



Don't do it!

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I borrow a few words from not-so-noteworthy social media rants; "Don't post that crap here." Or "Don't use the fireplace to keep warm," or even "Don't offend me, or I will sue you". Frankly, I became tired of being told what I could not do. Sure, there are specific actions or stuff that I should not do or use if I am a responsible passenger on this rock. Yet rules, suggestions, policies, and even unsupported conditions surround me with fences of no value. Social Media brings out the worst in a lot of people. Uhg. Now, that negativity spreads to the news. Papers and talking heads blare out opinions without all the facts. That is their constitutional right, I guess. They must practice the responsibility of being an influencer and even try to be an enforcer of truth. Ok, yet I believe Walker Cronkite, Ed Murrow, and the Huntly Brinkley team lived by reporting the facts and expressing opinions separately. Hate now seems to rule over reason.

The plethora of social media bullies versus the local, state, and federal laws that are either unenforceable or not enforced produces the same end-of-the-day result. Stuff we do not need. Recently, I read a news report about a district attorney filing a lawsuit against a box store for filing too many theft reports. The store is robbed

and punished for reporting a burglary and shoplifting to the authorities who enforce the statutes. Really.

Use your seat belt. Fewer people die in auto crashes if you have a belt on, but the belt does NOT make you a safer driver. If you are injured and not using a safety belt, your liability and insurance will deny coverage or your rates increase. That is a business decision by the insurance industry. States have seat belt laws, and many have no cell phone use while driving. A few stupid driver laws focus on paying the costs of rescuing people who drive into flooded areas. All aim to reduce fatalities and reduce accidents. That is a state policy that measures life as the goal. It goes without question: save every life above all else. Yes, be a responsible steward of our earth, yet know that change is what the earth does naturally and has done for billions (with a B) of years. Man is a passenger, not the pilot of the planet.

I do not wear a seatbelt as it cuts straight across the stoma connected to the ostomy bag. I received a warning from a rooky officer once for not having the belt on, and despite a letter from my doctor, I was required to attend traffic school. Well, please stop telling me what is safest for me. Using the cell phone or eating a Maga burger does make me an unsafe driver. Without a smile, it's funny that these cell phone and dumb driver laws are NOT enforced, at least in Arizona. I am ok with being safe to keep me whole, but I'm not sure about the other guy.

Regulating light bulb types, what cars I can use, mandating levels of chemicals below what occurs naturally, and other examples are laws and policies spewing out of all levels of government authored by those who think they know what they do not know. As long as I do not adversely affect others, I always do what I feel is correct and best. Alarmists, go home, please.

My pledge to myself. I shall:

I post my art, photos, and writings and how I share them. If someone is offended, proclaims they are false, or rants in any way, ignore them.

I will not endorse any politics, religion, prejudice, or lude stuff.

I will express my opinions without any vengeance and, wherever possible, use the Bambie principle as a guide to express myself with respect, strength, and conviction.

I will question and search for facts and the rest of the story before all else.

I will not allow hate or vengeance to guide my decisions.

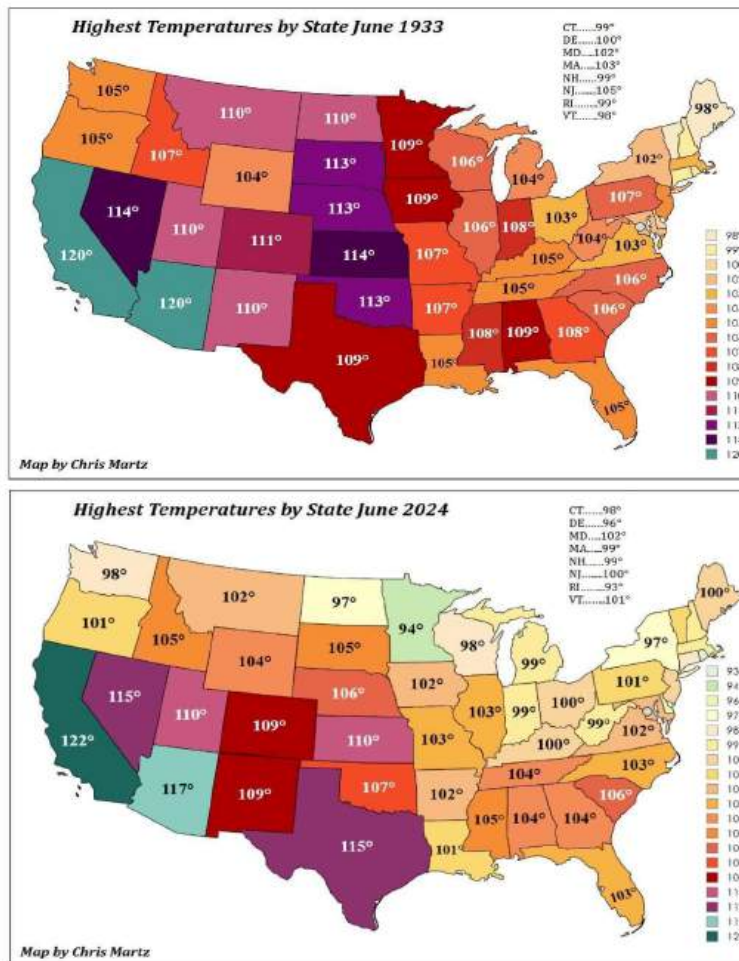
I will not tolerate hate in any form; simply ignore it.

On a different subject:

So much for the Global Warming criers/cult that has cost taxpayers trillions; perhaps that was the agenda all along. In June 1933, it hit 95 degrees in every U.S. state and topped 100 at least once in 44 and 105 in 35 states. So far this month, it has reached 100 in 35 states and 105 in only 14)NOAS <https://xmacis.rcc-acis.org/>).

Oh, but what about "average"? I am glad you asked. According to the measured GHCNd station data, June 1933 was the hottest day recorded in the U.S. Of the top 10, eight occurred before 1955, and only two have been in the last 70 years. The top 10 hottest Junes on record in the U.S. by measured GHCnd station data:

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| 1. 1933 | 6. 1921 |
| 2. 1934 | 7. 1931 |
| 3. 1911 | 8. 1935 |
| 4. 1921 | 9. 2016 |
| 5. 1951 | 10. 1936 |



I wonder why the 1930s earned the nickname "Dust Bowl." The stock market did not cause warming; the earth does that and has for only 4.5 billion years.

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