

## A Modern Day Inquisition.

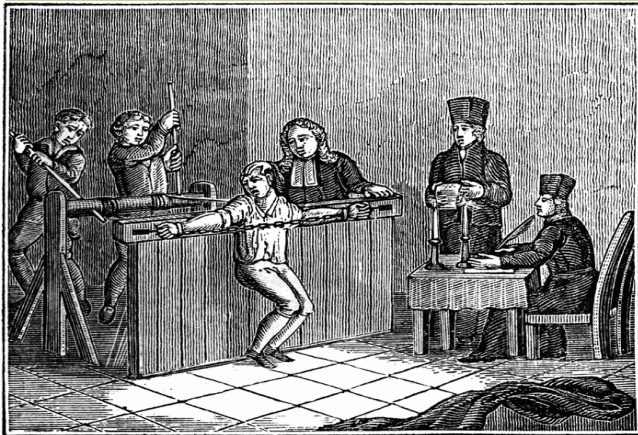
Over the past several years, a situation has been occurring which many people are referring to in terms of the Inquisition, the Salam Witch Hunts, Slavery and other human travesties of justice.

What is that situation? It is how the government and communities are treating former sex offenders.

The laws that have been created exclusively for former offenders are no less degrading than Banishment and other forms of Shaming.

People in general are under the impression that former offenders pose a significant threat to society. Government studies though prove this to be a myth. Lies like these are being spread by *Hate Groups*, politicians and even celebrities.

These laws are not making anyone safer. In fact there is no proof that the Registry or Banishing has protected even one child. On the other hand the national registry is directly responsible for many assaults, vandalisms, and murders by encouraging vigilantism.



## Today Hatred, Fear, and Misinformation rule.

The hatred generated for former offenders has been played to by politicians who use former offenders in leveraging votes. Appearing hard on Former Offenders gets votes.

The media portrays former offenders as the most dangerous criminals on the planet. They play up the fear to get an audience.

And then there are Hate groups that are no less dangerous than the KKK.

However, all of these people have not considered the **FACTS**.

What are the FACTS? The DOJ has found that Former Offenders have the lowest re-offence rate of any crime at only **3.5%**.

Residency Restrictions do not work and are counterproductive. According to studies in Colorado and Minnesota.

93% of new sex crimes are committed by people who are not on the registry.

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# “Banishment an Outmoded form of Punishment?”

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**“Banishment, an outmoded form of punishment.”** These words are taken from a 2000, Court of Appeals case in the State of Mississippi.

Banishment is alive and well in the United States. Many states have forms of banishment and use them as punishment.

Did you think that our enlightened culture had risen above this form of punishment? Most people are unaware that the practice still exists.

To understand the reasoning behind banishment we need to look at its origins.

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**Banishment**—also known as exile, had its origins in Greek and Roman times. Other kingdoms and countries such as England, China, and Russia have also used this form of punishment.

In ancient times, banishment was an effective punishment because the offender was shamed by their loved ones and were unwelcome in their own community or any other settlements.

In its original form, banishment had a devastating effect. Outside of one's protected community, physical survival was a challenge. But it was the psychological and emotional damage from the scourge along with the condemnation of family members, neighbors, and the community that was equally dreaded.”

<http://law.jrank.org/pages/4646/Banishment.html>

## Due Process of Law

*A fundamental, constitutional guarantee that all legal proceedings will be fair and that one will be given notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard before the government acts to take away one's life, liberty, or property. Also, a constitutional guarantee that a law shall not be unreasonable, ARBITRARY or capricious.*

The **DUE PROCESS CLAUSE** of the **FIFTH AMENDMENT**, ratified in 1791, asserts that no person shall "be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." This amendment restricts the powers of the federal government and applies only to actions by it. The Due Process Clause of the **FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT**, ratified in 1868, declares,"[N]or shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law" (§ 1). This clause limits the powers of the states, rather than those of the Federal Government.

***ARBITRARY: “based solely on personal wishes, feelings, or perceptions; rather than on objective facts, reasons and principles.”***

**Modern-day Banishment by any other name is still shaming.**

Today in our enlightened world, there is a most horrific form of **BANISHMENT** being used against a relatively small portion of our population. This **BANISHMENT** has been renamed using words that are not so objectionable. It is now called **RESEDECENCY RESTRICTIONS**.

**What are the effects of these restrictions?**

One of the most profound examples of this form of banishment can be found in Florida. Yes, Florida, USA.

Not far from million-dollar mansions and high rise beach front condos you will find a group of **PEOPLE** that have been forced to live under a bridge by Banishment. These **PEOPLE** have been deprived of the most basic forms of housing, yet not far away those who have made these laws live a lavish lifestyle.

These **PEOPLE** who live under the bridge are forced to endure the scorching heat of the Florida sun and the constant sound of cars, makes sleep almost impossible. There are no bathroom facilities and many of these **PEOPLE** are in need of medical care. These **PEOPLE** have also been robbed of their dignity. This form of **TORTURE** is in humane and yet, it is not only socially acceptable it is becoming the norm in many parts of this, *our* country.

But one must ask: Do we feel even the slightest bit ashamed? Have we become so hate filled that we tolerate this form of punishment? We should feel ashamed; after all, do we not look at other countries and ask, “How can they do that to their own people?”