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Much has been eroded from our American way of life in the last thirty years. Outright hostilities against the Catholic religion, parental rights, rule of law and common sense. Like a frog in warming water, we looked the other way as fruitcakes were allowed to fester and metastasize our infrastructure. Historically these nut cases would have been locked up for their protection, and ours. But bleeding hearts allowed them to put their nose under the tent to such a point we are now fighting to protect the norm.

Since when did criminals have more rights than victims? Since when was it a crime to practice your faith? Since when did parents lose control over their minor children? Since when was it not automatic to call someone older than you, "Sir" or Ma'm?

Well, I recall a marked change in the mid-sixties/seventies and the advent of hippies, weed, bellbottoms and burning bras. I was there but more as a spectator and occasional participant. The Vietnam war became a flashpoint, then an excuse to rebel. Still confused on just what the rebellion was against, except everything to do with the "establishment". How inclusive, how general? Rebels without a cause. To this day, I still cannot wrap my arms around the sight of a flower child spitting on a returning vet. The Beatles called it Helter-skelter. What was wrong with them faded into where did we go wrong.

I do reflect now what I was hearing then, "it's not my problem". What happened? Was it because "mom" was now working which created latchkey kids? Was it the acceptance of loose morals that created children having kids or the loss of faith? That inbred thing of doing the right thing when no one was watching lost its heartbeat.

It has gotten worst now and more widespread because "we" did not address "their" problem. Yes, I shoulder the actions of the aging baby boomers. Of all the generations, they were the mavericks with an internal compass, but failed to pass that gene along.

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I've reached my autumn and wonder aloud, is it beyond repair or is a tipping point near? Possibly, a new way is on its way. I say it is a blend. For many it has already metastasized beyond repair. Others will wander like lost souls. Yet the newest generational wave has a sense of optimism oozing from it. They seem to be yearning for what has been lost. Not sure If I will witness the return to the American values we once embraced.

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