

Tradition Defined
~~City Council~~

Distinguished council-members, citizens GUESTS, AND CONSTITUENTS OF
Springfield's City Council, Good Evening!

Before the creation of this world **AND THE ASSIMILATION OF MAN**, before the first white indentured servants and African slaves were introduced to the "new world" that **WAS PRE-OCCUPIED** well before 1619, before racism and discrimination, before "We the people" became synonymous with a "living document" in 1787 **TO RULE ONE NATION "UNDER GOD"** by both proscriptive/prescriptive norms, while specific cultures continued and still continue to suffer immensely **DUE TO SOCIETY's LACK OF**, and before the Pledge of Allegiance **WAS INTRODUCED IN 1892** to this nation's education system with all of its injustices, **THERE WAS AND WILL ALWAYS BE... GOD!** Does this **PRELUDE** envelope and tell the tale of a "capital city run by Society that attempts to bury its tradition in racism, education and employment so discreetly that these inadequacies continue to exist on a large scale?

To the mayor of Springfield, IL, knowing that you are well versed with issues concerning racism, discrimination, and traditionalism, will you be utilizing any **OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS TO APPEASE THE PEOPLE OF COLOR** concerning a major issue of color/race? As a resident of Springfield, the little bit I've heard about you in the media, makes me ponder if you've been elected to serve, **SOCIETY** or serve "the people." Time will tell if society wins out or if the people win out based on color or principal. **SO THROUGH-OUT SOCIETY**, it's an undeniable, cultural, and historic fact that the truth **WILL NEVER FIT INTO Springfield's school CURRICULUM / TAUGHT** to our children (**OUR FUTURE**). Why? Because tradition does not like to be shaken **OR** stirred!

The Honorable Booker T. Washington, a former slave, educator, author, intellect, and founder of Tuskegee Institute, was cognizant of and maintained the mindset that negroes should learn a trade and contribute to society in this way without "making waves" in Society. Overall, Washington believed in not making waves in Society while Dr. WEB Dubois argued Washington's point of view. Dr. Dubois, the first black to graduate from Harvard Univ. with a Ph.D., had stated ~~Next topic, much can be said about greed, control, while~~ **SERVING/CONTROLLING** a specific culture/populace. **SOCIETY, YOU'RE NOT PERFECT AND still, YOU continue to ASSUME!**

As a capital city, **MANY PEOPLE OF COLOR** have been groomed to accept what they have been taught, what they've been given, and what they have earned **BUT REMEMBER, DON'T INQUIRE TOO MUCH OR ELSE!** Many people of color have grown up, returned, and raised families here who are successful while others **HAVE ALWAYS CHOSEN TO BE PART OF THE PROBLEM AND NEVER PART OF THE SOLUTION.**

Regarding knowledge and educational, **SOCIETY IS FINE, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T INQUIRE.** This mindset to "not question" stifles many from obtaining facts and truths to whatever you're attempting to obtain. To be satisfied with the norm is what **SOCIETY** wants us to do. **ARE YOU PART OF THE NORM?**

PARENTS, JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE/were not TAUGHT A SPECIFIC WAY in SCHOOL, DOES THIS HOLD THE SAME FOR YOUR CHILD, YOUR GRANDCHILDREN? I PRAY IT DOESN'T. LASTLY, Abraham Lincoln is **CONSISTENTLY Dubbed THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR**, but regardless of the times, who was Lincoln's great emancipator?

It's ironic how society utilizes God's name and continues failing to learn from hindsight which will forever be man's downfall. So, what type of leaders does Springfield have?

Everyone by now should be aware of the school shooting that transpired in Detroit where several lives were taken by a 15y.o. Shortly afterwards, the parents of the shooter are held responsible, something that should have existed decades ago IN SOCIETY. AND THE PROVERBIAL QUESTION STILL EXISTS, if the shooter was black, ...? And if many of us call ourselves CHRISTIANS (MYSELF INCLUDED), Why are the roots of TRADITIONALISM here in Springfield, IL, SO PREVALENT? Why does my own culture continue to inflict genocide and last but not least, why does law-enforcement continuing to annihilate (or murder) our black men and last and not least, the ultimate question is, "GOT GOD?" Thank you!