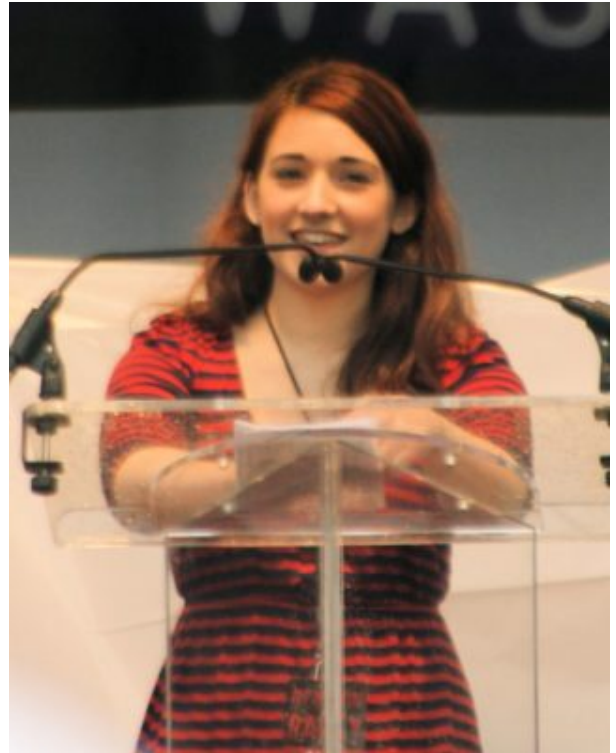


# Addendum: to Yesterday's Post



Jessica Ahlquist speaks at the Reason Rally. National Mall, Washington, DC, March 24, 2012.

Jessica

In January of 2012, just days after **Jessica Ahlquist** won her lawsuit to take down a religious mural from Cranston High School West, Rhode Island **State Rep. Peter Palumbo** went on the **John DePetro** radio show and called her an “evil little thing,” quickly adding that even if *she* wasn’t evil, she was being “coerced” into fighting her lawsuit by evil people.

Jessica Ahlquist, a student at



Palumbo got caught up in the middle of a [contract scandal](#) a couple of years later, in 2014, and it may have been the main reason he [lost his seat](#) in the State House that November after [19 years in office](#).

Earlier this year, [Palumbo was arrested](#) on charges that he stole tens of thousands of dollars from his own campaign...

<https://soundcloud.com/mpromptu/peter-palumbo-calls-jessica-ah-lquist-an-evil-little-thing>

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/friendlyatheist/2017/05/26/ri-state-rep-who-called-teen-atheist-evil-little-thing-indicted-for-embezzlement/>

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# Arrogant Atheists? Not Many.

<https://youtu.be/YaKwahbX9hM>

Many religious people – like Ken Ham, Bill O’Riley, and many others – think all atheists are arrogant. I’ve run into this many times in the 35 years since I realized God wasn’t real.

I admit I’ve known some arrogant atheists, but I can only think of three or four. I’ve known many more atheists who were humble, kind, intelligent, thoughtful, and all around good people. The kind of people you’d love to have visiting in your home.

This young man says it best.

Check out his other videos at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG1uayRlzz3ahT8ISRdyw7Q>

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# Days Without Embarrassing America



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## How dumb can they be?

**Pretty dumb, apparently.**

I'm not saying ALL Trump supporters are this dumb. Some really smart folks are just misled by him. But their support goes just as far toward enabling him hurt millions of poor Americans.

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## You Be the Judge

Americans will elect our next President in just 43 days. Be sure you know who you believe will be the best choice. Or the worst. And vote accordingly.

The only real choices now are Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. Clinton is a former Senator, Secretary of State, and First Lady who is disliked and distrusted by many potential voters for a variety of reasons. Trump is a narcissistic, arrogant, racist, billionaire bully who brags he's going to build a "yuge, beautiful wall" and make Mexico pay for it. He thinks Russian President Putin is his friend and the Chinese people love him. Including those running the country. (Personally, it appears to me that Putin is nobody's friend and the people running China only care about themselves.)

