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By Joe Ingino b.a.
Editor/Publisher***"I live a dream in a nightmare world"***

WHAT IS WRONG WITH AMERICA?

By now you all are aware of the big debate in America over human rights and disrespect at NFL games. You all have seen the open and public defiance against government by members of the NFL.

It has become known as the 'ONE KNEE' syndrome. Players in retaliation to their government choose to one knee during the playing of the national anthem. The debate has been... do the players even though they have the right and freedom to express their defiance towards their government. Should they be allowed to do it at a national sporting event.

Some have argued that the one knee is no different then if patrons in the stands all of a sudden stormed the field in protest of the government. Technically they have a right to protest any place. Does this mean the stadium owners can't throw them out? Does it mean that the majority of us must allow this to happen? Is the act not anti democratic?

Is democracy not the will of the majority? I think what both sides of the debate have failed to recognize is the difference between a right and rite (a social custom, practice, or conventional act. synonyms: ceremony, ritual, ceremonial; service, sacrament, liturgy, worship, office; act, practice, custom, tradition, convention, institution, procedure).

Just because the constitution of America allows us to have freedoms and rights it does not necessarily mean that by *rite* we can exercise it any place we so choose.

In the case of the NFL players. They are basically property of their football institution team. As such they are not only role models for youth but in part representing America's most popular sport. As such are they not bound by professional integrity to maintain the image of America? If so then, do the owners of the clubs not have the right to discipline the act of not fulfilling their responsibility as professionals.

Think of it this way. It be like a police officer that is anti America all of a sudden decide to not wear his/her uniform and opt to show up at work wearing a burka. Claiming religious and cultural preferences. How far will the battle between rights and rite go before the line is crossed where we say 'NO MAS'.

The other day, I was watching a world cup soccer game between Brazil and Peru. Two countries that have a long standing reputation for human rights violations. For government corruption. For civil right abuses. For historical atrocities not imaginable to north Americans. Two countries that have and still commit horrendous crimes against it's own people.

The two teams proudly standing hand to heart singing their national anthem with a pride that have no words to describe. A pride that is so deeply rooted in their souls that it has no compromise. A pride rooted in culture, values and family. As the camera made it's way through the crowds. The pride of every member of that country was evident. They sang their national anthem with the same pride as those of the players. Some in tears and in song with great passion for their nation.

I remember visiting Uruguay years back and attending a professional soccer game. It was 100 degrees. The sun was blazing down. I was wearing a baseball cap. The national anthem began to play. Everyone put their hand to heart. Sang the national anthem out of the top of their lungs... there I stood in awe... someone from behind... smacked me in the back of the head as my hat flew off. The person I was with said. Oh yea take your hat off.

The National anthem played loud and proud. After it finished... the person that knocked my hat off came over and apologized and got my hat.

Wonder what would happen if one of those soccer players would have taken a knee? What is it about us in the northern hemisphere that we have lost that essence of national pride. Of belonging and of respect for the mother land no matter who is ruling and or how just or unjust the political climate may be.

I think that we in the north have lost our sense of communal responsibility. We belong to what we can directly benefit from. Not from what is best for the betterment of the nation.

In the north we have also lost the importance of family and family values. Something that teaches responsibility and sacrifice. Something that is crucial to developing solid character and self esteem.

We have become so distant from the many realities around us that we allowed ourselves to be brain washed by what we see on television. In countries like Brazil, Peru. Reality is a daily thing. Poverty, abuse, neglect. Television is used for entertainment. Not as a means to form opinion on issues and events.

The term Boob-tube. First recorded in 1965-70; rhyming coinage, from the notion that television programming is foolish, induces foolishness, or is watched by foolish people. How true today in modern times. Fake news outlets like CNN for example or FOX all attempting to sway popular thought have in many cases brain washed the population. TV today has become addictive and controlling. Our moral and principles are compromised by false demystification of our fears.

