Compare and Contrast: Shannon Falkner and Illegal Aliens

Description

Just what do Shannon Falkner and those illegally in this country have in common?

Shannon Falkner, back in the early 80s, applied to attend The Citadel in Charleston, SC and was accepted. That doesnâ€™t sound bad, particularly with a strong academic record. In case youâ€™re not away, which is a crucial puzzle piece for this analysis, back then, The Citadel was a male only school. Shannon, being a name that could imply either gender, is a woman. She had â€œforgottenâ€• to fill out the gender block on the application form, and, just when you think your assumptions wonâ€™t bite you, the board reviewing records obviously didnâ€™t frame the fact that a potential cadet would specifically mislead them.

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Subsequently, the acceptance was recinded, once Shannon and her lawyers got a national media audience as soon as the acceptance letter was received. They really intended all of this as a specific assault on a system. Iâ€™ll leave the complimentary debate on this part of the issue out now, for itâ€™s not really material to the intended discussion.

Once the acceptance was withdrawn, the court battles began, and the federal courts ruled Shannon was to be allowed to matriculate into The Citadel. This part of the process took about two school years.

Once The Citadel was ordered to accept her, more maneuvering began. All â€œknobsâ€• receive, one day one, as almost one of the very first things, a paid for haircut. It should be more proeprly be called a hair removal, that is only about 98% successful. Boy, does it feel strange to rub your hand over your almost bare scalp, but this was an accepted part of the entry procedure, which had a greater meaning in the grand scheme of things. With all males, people complained, but, you still lost your hair.

One of the more public â€œdebatesâ€• that followed was the demand that Shannonâ€™s hair not be cut,because it would be humiliating for a woman to have this happen. The end result, was she wouldnâ€™t get the full cut, like all the men did. There were several other issues, and I was stationed in VA at the time, so I couldnâ€™t keep up with the many other issues. The net result was Shannonâ€™s lawyers got her several â€œconcessionsâ€• as to how she would be given the experience of â€œKnob Year.â€•

Why was there the push for a women to get into The Citadel? The arguments revolved around â€œthe good old boys clubâ€• professional fraternity, with the entry path coming via the all male institution. The lawyers wanted to know why should women be deprived of the experience of The Citadel system, the gave this advantage? Not a bad discussion to consider at all.

Now, begin assembling the puzzle: Shannon and her legal team demanded a female be given the system experience, so they could later be considered a part of the â€œclub,â€• yet they also, having won the right to get a foot in the door, began telling the 100+ year old system, which must have been successful, for Ms. Falkner wanted it, just how that experience would be given to Shannon. Thatâ€™s the rub. Her very presense, under these imposed changes, automatically altered the very system she

desired to experience. How could she get it, being partially isolated from her fellow â€œknobs,â€• and still having hair, while the men did not?

Consider this with the illegal aliens, who came to this country because there is economic opportunity, and many freedoms not regualrly seen in other countries, particularly their own, yet they begin to demand just how they will accept their acceptance.

We value the power of the vote in this country and we argue and debate and say bad words to each other on various issues, but we, in some cases grudgingly, accept the results of a duly held election/vote.

Hereâ€™s my suggestion to the illegal aliens: You came here to get what you could not get at home. You were drawn here, because the American experience, while not the first republic style of democracy in history, it has evolved much further and has made us, a country of immigrants, able to not do what didnâ€™t work and to adopt and refine what did/does from other cultures and history. If you have an idea on how to do it better, get it on a ballot, convince us itâ€™s a better way and weâ€™ll all vote on it, or let our elected representatives know how we feel, and therefore get them to vote in our stead.

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Oh, you say you canâ€™t vote if youâ€™re not a citizen? Yes, thatâ€™s right. You know how to fix that, too. Get to the authorities and begin the process to become one, legally, and then join the debate, and exercise your vote.

The mass riots in the streets to helpt decide the outcome of such significant issues doesnâ€™t work well where you came from so I ask why youâ€™d want to try doing it the less effective way once more? If you really like to influence governments in the manner of large crowds, go home and do it there.

Once more, I remind the illegals that you came here because iwe have been a nation to â€œborrowâ€• the good things of many other societies, while rejecting the bad, so, take a chance, try it the American wayâ€¦you might just find you like it a lot better.

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