These are some

Things I'd like to say

(but am afraid to, most days)

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I On Police www.tinyurl.com/policeloyalty

a)Police have a reputation the world over for being extremely loyal to their leader. The interesting thing is that this quality transcends country, religion, culture, ethnicity. No matter where you live or what form of government they have there, police there are extremely loyal to their leader, whoever that happens to be this week.

*b)Nobody who wants to be a police officer should be allowed to do the job.**

*c)If police were allowed to do their jobs perfectly, it wouldn't matter what form of government they have where you live, because we'd all be living in police states.**

*For reasons I know not, these tenets of my belief system seem to break down in Oakland, CA. AFAICT the OPD is simply too busy to get bogged down being pedantic about shit.

II On Prohibition of Marijuana www.tinyurl.com/onmarijuana

Marijuana, like alcohol, has been around as long as mankind, and its effects are well-known. It is nature's anti-depressant, and is not only known not to cause seizures, but to be helpful in remediating them. The effects of Marijuana are well known: it makes one happy, hungry, and sleepy. It is also likely to effect a brief period (5-10m) of feelings of paranoia when used for the first time, which makes perfect sense in a land where it is illegal, and is not common after the first or second use.

My uncle uses Wellbutrin, which is known to cause seizures. And he had a seizure which was attributed to it, while driving. A crash and serious and permanent injuries resulted. And of course with the loss of ability to drive or reliably drive safely he lost his license.

At Los Gatos High School, Los Gatos, California, they teach that marijuana is illegal so DuPont can sell more nylon rope. So I think he is a victim of DuPont, who poured millions of $$ into lobbying in 1937 to make hemp illegal - with

success. Rope was, of course, made usually from hemp since the beginning of time. Since 1937 it is made usually of nylon.



Figure 1. Los Gatos High School, a public California school

He should be using marijuana for depression, as everybody did for ten thousand years, and perhaps he would if he felt it socially acceptable, but he turns his nose up at the idea. He is a child of the 1950s and early 1960s, a time:

- Long enough after 1937 that the details of why it was made illegal would have been unknown to him, and forgotten by many or most
- When marijuana and its use was generally thought of as bad and immoral because it was illegal, rather than on its qualities/nature/effects
- Long enough before the 1970s when the general public's attitude towards it was that it is a mild drug and probably should be legal, and its use only trivially bad, if at all, on the morality scale.

What we are left with, then, is - in my opinion - that those who are in favor of anti-Marijuana laws are phony and hypocritical. Arrogant to a fault, ignorant to a fault, and reckless to a criminal degree.

III On Being Holier-than-thou

I stayed at the LampLighter in Visalia the night before I left for Sequoia. It is a gorgeous beautiful place with many buildings and a pool in the center. When I left, walking to my van, I walked through an unoccupied parking space. The motel staff were hanging out in another space, three spaces away, and a car occupied one of the spaces between us. So they could see my torso and head above the hood of the car between but not my feet. There happened to be a half-empty plastic 16oz. bottle of Gatorade standing up in the middle of the parking space, right in my path. So naturally I punted it. One of the motel staff instantly yelled "SIR!!! Why did you throw the bottle? Please, go pick up your litter!!"

In fairness, when I yelled back at "I DIDN'T THROW IT I JUST KICKED IT IT WAS ALREADY THERE", he did agree with this logic.

Why does he need to feel superior so badly that he puts his foot in his mouth?

IV Old Cop vs Young Cop

A friend said to me, when in our 20s:

"Old cops are so much cooler than young cops, y'know? I mean, spose you come screeching around a corner way too fast, or run across the freeway at midnight. The young cop is furious, and screams at you: "WHAT IN THE FUCK ARE YOU DOING?!?!?! WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?!?!?!? WHAT IN THE...???? Whereas the old cop has seen it all. He's seen it all already, and just isn't affected by it anymore. He sees it as his job to enforce the law, and you're breaking it, so here's your ticket."

