

Not Quite Right News from Mark Golden

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Color Blind Citizens Sue Over Red, White & Blue

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A Colorado-based support group of the colorblind filed suit against their state, citing “holiday discrimination.” This, for using the standard, patriotic, red-white-and-blue color scheme on July 4th celebrations. The complaint, which drove these spectrum-challenged individuals to court, is that they are a “minority which has been passed over for some 238 years, beginning in 1776.” Seeing themselves as legally empowered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), they want the addition of a “colorblind-correct” color-scheme used in future holidays.

The suit seeks damages for emotional distress, described as “feelings of inadequacy caused by patriotic disorientation.” In the days prior to July 4th, some plaintiffs admit to having “visions of a jolly, good-natured King George, and feeling sympathetic to the military loss of the British.” Well, who wants any of our own citizens weeping for those red-coated losers of the Revolutionary War? (Besides, when you do the math as many Americans have, we’d be taxed woefully less if only the Colonists would’ve shut up and stayed under the King’s sovereignty.)

When Independence Day approaches, red-faced, frustrated members of the support group (who are primarily white) say that they feel “blue.” Many forego cups of beloved coffee and publicly drink tea in protest! Homemade crumpets are all a flurry at support meetings. One grumbling plaintiff said that they feel like they are in “a foreign country and expected to celebrate that nation’s holiday, which is quite similar to our own.” Their hope is that they might join in America’s Independence Day festivities as fully as all other citizens do.

Finally, the group seeks to legally institute a 50/50 split of traditional and colorblind-correct: flags, bunting, fireworks, Uncle Sam costumes and hats. This pigmented proposal penetrates to the heart of the predicament of perpetuating partial patriots. Normal sighted Americans might want to comply with such admirable motives and purely nationalistic desires, but, there are obvious complications. One being that the hue-corrected red-white-and-blue color scheme would be black, yellow and orange--the same as Papua New Guinea!

In the days to come, we will see what the courts decide concerning this colorful case.