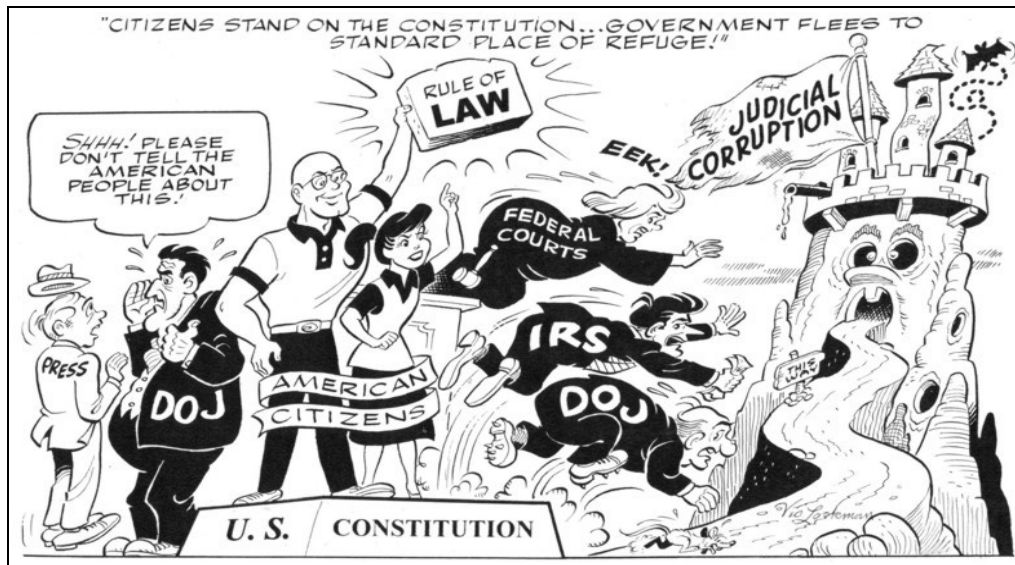


A HEARTFELT PLEA TO ALL THOSE WHO CHERISH THE RULE OF LAW



"As nightfall does not come at once, neither does oppression. In both instances, there's a twilight where everything remains seemingly unchanged, and it is in such twilight that we must be aware of change in the air, however slight, lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness."

-United States Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas

HERE'S A MENTAL AND MORAL EXERCISE FOR YOU:

Imagine that Sears took you to court claiming that you owed it money, something you do not believe to be true and have already said under oath you do not believe to be true.

Imagine that the Sears attorney asked the judge to declare a ruling in the company's favor, but also asked the judge to order you to sign a sworn document-- the content of which is dictated by that attorney-- relinquishing your right to argue against the company's claim in any future proceedings, and declaring that you believe the company's claim is correct.

The judge issues this order. Would you sign that false document?

Now substitute the federal government for Sears. Does that change anything?

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, federal judge Victoria Roberts sentenced Doreen Hendrickson to 18 months in prison based on a crudely-engineered guilty verdict on a charge of criminal contempt of court. Doreen is being punished for refusing to repudiate her own freely-made, previous testimony and falsely swear to contrary beliefs concerning facts relevant to a legal contest brought against her by the government, as she was ordered to do at the government's request by another judge eight years ago.

The matter is this simple: Doreen had freely completed U.S. income tax forms in the manner provided for by law, just like everyone else does every year. As called-for on those forms, and as everyone else does every year, Doreen declared those of her receipts she believes qualified for the tax.

Unlike what ever has happened to anyone ever before or since in the history of the United States, the government, which initially had agreed with Doreen, turned around a few years later and sued Doreen, asking the federal district court judge given the case to order her, on pain of imprisonment, to change her

forms and swear that *she believes* she owes more money to the federal government than she calculated on her forms originally. Making this false declaration would not only mean that she would be declaring her previous sworn statements to be false (and declaring a debt she does not believe she owes) but would prevent her from being able to argue what she really DOES believe in future legal proceedings.

Doreen was never charged with failure to file, perjury, filing false forms, fraud, evasion, or anything alleging a “tax crime” of any kind. She was just ordered to bark like the government's trained dog, repudiate her own claims and endorse the government's version of the facts in its legal action against her, or get slapped around a bit if she refused. Doreen was even told to conceal the fact that the false testimony was ordered by the court.

Because Doreen refused to make this false declaration without indicating that it was false, she was charged with criminal contempt of court by an arrogant government not accustomed to being told “No!” even in the face of its violation of the Bill of Rights.

After two trials, a team of specialist DOJ attorneys flown in to Detroit from Washington to do the job managed by hook and by crook to get a guilty verdict, after getting instructions from the judge to the jury that it was not to consider the unconstitutionality of the orders made to Doreen, and that they need not even all agree that she had committed one or the other of the alleged acts of contempt in the charge (among other improprieties in the trial).

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO HALT THIS GROTESQUE ABUSE OF POWER and attack on everyone's rights. Remember, if this can be done to Doreen, it can be done to you and your kids, and while you may not be saying “No!” to the government right now, or even imagine why you would want to, someday you may need to do so. Rights compromised today won't be there for you tomorrow.

Contact Governor Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette and urge them to intervene on Doreen's behalf, and on behalf of the rules laid upon the federal government by the people and the states when creating that government with the United States Constitution. Intervening to protect a state citizen from an unconstitutional attack by the federal government is one of the Constitutional roles of the several states.

Governor Snyder can be contacted by the various means listed at <http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57827-267869--,00.html>. AG Schuette can be contacted by the various means listed at <http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-164-21153-51368--,00.html>. Tell them to contact Peter or Doreen Hendrickson at newsman@losthorizons.com and to step in *right away* in defense of Doreen's rights. Let them know this is not just proper policy but also good politics, because you take the Bill of Rights seriously.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DOREEN'S CASE, you can watch our daughter Katie read what Doreen said to the court at her sentencing at <http://youtu.be/rO5lzTacX2Q>. Background on *why* the government is assaulting Doreen's rights can be found at <http://losthorizons.com/Documents/SelectedCuts.htm#3>.

Your rapid-fire help will be hugely appreciated.

“When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.”

-Edmund Burke