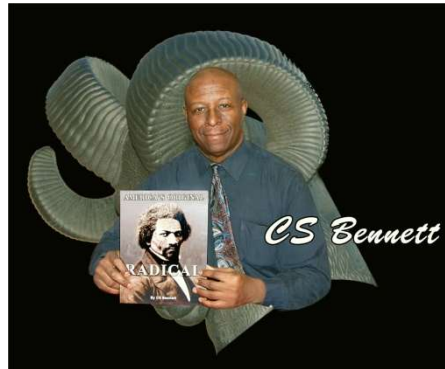


Elected Officials Are Not Above The Law

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Suddenly, in these United States, we have elected officials who are becoming more and more vocal about deciding which laws they will obey and those they will not obey. Since when did our officials get the right to pick and choose which federal laws they will abide by?

The fight is on for whether to rid the country of 'sanctuary cities' or to let them stay. The president wants to abolish them. Liberal mayors and governors want to keep them. The battle lines are drawn. The question is who will prevail. The law, as it is written, is on the president's side.

Article VI, Paragraph 2, of the Constitution is commonly referred to as the Supremacy Clause. It establishes that the federal constitution, and federal law generally, take precedence over state laws, and even state constitutions. Now, remember, we are talking laws at the state level which were written legally in that state, although they may not be constitutionally viable.

However, this sanctuary city discussion is about a group of rogue mayors and governors whose aim is to usurp established federal law. They remain defiant as ever, as if they had the backing of law on their side. Under the Trump administration this is an exercise in futility. If this goes to the Supreme Court, he will win this battle.

As the President of the United States, the US Constitution gives the president the power to decide immigration policy and also to enforce the law. What he should do is take away their funding, which it appears he will do. And if they insist on being defiant, arrest them and put them in jail for breaking the law. This will show other Americans that no one is above the law, not even elected officials who think they are.