Viewed this way, the park ranger who gave me 5 tickets last week in Sequoia has the maturity level of a 13 year-old. Working herself into a rage while warning me she'll put me away for life if I commit crimes in the future, ... What she'll do to me if I cross her... and ordering me to remain statuelike until she's done talking, ("Don't you pump your fist in the air until I'm done talking!") her behavior was just about what one would expect of a plant from Google[1] in a bad movie*. What next, she gone order me to drop and give her 20? One who is detained is under no legal obligation to remain silent. Not to filibuster, as that would be impeding. But replying to something said is not an act of impeding an investigation, it's an act of participating in it. And we all interrupt each other

*Or maybe she's a Real(™) ranger who did a google police geofence reverse warrant, justifiably looking for arsonists, and instead found a stoner with a light bulb out.

every 15 minutes, on average, so if a reply is blurted out, and interrupts, the cop, well, tough luck. So the “only when I am done talking” B.S., repeated 100X, is an attempt to set his or herself up to arrest you for behaving normally.

I will add my own thought to my buddy’s old-cop-vs-young-cop story:
Along with the young cop’s anger is a desire to punish. But punishing is the domain of the judicial branch. *Police are executive and as such have neither right nor legitimate authority to punish.*

V When Cops Lie

Perhaps the most disgusting part of the ordeal was when she asked my social security number, then when I began to reply, held up one finger, stopping me, and then furtively looked both ways, then said “Okay” when seeing that noone was near. I was in disbelief and asked “You’re making sure noone is listening?” She nodded and I began to laugh and she glared at me like I must want my kneecaps broken.

As if one of the mainland Chinese tourists who are walking from their tour bus to the General Sherman tree, and walking past us giving us 5-10 feet berth, are actually spies here to spy on me, or to collect SSNs, and are gonna pick off 9 digits of mine while walking past. Does she really think - and think that I’m going to believe - that she’s looking out for my well-being in this way? While tearing my van and everything in it all apart looking for something that is more than trivial to charge me with? ***Yea, .. riiiiiiiiiiiight.*** I am more concerned about giving away the last four digits on a form on the WWW while sitting on a cable network’s class B subnet.

When cops lie while heaping guilt upon you, ….it’s just tragic for all. Obviously they gotta exceed the speed limit to catch speeders. But when they piously talk down to you while saying things which are not correct or not accurate, respect and trust are made impossible.

VI On Driving After Using Marijuana

I went to John Muir Coleg at the University of California, San Diego. From C.I. 23, Drugs and Society:

Narco as in narcotics is the same narco as in narcolepsy. It means sleep. Narcotics are depressants (downers): heroin, opium, fentanyl, quaaludes. Marijuana and alcohol are downers, but not generally referred to as narcotics, for whatever reason. Some drugs are stimulants (uppers), like cocaine and methamphetamine. Others are neither, like the psychedelics: LSD, mushrooms, mescaline, peyote.

I think many in government do not understand the word narcotic, and often misuses it to mean all drugs or “hard” drugs. For example cocaine and meth and LSD are not narcotics.



Figure 2. Central Library, U.C. San Diego. The 5th best school in the country, only Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and Berkeley have better test scores than ours. And we don’t have football and we don’t have fraternities. We have Oceanography. We have Marine Biology. We have a world-famous ocean research institute on campus with a beach, an ocean, a pier, labs, aquariums, and ocean-going research ships. We have tunnels below campus and koalas in the tree-tops above. But Koalas are shy and retiring by their nature; and also, if you want to graduate from this place, you gone be too busy studying to spend a lot of time walking around looking at the sky, ok? So you’ll probably never see one.

The time came around when our professor was talking about weed. Marijuana simply does not affect (destroy?) motor skills, or at least certainly not destroy them anything like alcohol does. So if you smoke some weed and get the munchies and drive out to Alberto’s on Convoy St. for a beef burrito and 3 rolled tacs with guac, although when you get back it may feel like you just drove to Phoenix and back, your chances of getting back to campus safely are about the same.

Which we all already knew because we were using both substances! For my part, I was getting my all-time-best scores at Asteroids when high, and my

dormmate and I played a lot of ping-pong, and were so evenly matched that each of us thought himself the better player, but when I smoked weed, I started winning three out of four.

Why should this come as any surprise? As we all know perfectly well there are huge drug problems in professional bicycling, and in professional baseball, regarding the use of performance-enhancing drugs. Steroids for example. The problem there is that the drugs help you do better at physical tasks, until you win, not worse, until you crash your car.

Lack of Evidence of the Danger of Driving After Using Marijuana

In high school, I was taught that 58,000 American soldiers were killed in Viet Nam, or perhaps it was over three years; in any case this number was claimed to be the same as the deaths due to drunk driving here at home every year. If I remember correctly. The point is that for all my life, I and you too have been bombarded by news and claims of people killed by drunk drivers. Two in particular which made me very sad were the death of author David Halberstam, in 2007, in Redwood City, and that of the prince and princess of Tonga, in 2006, in Menlo Park. But this is only two out of how many that we've heard about in the news over the decades?

