Subject: Re: Our Country
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Lots of good stuff for pondering at length. I agree that the issues did not crop up over night. They were a long time simmering and most folks didn't either recognize them or care about them or even would rather deny their existence. I believe that the issues that now confront us clearly demonstrate two things: one the issues have been just under the surface for quite a while and second the right sort of trigger has brought them out. I suspect that most folks thought that the US was more or less a good county to live in and pretty much anyone could do (or was doing) well here. A perception of unity. It denies that a large portion of the population was not so well off but didn't have either a voice or method to get out of their situation. The pent up anguish and in some cases rage had no way out. With a trigger that promoted division and essentially condoned violence, the anguish and rage found a way to respond. It made the use of violence acceptable to some. Combined with the present legal / judicial mash up violence was nearly a certainty. The problem extend to the international community as well as on the individual basis. It absolutely makes no sense to me to engage in any sort of action without a clear concept of what the ramifications of it would be. This seems to be over looked frequently.

A lot of this goes back to a number of concepts that Wayne listed. I would add one though. Many individuals seek immediate gratification without considering the consequences. Sort of like "I want to steal the candy bar now and not even consider the possibility of getting caught".

I too am a member of an organization that promotes individual growth and improvement and it has assisted me in several ways. One of which is that it makes it possible for me to see other individuals actions in perspective. It also allows me to separate their actions and my response by remembering three statements that I have used to govern my behavior for a long time.

Is this something I can change or personally influence?

Is it wise (or smart if you wish) to do this?

If the answer to the previous two is yes then I should take action.

If either of the two is negative then I should stand aside and not fret on the issue.

Right now with the present problems / issues the best I can do in the short run is spread the word on various media and to friends and associates with the hope that if enough individuals get involved some positive changes can be made.