

What's It All About America?

In 1966 "Alfie", a British movie came to the screen. Burt Bacharach and Hal Davis wrote the theme song, "Alfie" which became a 1967 hit by Dionne Warwick. In the song is the lead line "What's it all about Alfie", thus the title of this essay.

There is much in the news that keeps us running to read the headlines. I ask myself what does all of that 'news' mean? What is it all about? Before I give you my opinion lets go over just a few of the things we read. Be warned, I am a Constitutional Conservative.

About Hillary Clinton

The woman is criminal for what she has done and for what she has led her followers into. Had she been a lesser Democrat, and certainly had she been a Republican, she would now be behind bars. But because she is 'Hillary, wife of Bill' I would be shocked beyond all imagination if she is held accountable in a Court of Law, much less convicted.

About Bob McDonnell

My first, and only, face-to-face encounter with Bob McDonnell came at a 'Republican Advance' which I attended as part of my 'Driving Miss Georgia.' He and his wife joined in a few songs of a late evening band performance on the top floor of the Cavalier Hotel. My impression at the time was that they wanted to be front and center. I was not impressed.

The accusations made and confirmed in Court of what he and his wife did reminded me of that evening at the Advance. I have concluded the two, husband and wife, let it go to their heads that he was the Virginia Governor. They were out of control. But if McDonnell can be taken to Court, convicted, and put into prison then why not the same for Bill and Hillary Clinton who are guilty of much more serious crimes? Why is Obama still in the White House? It seems that Lady Justice is not simply blindfolded, but rather stuck off in a dark, dusty, long-forgotten closet.

About Jim Gilmore

He is in the Republican race for Republican Nominee simply to get back into the news, to make a case that he is important enough for some organization to offer him a big well-paying position. Note: that I said 'position', not 'job' or 'responsibility.' He is also a bit down in the dumps that he is a forgotten figure and his ego needs stroking. But is that not the case of 99 % of all politicians?

About the Confederate Flag

I believe the Confederate Battle Flag is a matter of pride for most who stand in its defense. This is a pride of The South, pride of heritage, and pride of values. That pride has nothing to do with slavery. Simply put – there is not part of the U.S. or any other Nation that is without guilt of some wrongful behavior. But that does not mean that Nation or any portion of its people is wrong to have pride for the good parts of its heritage and society.

It is not wrong for people to have an icon that represents their pride. That is what the Confederate Battle Flag is, an icon. But it is wrong for Liberals and Democrats to demonize not just the icon but the People of the South, the South itself. That demonization is simply a part of the Liberal and Progressive agenda to 'take down' everything upon which our Nation was founded – freedom, opportunity, liberty, and the U. S. Constitution.

So I am happy those who stand with the Confederate Battle Flag stopped Senator Kaine from appearing in Danville this past week.

About Planned Parenthood

This is what truly needs to be condemned. What Planned Parenthood has been caught doing, selling baby body organs, is the blackest of crime, the worse of moral values, and the path of breakdown of our Nation and civilization – period.

About Iran

If the "Deal" Obama has made with Iran goes through in any fashion then eventually we will go to war in order to protect our Nation. We will, sooner or later, have to deal with the matter of Iran, and with the matter of a slow but steady invasion of Muslim believers who want to ignore our Constitution and our laws in favor of Sharia.

About Birthright Citizenship and the 14th Amendment

The following is Section 1 of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that is at the center of the matter of 'Anchor Babies':

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, **and** subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside." [The embolden of 'and' is mine.]

The word 'jurisdiction' means the power or right of a legal or political agency to exercise its authority over a person, subject matter, or territory. Jurisdiction over a person relates to the authority to try him or her as a defendant.

The first reaction to this meaning is that would include babies of illegal aliens. But it does not. Illegal aliens are still subject to the jurisdiction of the country they have left. They are legal citizens of the nation they left. They are still the responsibility of the nation they left. The U. S. has no jurisdiction and has only the responsibility to return the illegally present alien back to the nation of which they are citizens.

If you will go to the Congressional records and read the testimony of the members of Congress who authored the 14th Amendment you will discover that they explicitly stated Section 1 did not apply, nor was it intended to apply, to the children born in this nation to those who were in this nation but not citizens of the U. S.

In 1884, 16 years after the 14th Amendment was ratified, John Elk, an American Indian, went before the Supreme Court, in *Elk v. Wilkins*, 112 U.S. 94, and argued that he was an American citizen because he was born in the United States. He lost. The Supreme Court ruled that the 14th Amendment did not grant Indians citizenship. In a divided 1898 case, *U.S. v. Wong Kim Ark*, the Supreme Court granted citizenship to the children born to *legal* immigrants, with certain exceptions, such as for diplomats. Like many other decisions, there are Constitutional and legal scholars who opine that not even that citizenship can be granted based on the 14th Amendment.

Congress was given Constitutional power, Article I, section 8, Paragraph 4, to decide how one becomes a citizen. So it is within the power of Congress to make a law that explicitly denies citizenship to someone born in the U. S. to parents who are not U. S. Citizens

About Donald Trump

Donald Trump, what he is saying, how he is saying it, and force with which he is saying it is why he is at the top of the polls. He is the Voice through which American Citizens who are not Liberal and Progressive are speaking. And those American Citizens are a majority. Those American Citizens have woken up and have reached a saturation point with the American Government, the Liberals, and the Progressives.

My Opinion

The leaders, and most of the politicians, in both political parties do not want Trump because they would lose their power and control should Trump become President.. There are those citizens who are drinking the Kool Aid given to them by those 'Leaders' and are being led to believe Trump is not desirable. I disagree. And I think that unless Trump were to badly screw up between now and Election Day he will be the next President. The only way this will not be the case is if those who consider themselves to be 'conservative' allow themselves to be misguided by politicians and leaders in the two parties into believing that all of a sudden those leaders and politicians will do what it is the fed-Up American Citizens want to be done. And, it would not surprise me if those Leaders were brazen enough to try something about as illegal as some of the things Hillary, Bill, and Obama have done in the past to stop Trump.