

**Nerissa Belcher**

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It is a great deal to have a secret court system such as the one President Obama has installed. Consider that last year the U.S. government made 1789 requests to allow the U.S. to spy on foreign intelligence targets to include our European allies. One of these requests was withdrawn leaving 1788 requests. Every single one was approved! Imagine the value of having a court decide in your favor 100% of the time! Wouldn't you think the people arguing against such spying have enough competence that a few of these requests would have been turned down? Oh, wait, it is illegal in the U.S. to allow people to argue against requests made of the secret court.

Wouldn't a kangaroo court system like this be ripe for abuse? Ah, but you forget. Obama is God. Since when does God need second opinions?

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FISA wasn't Obama's idea, and the way it's working is likely justifiable.

I wish the people who keep whinging on about the loss of their "privacy" would ask themselves why they've been standing around with their heads up their asses while the Bill of Rights was gutted in order to "fight" the absolutely unWinnable War on (Some) Drugs.

If we were actually under a Libertarian Rule of Law, it wouldn't matter so much that the Feds know that you're growing pot in your basement, you're fucking your golf buddy, or belong to a lilywhite Neo-Odinist worship group. You might be embarrassed as hell, but unless you were actually doing something to harm other people, where's the harm?

Pretty soon either everybody's going to know everything about everybody else who can access high technology, or we're all going to die.†

That's the way it is. Technological civilization is already incredibly dangerous, and it's only going to get more dangerous as time goes by.

PS: I hate to say it, but I'm thinking of the Winston Tunnel trainwreck scene in Atlas Shrugged, which people generally fail to get the point of because Ayn put things in such an unpleasant way... but "it is what it is"... if you feel any lusts to run other people's private lives and push for the government to punish them for consensual behaviors, but you guard your own guilty secrets zealously, you're both a hypocrite and as guilty as hell.

"The man in Roomette 7, Car No. 2, was a journalist who wrote that it is proper and moral to use compulsion 'for a good cause' who believed that he had the right to unleash physical force upon others – to wreck lives, throttle ambitions, strangle desires, violate convictions, to imprison, to despoil, to murder – for the sake of whatever he chose to consider as his own idea of 'a good cause', which did not even have to be an idea, since he had never defined what he regarded as the good, but had merely stated that he went by 'a feeling' – a feeling unrestrained by any knowledge, since he considered emotion superior to knowledge and relied solely on his own 'good intentions' and on the power of a gun."

✓ on that. That scene, by the way, explains how bureaucracies in which higherups can issue absolute commands and then pass the buck for their decisions on down to the underlings fail... catastrophically.

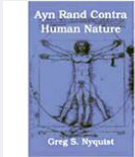
And isn't that exactly what we've got now? SURE IS.

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PPS: I'd never connected that the name of the train was the Comet? LOL: the name is as common as can be... "It wasn't my idea! It was Steve Worona's! ... I wanted to name it after philosopher and collectivist hero Auguste Comte, the inventor of Positivism... but nobody knew who he was!" LOL: true story! "COrnell Macintosh Terminal Emulator": soooo straightforward! And he deserved the honor.-)



Ayn Rand Contra Human Nature: That Winston Tunnel Scene in Full

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"These passengers were awake; there was not a man aboard the train who did not share one or more of their ideas. "Except for maybe the 2 children in Car No.10 . But if the woman is guilty for being married to a man who works for the government, maybe the kids are guilty too. Thank god Rand brought m...

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Nerissa Belcher Re: "you guard your own guilty secrets zealously....."

This is generally not a problem with transwomen. In fact special steps often need to be taken to prevent excessive sharing of guilty secrets. For most of my transwomen friends I advise the following:

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Transfolk, and especially trans women, are at the cusp in these developments... it's become infeasible to go stealth, especially when there's a small but determined minority of haters determined to out you...

I think I'm totally transparent, but fortunately not! (There are things I don't spell out, and I guess I'm indirectly benefitted by all the phonies and posers out there.)

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Nerissa Belcher Most transwomen I know go "stealth" only following people threatening to hit them with a frying pan if they don't shut up about it.

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Nerissa Belcher I think half the reason we "pass" is people are afraid to ask us about it least we bend their ears.

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The most pungent comment I ever saw in regard to "passing" was a comment by an exasperated woman who said in a comment somewhere, "Look, you people hardly ever 'pass' as women... people are just being polite to you!"

In the context of the research study conducted back in the 60's showing that only one or two male cues were enough to make people tag an image as "male", it highlighted the futility of stealth for me... along with reading comments by ordinary people, not really "haters" but just "normal", who'd felt they'd been subjected to a scam and became supremely ticked off when a stealth trans woman's "SECRET PAST" became known to them.

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