



One of the roles of government is to protect society and to enact laws for the greater good of all. However, there is a serious line crossed if individual rights are diminished by perceived to be necessary government nanny-state intervention.

Recent legislation will impose a license suspension on a person presuming guilt until proven innocent well over a year later under the guise that driving is simply a privilege, not a right at all quite against the 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Increasingly it seems that politicians pressed by lobbyists are passing legislation that curtails individual rights, supposedly in the name of the greater good. At issue is who decides – the lobbyists with agendas or the public. This greater good agenda is in spite of Statistics Canada’s claims that in the 20 years since 1990 the rate of impaired driving charges had fallen by 55%.



Standing up for principles can be at a huge cost but it is important to do so as it impacts not only your rights but many others rights.

new techniques instituted which now target those who even patronize licensed restaurants and sporting events stopping them as they exit the parking lot; seeking out for punishment those with much lower rates of alcoholic consumption than the Criminal Code recognizes as a concerning rate of impairment.

Our English common law traditions evolved over centuries to the Constitution Acts of 1867 to 1982 with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. One of the prevailing themes of our constitutional documents is the need to limit the power of government, to ensure that any restrictions imposed on individuals are reasonable in the context of our society.

In recent years the nanny state has evolved, infringing more and more on individual rights with the guise of “protecting” society. Certainly some regulation is necessary, but the question remains how far do you want government to go?

What do you think?

The reason impaired driving rates recently appear to be increasing is due to aggressive

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- Member of Joint Senate/House Constitution Committee - Quebec Schools
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- Member of Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs
- Deputy Critic for National Defence and also Public Works - 1 year
- Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs
- Senior Critic for Public Works and Government Services - 1 year
- Critic for Housing, Homelessness, and Poverty - 3 years
- Vice-Chair of the Canada-Caribbean Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Member Human Rights and International Development Committee - 1 year
- Foreign Affairs Critic (Caribbean) - 1 year
- Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group - 1 year
- Member Foreign Affairs and International Development Committee - 6 years
- Chair of the Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament - 3 years
- Vice-Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group



The court summation states: This is not a trial about impaired driving. The defendant was not charged with impaired driving. No witness in this trial claimed to observe any symptoms of impairment. This trial is about a failure to comply promptly with police directions. For which he was absolutely acquitted.

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