

Triumph of Reason

The American Experience, and American Exceptionalism, is the *triumph of reason*, which compels us to *think* about our problems and deliberate their solutions, over time, with people who don't necessarily agree with us.

Especially with people who don't agree with us.

The most dangerous organ on the most dangerous animal on earth is the human brain.

"Use your head for something besides a hat rack," my parents would say, and many times after that, "Rome wasn't built in a day," when we were acting on impulse and not fixing the problem.

Likewise, enshrined by our forefathers in the United States Constitution is the prospect of *reasonable* people--(formally a *reasonable man*, which of course, isn't *reasonable* in a country whose founding documents guarantee everyone the same rights), taking a *reasonable* amount of time, with the help of *reasonable* instructions, and the assistance of *reasonably competent persons* (the judge, jury and witnesses), to assure a fair verdict at trial after consideration of the evidence.

This remains the victory of our founding fathers, who created documents to assure that the *reasonably free* constraints of their government, especially compared to the rest of the world and in history, would not disappear after they were gone.

A primary way to be assured that great experiment is still happening, is to realize, with all the really BIG decisions, it always takes time, sometimes a lot, for them to be made by *freely elected* representatives after consultation with others, especially the people who elected them.

The wheels of justice in a Republic are *designed* to turn slowly.

And if the people decide to change that government, it will take a *reasonable* length of time (let's say 4 years or so), to do that.

A Commander-in-Chief and his counselors have to be able to shoot-from-the-hip to protect us, but to do that 100% of the time, is not *reasonable*.

And because the above-referenced piece of paper isn't going anywhere, and we have counted on it now for over 200 years through thick and (sometimes very) thin, is why we all need to keep faith in the United States of America, still the most exceptional country in the world.