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A Lack of Gratitude and Patience

The comedian Louis C.K. performed a routine several years ago titled, "Everything's amazing right now, but nobody's happy." People could relate, the video has had millions of views on YouTube. Here's what he said to make fun at our lack of gratitude and patience.

In my lifetime the changes in the world have been incredible. When I was a kid, we had a rotary phone. We had a phone you had to stand next to, and you had to dial it. Do you realize how primitive that was? You were making sparks. And you would actually hate people who had zeroes in their number because it was more [work]. And then if you called and they weren't home, the phone would just ring lonely by itself.

And then if you wanted money you had to go in the bank—and it was open for like three hours, and you'd stand in line and write a check. And then if you ran out of money, you'd just say, "Well, I just can't do any more things now."

Now we live in an amazing, amazing world, and it's wasted on [a] generation of spoiled [people] that don't care. This is what people are like now: they've got their phone, and they go, "Ugh, it won't [work fast enough]." Give it a second! It's going to space. Will you give it a second to get back from space? Is the speed of light too slow for you?

I was on an airplane, and there was high-speed internet And I'm sitting on the plane, and they say, "Open up your laptop, you can go on the internet." It's fast ... it's amazing And then the thing breaks down. They apologize, "The internet's not working." And the guy next to me says, "[O, great] this [stinks]." Like how quickly the world owes him something he knew existed only ten seconds ago.

People come back from flights, and they tell you their story, and it's a horror story [They say], "It was the worst day of my life. First of all, we didn't board for twenty minutes. And then we get on the plane, and they made us sit there on the runway for forty minutes." [And I say,] "O, really, and what happened next? Did you fly in the air, incredibly, like a bird? Did you partake in the miracle of human flight?" Everybody on every plane should be constantly [screaming], "WOW!" You're flying. You're sitting in a chair in the sky!

Here's the thing: People say there are "delays" on flights. Delays, really? New York to California in five hours! It used to take thirty years to do that, and a bunch of you would die on the way.

Adapted from Youtube.com, "Everything's amazing & nobody's happy." February 2009, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8r1CZTLk-Gk>

Patience is the art of concealing your impatience. - Guy Kawasaki





What's Bob Doing?

President's Day originally began as a day to celebrate the birthday of the first President of the United States, George Washington. It has evolved over time into a day to remember all of our Presidents and is now celebrated each year on the third Monday in February. Looking forward to November, we will be electing our 45th President.

With another election comes more debates, more headlines, and (unfortunately) more television ads. It seems to me every time I turn on the news now, there's another story of some bonehead comment by another candidate or some scandal that attempts to ruin a candidacy. Although I try and be as informed as I possibly can prior to casting a ballot, I ignore about 85 percent of the garbage our media reports. Most news outlets are owned and/or controlled by powerful people who want you to see things their way and to not think for yourself. The media doesn't just report the facts, they report what they want you to hear. Stories are blown *waaaaay* out of proportion just to create controversy. Fox News is way too conservative. MSNBC is too liberal. The next time a controversial story breaks in America, flip your television back and forth between these two channels and pay attention to how differently they report on the same thing. You'll quickly see what I mean. I wish they would stick to reporting and let us form our own opinions.

This year, rather than believing everything you hear or read about our candidates, try thinking for yourself. Be skeptical of what is claimed to be fact and what's really just more lies and propaganda. After all, the last thing we need is to elect a President just because some cheesy news anchor or 30-second television ad told us to. Got a question for Bob? Shoot him an email bob@blackwellcooklaw.com.

People Ask Us

One of the questions people frequently ask us is this--I was just in a car accident, I need help, but how in the world am I going to afford a lawyer to help me?

Being in an automobile wreck can be a huge financial burden. Because of this, our firm works on a contingency basis. This simply means that you will only have to pay us if you are awarded money through a settlement or a trial. Also, we are not reimbursed for any out of pocket expenses that we incur until your case is settled or tried.

Our firm is committed to taking care of our clients and making our community better. Once we commit to you, all of our time, efforts, and resources go towards taking care of you, no matter the expense to us--even if we lose money. Contact us and see for yourselves--we've got this.

How will I be able to afford a lawyer?

Meetings Shouldn't Stink

Tired of the same-old, same-old? Need an exciting speaker at your group's next event? Call us. David and Bob will be glad to come share with your group on a variety of topics.



803.285.0225 or linzie@blackwellcooklaw.com

People Matter

We are excited to introduce to you the newest member of our team--Jill H. Bowers. You'll find Jill hard at work preparing legal files for the attorneys at Blackwell Cook Law. Jill has been a paralegal now for sixteen years. Jill states although the most difficult part of her job is trying to make everyone happy, she really enjoys helping clients and finds her work very enjoyable.

Before beginning her career in law, Jill worked as the director of a preschool program in Lancaster. A native of South Carolina, Jill and her husband have two children and three grandchildren. Jill LOVES being a grandmother. Her favorite hobbies include line dancing, reading, and being with her family. Jill claims that although she graduated from the University of South Carolina, she is most definitely a Clemson fan. We know you'll enjoy getting to know Jill. If you'd like to contact her, please email jill@blackwellcooklaw.com, or call 803.285.9406.



Know someone great in the community? Contact Linzie@blackwellcooklaw.com

Love is in the Air

Love it or hate it, February means chocolate and flowers and mushy love notes. Here's what some folks have to say about love and marriage:

Women marry men hoping they will change. Men marry women hoping they will not. So each is inevitably disappointed. -Albert Einstein

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. -Groucho Marx

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

-Jim Carrey

LOVE IS LIKE A FART. IF YOU HAVE TO FORCE IT, IT'S PROBABLY CRAP. -STEPHEN AMOS

To keep your marriage brimming, with love in the loving cup,

whenever you're wrong admit it; and whenever you're right, shut up. -Ogden Nash

Southern Pintos & Cornbread

Okay folks, we may be in the month of February, but this ain't a romantic Valentine's Day dinner. It is, however, a delicious stick-to-your-ribs comfort food that we know you'll enjoy one cold winter night!

Ingredients

1 bag pinto beans	8 oz sour cream
1 ham hock	2 eggs
1 box Jiffy Cornbread	1 stick of margarine or butter

Instructions

Wash pinto beans in a strainer and soak overnight in water. (Grandma says this part is really important because it reduces the amount of gas the beans may cause!) Drain beans and place them in a crock pot with eight cups of water. Add ham hock. Cover and cook in crock pot for 5 hours on high or 6-8 hours on low.

Combine Jiffy, sour cream, eggs, and margarine in a bowl. Mix well and pour into a 10 x10 pan. Bake in a 375 degree oven for 25 minutes. Serve pinto beans in a bowl with cornbread cut in squares or crumbled on top. Sit back, relax, and say grace over your delicious and easy Southern supper.



What's your favorite recipe? Send it to us! linzie@blackwellcooklaw.com

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