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UPSIDE DOWN LAND

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You know you live in Upside-down Land if...

- A Muslim officer crying "Allah Akbar" while shooting up an army base is considered to have committed "**Workplace Violence**" while an American citizen boasting a Ron Paul bumper sticker is classified a "**Domestic Terrorist**".

- Your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend more money.
- A seven year old boy can be thrown out of school for calling his teacher "**cute**" but hosting a **sexual exploration class** on a college campus is perfectly acceptable.
- The Supreme Court can rule that lower courts cannot display the 10 Commandments in their courtroom, while sitting in front of a display of the 10 Commandments.
- Children are forcibly removed from parents who appropriately discipline them while children of "underprivileged" drug addicts are left to rot in filth.

You know you live in Upside-down Land if...

- Working class Americans pay for their own health care (and the

health care of everyone else) while **unmarried women are free to have child after child on the "State's" dime** while never being held responsible for their own choices.

- **Hard work and success are rewarded with higher taxes and government intrusion, while slothful, lazy behavior is rewarded with EBT cards, WIC checks, Medicaid, free government cell phones and subsidized housing.**

- **The government's plan for getting people back to work is to provide 99 weeks of unemployment checks (to not work).**
- **Being self-sufficient is considered a threat to the government.**
- **Politicians think that stripping away the amendments to the constitution is really protecting the rights of the people.**
- **The rights of the Government come before the rights of the individual.**
- **Parents believe the State is responsible for **raisng** their children.**
- **You can write a post like this just by reading the news headlines.**
- **You pay your mortgage faithfully, denying yourself the newest big screen TV while your neighbor defaults on his mortgage (while buying iPhones, TV's and new cars) and the government forgives his debt and reduces his mortgage (with your tax dollars).**
- **Your government can add anything they want to your kid's water (fluoride, chlorine, etc.) but you are not allowed to give them raw milk (or turkey sandwiches).**

- **Being stripped of the ability to defend yourself makes you "safe".**
- **You have to have your parents' signature to go on a field trip but not to get an abortion.**
- **You can get arrested for **expired tags** on your car but not for being in the country illegally.**
- **Using the "N" word is considered "hate speech" but writing and signing songs about raping women and killing cops is considered "art".**

Unfortunately, this list could go on and on. Where do we go from here?

Subject: Re: Welcome to: Upside-down Land

From: Dale

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This screed is manipulating concrete thinkers and fears.

1. The workplace violence designation reflects the very real distinction between an idea and a terrorist organization. The unstable doctor was moved to homicide by an idea, not an organization. The idea was delivered via propaganda from supporters of terrorism, but the doctor is just a crazy man with no terrorist connections. To insist terrorists lurk everywhere is paranoid and dangerous to our freedoms. We have given up too much to the cause of public safety as it is.

In November 2009, after examining the e-mails and previous terrorism investigations, the FBI had found no information to indicate Hasan had any co-conspirators or was part of a broader terrorist plot. The U.S. later classified Anwar al-Awlaki as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist, and the UN considered Awlaki to be associated with [al-Qaeda](#); Awlaki [was killed](#) by a U.S. predator drone missile attack in 2011.[7] However, one year after the Fort Hood shooting, questions still lingered as to whether the incident was caused by mental health issues, and government agencies still had not officially linked Hasan to any radical terrorist groups.[8]

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Hood_shooting

2. The Ron Paul bumper sticker booster was not classified as a domestic terrorist. The referenced article expresses concern that officers won't make a distinction between signs of potential domestic terrorists and evidence of domestic terrorists. For those that overgeneralize so much of the world, that is a real concern, but the training material did make the distinction. However, from what I understand, the FBI was passing around some anti muslim propaganda in the guise of training material. When the two stories are compared, there is no equivalency in magnitude of malice, harm, and scale of misinformation, but it is equally bad, and cancels out, in the mind of a concrete thinker.
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-02-20/fbi-anti-muslim-training/53168966/1>

3. Economists know that the government is the spender of last resort during a serious recession. The market is not a well oiled machine that needs no tending. It is a garden that needs intervention to grow desired fruit. If the economy is allowed to collapse, civilization and democracy goes down the tubes too.

4. The boy was 9 years old and I agree, it was an over-reaction of his white cracker substitute teacher, when she overheard this black boy say she was "cute". The college class contains young adults learning about sexuality. What is wrong with that?

"I think that these after-class events are quite valuable. Why? One reason is that I think it helps us understand sexual diversity," he said, according to an audio file obtained by The Daily.

"Sticks and stones may break your bones, but watching naked people on stage doing pleasurable things will never hurt you," he said to loud applause at the end of his speech.

Full story: [Class sex toy demonstration causes controversy – The Daily Northwestern – Campus](#)

5. The supreme court does not have a display of the ten commandments as religious symbol. "they ruled that the monument did not present the Ten Commandments in a context other than as quotations of Biblical verses and was therefore deemed unconstitutional state endorsement of religion." Once again concrete thinking obscures the meaning of the facts.
<http://www.snopes.com/politics/religion/capital.asp>

6. Children who are removed from homes have been deemed to use inappropriate discipline, that is why they call it children's protective services. When alerted, neglect and unsanitary conditions are also addressed. It is easy to point fingers, but much harder to raise kids well.

7. Really?? He linked to [Satireworld.com](http://www.satireworld.com) to back up his belief that the poor are milking the system. Could the author be so concrete that he confuses satire for truth because it confirms his beliefs? Or is the dishonesty intended? The programs listed help poor working people meet basic needs. He has overgeneralized being poor with being lazy and without moral rectitude. To do so for a whole class of people is called prejudging, or prejudice.

8. When there are enough jobs for everyone who wants one, then and only then can you say the heck with the unemployed. Until then, supports are needed. Unemployment benefits reward prior work history if a job is lost through no fault of their own, and it stimulates the economy when the check is spent. No one is completely self-sufficient. We are all in this together. Defining the "they" to protect the "we" is instinctual, but often leads to war and oppression.

9. Everything else he declares as true, is more of the same erroneously concrete interpretation of complex issues with a strong feeling of disgust. This list could go on and on, but I have better things to do. There are two or more sides to every issue, but this perspective is just clueless to any complexity, hence the up is down confusion. He would not be the person I would go to for answers. He does seem to give solace to those angry about a world seemingly spinning out of their control. Self-Righteous anger is just another self-defeating vice, but it sure is a great propaganda hot button handle.

Dale