Now I ask the reader: When was the last time you opened your morning newspaper or turned on the TV news and saw a headline reading "So-and-So killed in head-on collision with potsmoking idiot" ? Never! Not once. A few years ago I made a determined effort with Google to find such a story, without success. I tried again recently and did find 2 such news articles. I don't know why there were never any before; I realize that the legalization of marijuana in 24 states is something that has happened over the last two decades, but there were plenty of potsmokers before that, so... the question of why there is no evidence of fatalities due to use of marijuana-impared driving remains. Gallup claims that since legalization, little has changed in the numbers So where is the evidence of collisions and deaths due to driving impaired on marijuana from the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, and before? And why are they still so hard to find?

It is easier to find news stories about people killed in head-on collisions when there were no drugs or alcohol involved than it is to find them where the fault was found to be with a marijuana-impaired driver! In fact the few that I did find, referred to above, were 16-year olds, with a car full of their friends, passing when unsafe or for other unknown reasons on the wrong side of the street. Poor judgement at that age with high school friends we wanted to impress in the car is something that I can relate to. And happens daily without the marijuana.

Google “number of fatalities in automobile crashes yearly due to marijuana” and then “number of fatalities in automobile crashes yearly due to alcohol”. Modify the search any way you like. Try as you might, you cannot get a straight answer, nor any statistics, only estimates, for marijuana. But for alcohol the answer is a flat 11,904 in 2024, 30% of all traffic-related fatalities. For Marijuana, we see an estimate of 1500 - 3500 yearly. So where is the evidence, where are the news stories, where are the statistics, and why, if these events were happening, why are they not covered by the news/media?

On Google

Google used to have the motto “Don’t be evil” but their employees demanded that they stop using it, a full 10 years having passed since they lived up to it [1] [2].

What are we to think of a business so successful that use of their product is ubiquitous and whose user agreement demands that the user give up rights? In this case to their ownership and copyrights to their information which the product touches? And then sells this information to police? The situation is preposterous, and the bit about agreeing to give up your rights harkens to indentured service. ***All rights are inalienable - or should be - and this agreement to let Google read your mail for providing the service is evil, sick, twisted… broken.***

On Not Using Turn Signal

Since when is it a crime not to use one’s turn signal? One can signal by hand. So why do I have a ticket for not using turn signal, with no location specified; what would have made that occur to a cop to claim-why would it occur to put anything other than the usual, failure to signal? Because that is all the cop knows, that’s what. Because the cop already knew that I got a fix-it ticket for turn signal bulb out a few weeks ago, and figures if the bulb is out I must not have used it lately.

Ahah. So she ***did*** do a Google Police Geofence Reverse Warrant. And got the backgrounds of everyone in the park, in one go. That’s why she was just sitting there at the only stop sign. Waiting to bust me for weed after finding me on a so-called “Reverse Warrant” obtained for the purpose of finding arsonists. Well, I’ll sleep better tonight having figured that out. I ***knew*** something was fishy about the whole affair.

On Lack of Information on Tickets

I would also like to know why none of these tickets state the exact location where the infraction occurred. All five claim the location to be the parking lot. So I got a tik for failing to signal before entering a parking space? And I crossed the double-yellow line in the Parking lot? I don't think so.

Conclusion

1. Apologies to the reader (should there actually be any haha) for being bitter! (LOL)
2. At the same time we aren't used to getting 5 tickets for 1 m.p.h over the limit.
3. Once you've been edumacated at UCSD, who ya gonna believe, your professors? Or an angry cop in your face, talking down to you, guilt-tripping you while piously telling you things you know ain't true?
4. Enough, too, of cops terrorizing you with statements of the form "I'll put you away for N years if you blah blah blah". The thug has no ability to put you away; that must be done by the judicial branch. I realize that a municipal cop gets to know the judge whose courtroom they land in most often, and so is in a position to predict the judge's response. But if they are saying that they know in advance that the judge will side with them no matter what, even should their case be so flawed that the law says it must be thrown out, or their behavior unconstitutional, or the prosecution gets out-argued.... then what he or she is telling you is that he or she and the court are corrupt, and have illegally subverted the fair trial process.

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