If you feel the way many voters feel about the only two viable candidates remaining, this may be a time when you can't vote for the best candidate. *Because there is no "best" candidate this time. Many of us don't want either one of them in the White House.*

You may have to pick the worst candidate and vote AGAINST him. Ask yourself which of these two candidates is more likely to get the United States into a serious war with China or Russia. A war that NOBODY can win. In my opinion, that's the arrogant, racist bully. Vote for the other candidate. Strongly consider voting for Hillary Clinton.

**Clinton was not my first choice, but now she's the only choice.**

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## About to make a serious mistake?

*Two men were adrift in an open boat, and it looked bad for them. Finally one of them, frightened, began to pray.*

*"O Lord," he prayed, "I've broken most of thy commandments. I've been a hard drinker, I cheated on my wife, I gambled, but if my life is spared now I'll promise to never again..."*

*"Wait a minute, Jack," said his friend. "Before you promise anything, I think I see a sail."*

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**Source:**

- From the Internet

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## Happy 4th of July



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## Laboratories of Democracy

<https://youtu.be/BtNbMD96xgY>

CRUDE LANGUAGE WARNING: Something else to think about from Bill Maher. I wish he'd clean up his language, but what he has to say is often too good to let how he says it (for those few of us who care) get in the way.

In this editorial New Rule, he makes the case that, if Republicans are going to call states the "laboratories of democracy," they have to start looking at the results from the lab." Original air date: July 1, 2016.



Comedian Bill Maher

Remember a couple of years ago when California was virtually bankrupt? An “economic basket case,” we were told. “Unmanageable.” “A failed state.” They raised taxes on the wealthy. A lot, he says. “And our economy is booming.” He adds that “we just passed France and India to become ... the world’s sixth largest economy.”

“A \$26 billion deficit became an \$11 billion surplus. For a rainy day,” he jokes, “whatever that is.” Well, evidently it takes more than a regime change to break a drought.

“The results from the lab are in,” he says. “Our mice are thriving. Yours are dead!”

Maher is tough on conservatives, but he’s tough on everybody when it’s called for. Maybe it’s time to pay attention.

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**[Sam Harris Explains how Dangerous a Trump Presidency](#)**



## Could Be

[https://youtu.be/Az1JyDJ\\_iKU](https://youtu.be/Az1JyDJ_iKU)

It's 30 minutes long, but it's well worth watching. Or listening to, rather, because it's really a podcast with a still picture of the speaker.

Sam Harris is unabashedly liberal in most ways, so it's no surprise he probably prefers Hillary for President. But he is also a highly intelligent and informed thinker, trained as a neurosurgeon before he dedicated himself to informing the public. He explains the differences between the presumptive candidates of the two major American political parties far better than anybody else I've heard.

Get yourself a drink, sit back, and relax. Then listen carefully. You'll find more information and clear thinking here in half-an-hour than you'll ever get from your T.V. And really think about what you've heard.

Then remember in November when you go out to vote for the next President of the United States. I'll remind you.

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## Does this woman belong in a public men's restroom?

<https://youtu.be/l5IBBvDARaE>

Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant recently signed a bill requiring transgender people in that state to use the restroom corresponding to the gender on their birth certificates. That means this woman and others like her, who were born male, will

not be allowed to use a public women's restroom. Will you men be comfortable with them in the men's restroom?

Maybe more to the point, how will women feel when a man enters and uses the ladies' room because he happened to have been born female?

Fortunately, the State of Mississippi has not attached penalties to the new law. And since people are not required to have their birth certificates on their person every time they go out, nobody knows how to enforce it anyway.

Unfortunately, Mississippi is not the only state to consider passing such ridiculous and unenforceable new laws recently. Several other states are following suite.

As far as I know, we've been getting along just fine for the past 240 years without interfering with people's very private lives in this way.