive capabilities. I don't know about you but I am very uncomfortable with the idea that men like these fly around in command of nuclear weapons! Tail hook, by the way, is not an example of "private consensual sexual behavior" but of public idiocy and the abuse of power.

Another interesting tendency of the military mind is that "Generals are always fighting the last war", but this isn't all. They are also maintaining an essentially 18th century view of the military "mission" and its exigencies. This of course, is the kind of detachment from reality that characterizes psychosis. Our so-called Military Leaders are still trying to inculcate the robotic obedience and machine-like responses that were, in fact, a requisite of 18th century European War, in men who are going to be expected to use 21st century advanced technology and to think for themselves.

In the 18th century it was not necessary or advisable for soldiers to think for themselves, in the 21st century it is insane to expect them to do anything else. In

the 18th and 19th centuries the Officers deemed themselves to be, and in fact were, in a custodial position regarding the rank and file. The rank and file were treated as children, and the discipline was predicated entirely upon the concept of "soldier as irresponsible child". Our officer corps still acts upon that premise. In the 21st century that is fatal to the efficiency and morale of the military forces.

It is my belief that the time has come to entirely rethink the subject of the military, in all of its branches, and redesign the whole thing. The precepts and conceptions of Frederick the Great and Count von Clausewitz have no valid connection with 21st century warfare. The military is far too enraptured with its "glorious traditions", and that is entirely a psychotic "disconnect" from reality.

The present brouhaha on the subject of both adultery and double standards is a valid one. It is valid because it is dreadfully clear that the leadership of the Pentagon (both civilian and military) is possessed of terribly skewed values, extremely poor judgment, totally ludicrous priorities, and is totally out of touch with the concerns of the civil population which pays their salaries.

Now, it should be absolutely clear to everyone that there is an immense difference between sexual harassment or Rape, and private sexual activity. When a drill sergeant or officer, forces a recruit or person of lower military rank of any gender into sexual activity using either his rank and power as duress, or actual physical force; that is a criminal act (as is any rape), and is therefore a proper subject of extreme concern to the leadership.

But the kind of sexual activity that is currently the "big news", and which is entirely consensual sexual activity between adults, is no business of the Military Command Structure. Neither is the sexual orientation of individual service members. A military body in the 21st century cannot be run like a reform school!

Neither General Ralston nor Lt. Flynn should have had their lives derailed for private sexual behavior. Additionally the whole concept of "forbidding fraternization between different ranks" has to be discarded in a Democratic Society. It is a relict of the middle ages when the officers were aristocrats and the troops were peasants. The idea that an officer is degraded by a relationship with an enlisted person is totally anti-Democratic and archaic.

Equally archaic is the conception that the "Morale and Discipline" of the military as a whole is in any way effected by the personal and private actions of the individuals within it. This is not a reason, it is an entirely irrational rationale based upon the ideas and beliefs of a previous century. It is an excuse to exercise religious based bigotry. The lunatic notions of the old and new testaments have

no place in the society of the 21st century.

Even more archaic, and tremendously harmful, is the totally negative concept that an individual's Democratic guarantees of personal freedom and liberties end upon induction into the military! If this were to be true, then Democracy is antithetic to military bodies, and while it is completely true in America today, it need NOT be true in the future.

The BILL OF RIGHTS is as cogent, and perhaps far more necessary within the military than it is outside it. And we all know it is absolutely necessary outside the military! The so-called "Military Code of Justice" MUST be subservient to the Constitution of The United States. There should be no military courts in peacetime, criminal acts within the military should be dealt with by the same courts that deal with criminal behavior in the society at large. This is already true in most European countries.

Once again we have 18th century mores being imposed on 21st century people. In the myrmidon, robotic armies of von Clausewitz and Frederick the Great this was perhaps unavoidable, but in the 21st century, and in America which falsely calls itself a "classless society" it is both insane and deadly. The United States of America is anything but a "classless society" but it should be. In fact, I believe it should be completely obvious to anyone with even a shred of intelligence and understanding that: If The United States of America does not return to the goals of its founders and become a society in which class distinctions are entirely an anachronism and people are judged entirely on their intrinsic worth as individuals, then the society is doomed.

The days of the "grunt" or "ground pounder" are past and gone, and deservedly so. The kind of person who uses and maintains the complicated weaponry of modern day armies, is a highly skilled and highly trained professional and fully deserving of the respect of his leadership. That leadership, on the other hand, must change from an 18th century anachronism to a group of men and women deserving of the respect of those professionals who serve with them. We have far too many "chiefs" and we no longer have any "Indians"! It must be realized that the military is a body of adult individuals who choose to serve their country in that capacity. They must be treated as responsible adults and not like children.