Our opinions are played on like a fine instrument and our emotions and feelings are tugged on to shape our thoughts. I have a question. Why is it that there are no 'TERRORIST ATTACKS' in south America? Answer. Anyone attempting to attack any national building or property in any of the latin American countries would mean instant death to the perpetrator and all his family. Some of these nations still operate on neighborhood justice and neighborhood pride. Something we in the north have no clue what it is. Our equality is oppress bias and prejudice. Our civil rights are nothing but false fallacies in order to keep up oppressed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

The suggested introduction of wine and beer sales at Ontario convenience stores is not really a convenience - it's just a political stunt to help a declining industry.

There are already many places to get alcohol, probably too many - unfortunately. Realistically there is a limited quantity of alcohol that is going to be bought each day so if there is an increased demand at a new venue then the older venue's sales will decline. Will there then be a political offering for them? Don't make it even more easy to get alcohol, it's already too easy!

Regards,
Dennis Fitzgerald
Melbourne, Australia

Good morning, Joe.

I hope that the contents of this letter match the caring level of social conscience that appears in your paper with each issue. Last week there was an advertisement in one of the "other" Oshawa newspapers, announcing the upcoming development and sale of a new condominium development near the corner of Liverpool and Bayley in Pickering which would consist of not one, or even two, but three 17-storey apartment condominiums.

Three huge sun-blocking, shadow-casting apartment buildings that would tower over the nearby single residences and turn this corner into the Pickering version of Toronto's Yonge and Bloor. Three huge buildings that will strain Durham's resources of fresh water, sewage treatment, and hydro infrastructure, as well as police, ambulance and fire protection, just like Yonge and Bloor. Three huge apartment buildings that would bring untold traffic noise and congestion to this already crowded area of Pickering, just like Yonge and Bloor.

Hundreds more commuters filling up the already overcrowded GO parking lots and taxing the already overburdened GO trains, just like Yonge and Bloor.

These three buildings will total 275 units, each one an itty-bitty 500 - 800 square foot box in the sky, each one costing \$300,000? \$400,000? \$500,000? But of course, Durham politicians will be rubbing their hands with glee. Let's see, 275 more propty-tax-paying units times \$2,000 - \$3,000 per unit, that comes to ...

A very sad development. indeed. Not my definition of progress, and, I hope, not yours, either.

Marvin Sandomirsky
Oshawa

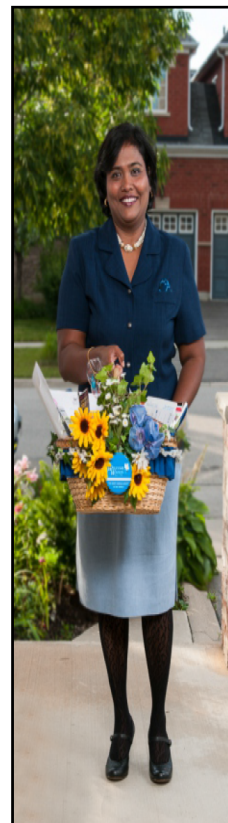
Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and member of the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade expressed his frustration at the lack of support being offered to manufacturers by the Trudeau Liberals.

"Frankly, I'm worried. We had the Minister of Foriegn Affairs at Committee this week and it was clear from how she responded to questions that this government has no plan" said Carrie. "This government has spent the cupboard bare without building in any contingency money for industry impacted by this trade war with the Americans."

Minster Chrystia Freeland attended the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade on Tuesday June 19th and was grilled by MP Carrie about how her government intends to provide support to industries heavily impacted by the trade war. TD Canada has already released a report indicating that over 160,000 jobs could be lost in Canada as a result of potential tariffs. In response, Conservatives requested an emergency debate on the issue. This request was denied by the Speaker of the House.

"Families in Oshawa are extremely concerned about these auto tariffs and the Liberals won't even make time to debate them on the floor of the House. The Minister claims that supporting the auto sector is "absolutely essential" but they have absolutely no plan to do so. These are real people and real jobs they are gambling with. We produce the best cars in world in Oshawa but to do so we need to remain competitive in the global market."

Eric Guernsey, Office of Dr. Colin Carrie MP



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