

" PROHIBITION WAS A DOOMED TO FAILURE "  
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The "VOLSTED ACT" - THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT OUTLAWED THE SALE OR MANUFACTURE OF ALCOHOL FROM 1920 UNTIL 1933 - WAS WHAT TODAY WOULD HAVE BEEN CALLED A "RED STATE" LAW, BECAUSE IT WAS PUSHED AND VOTED ON AND BACKED MOSTLY BY SOUTHERN, MIDWESTERN "BIBLE BELT" STATES AND RURAL AREAS - NOT BY THE OTHER STATES & BIG CITIES AND URBAN AREAS (WHO WERE FORCED TO HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH IT) IT WAS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF CERTAIN WELL INTENTIONED PEOPLE ATTEMPTING TO LEGISLATE MORALITY - WHICH CAN NEVER BE DONE.

BECAUSE NEW YORK & BOSTON & PITTSBURGH AND PHILADELPHIA & CHICAGO AND ~~DALLAS~~ LOS ANGELES - ALL THE DRINKERS IN AND AROUND OR NEAR AMERICA'S CITIES - WERE GOING TO KEEP RIGHT ON DRINKING JUST AS THEY ALWAYS DID CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OR NOT, WHICH WAS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. ONCE THE LAW AGAINST ALCOHOL PASSED PEOPLE WHO DRANK KEPT RIGHT ON DRINKING AS THEY ALWAYS HAD - ONLY THEN THEY

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WERE TURNE~~D~~D INTO LAWBREAKERS  
BY DEFINITION.

People who were DRINKERS JUST MADE  
THEIR OWN ALCOHOL ("BATHUB GIN," ETC.)  
WHICH MADE THEM LAWBREAKERS,  
AND BOUGHT THEIR ALCOHOL FROM THOSE  
WHO NOW SOLD IT; BOOTLEGGERS,  
SO THE LAW - WELL INTENTIONED AS IT WAS -  
WAS IGNORANT & STUPID & UNENFORCEABLE.  
A MORE EXAGGERATED EXAMPLE TO MAKE  
MY POINT; IF THEY OUTLAWED FOOD THEN  
EVERYONE WOULD BY DEFINITION BE  
TURNED INTO A CRIMINAL.

HALF THE COUNTRY DRANK.

SO HALF THE COUNTRY BECAME TURNED  
INTO CRIMINALS VIA PROHIBITION.  
THE AL CAPONES AND OTHER GANGSTERS  
SIMPLY MOVED RIGHT INTO THE ALCOHOL  
BUSINESS - IT WAS ALL PREDICTABLE OR  
SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

EXCEPT OF COURSE IN AMERICA'S "BIBLE BELT"  
WHERE "DRY" COUNTYS CAN STILL BE FOUND  
IN ABUNDANCE. EVEN "DRY" STATES.  
THEY ARE THE ONES WHO WANTED PROHIBITION  
PASSED & WHO EVENTUALLY, AFTER DECADES  
OF "TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT" LOBBYING,  
GOT THEIR WISH IN 1920. →

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YOU WOULD THINK THAT THE FAILURE TO DO AWAY WITH A DRUG LIKE ALCOHOL WOULD HAVE TAUGHT THEM NOT TO USE LAWS TO TRY TO DO AWAY WITH OTHER KINDS OF DRUGS, TOO.

BUT YOU WOULD BE WRONG TO THINK SO; BECAUSE - AS USUAL - THEY LEARNED NOTHING. IT HAS NEVER SET INTO THEIR THICK HEADS THAT ALL THE LAWS & GOOD INTENTIONS & POLICE & ENFORCEMENT IN THE WORLD CAN NOT KEEP PEOPLE FROM TAKING INTO THEIR OWN BODYS WHATEVER IT IS THEY DESIRE TO ~~PROHIBIT~~ TAKE; LEGALLY OR ILLEGALLY. THE "RED STATE" BIBLE BELT TYPES NEVER LEARNED A DAMNED THING ABOUT PROHIBITION, ABOUT TRYING TO LEGISLATE MORALITY, ABOUT TRYING TO STOP PEOPLE FROM DRINKING OR SMOKING OR SNORTING OR INJECTING OR ~~INGESTING~~ WHATEVER, WHENEVER, AND LEGALLY OR ILLEGALLY - REGARDLESS. INDEED, BY OUTLAWING A SUBSTANCE THEY LOSE WHATEVER CONTROL OVER IT THEY MAY HAVE HAD AND TURN OVER ALL THE CONTROL TO <sup>THE</sup> CRIMINAL ELEMENT THAT INEVITABLY MOVES RIGHT ON IN. THEY OFTEN REFER TO PROHIBITION AS "THE NOBLE EXPERIMENT" IT WASN'T, IT WAS STUPID! X X X X X