

AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY

Today, the American people and the world witnessed one of the greatest tragedies in America's history, while providing a glimmer of HOPE. This is not the first time that the world witnessed a great tragedy that at the time seemed like the end of a great Movement or Experiment.

The world's greatest tragedy in Christianity began with an innocent man being sentenced to death by a corrupt, power hungry Jewish religious establishment and the cowardly act of an appointed Roman Governor over Judea. Roman Gov. Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent of the charges lodged against him. Yet, to appease the Jewish religious establishment, he condemned Jesus to death.

Out of that tragedy, Christianity was born along with a moral code that says that all men are created equal and they are responsible for their actions towards each other. Christian religious beliefs are rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ when He said "love thy neighbor as thyself"; "do unto others as you would have them do unto you"; and "you are your brothers' keepers". Jesus Christ never made any distinction among the races, their sex, their natural origins, their religious beliefs, their social order, their economic status, or their family structure.

All of these tenets from Christianity are incorporated in the Documents that form the basis of American Democracy, the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution and the Constitution of the United States. All of the tenets were not spelled out in the beginning of our Experiment with Democracy. It would take generations, a Civil War, a Civil Rights Movement, a Racial Equality and Justice Movement, and now a Reckoning with power hungry, self-serving elected officials who want to turn back Progress purchased by the loss of lives, homes, jobs, economic and educational opportunities, of innocent Americans whose only crimes were the desire to participate in the American Dream.

Today's Republican Senators' vote is another American tragedy that given the Power will erase the hard-fought battles for the soul of America enshrined by true everyday men and women of all races, sexual orientation, creed, natural origins, ethnicity, and religious affiliations who believe in the tenets of Christianity embedded in our most sacred Documents of Democracy.

I implore Americans not to dwell on the pain and disillusion of what happened with the cowardly Republican Senators' vote, but to build a stronger and truer Democracy that the House of Representative Managers so courageously put forth.

Let us not give oxygen and life to the former twice, Impeached and Fired President Donald J. Trump. We know who the enemies of Democracy are. We need to start NOW, working to replace those Republican Senators and House Members who put the desires of a would-be Dictator and an out-of-touch Republican Party who played too long with the devil and has forfeited the right to be a legitimate Second Party. Please do not waste your time and energy trying to blow life or decency into a rotting corpse.

Turn your energy into electing public officials on all levels of Government who will put the interest of all Americans first through legislation that will help to raise millions of Americans out of poverty, provide a livable minimum wage, affordable healthcare, affordable housing, racial and equal justice under the law fully enforced. This is how we should handle the latest America's tragedy.