

Re: Break in the JonBenet Ramsey case

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Karen C. wrote:

Exactly! I know a lady who lives in Alaska (which is where Susan says she was born). She'd never dream of saying any of the kinds of things Susan says about southerners—even if that's what she truly believed. So I wouldn't put all Alaskans (or northerners, for that matter) into the same barrel. People are either nice people, or they're not—regardless of where they're located or where they were born.

Karen,

Not to comment on Susan, regular Northerners, or the comments, people in Alaska are different.

I know quite a few to say the least. Except in writing this, I now remember back to Argentinians, and they are very much the same. The Argentines would think nothing of the first thing out of their mouth when you walked in the door after not seeing them for 18 months, of saying something about the large pimple on your nose. I found that very strange. They didn't think it was insulting or anything abnormal to point out body imperfections. In my family, we might kid a sister about it in private, but my parents, or any other adults I knew, would never comment on things like that. I am sure they thought it, but they would never say it.

Okay, now back to Alaskans. To Alaskans, every other place in the US is called "outside." There is nothing good about "outside." There is not particularly anything good about anyone from "outside." True Alaskans aren't even impressed with visitors because of the oil money they don't really need the tourism industry. I am sure the hotel owners and restaurant owners might disagree, but they weren't particularly disagree openly with the diehards. As there are less and less mom and pop businesses, there is even more dislike of the "outsiders" because no one they know benefits from the abuse of the land.

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They also do not care for laws, gays, taxes, government or the pipeline. They are picketing fixing the current BP problem and hoping that the pipeline will be permanently closed. Of course, this would hurt them and their wallets, but they only see the short view.

They dislike traffic, smells, tree huggers (although they are tree huggers), people who hunt and call it subsistence (and have an income of 500,000 and don't need subsistence), Asians as a whole, big business, but particularly Asian big business (Holland America and Princess Cruise lines), motorhome drivers, Republicans, Democrats, and just about everyone else I haven't mentioned.

They feel the need to apologize for me being as liberal as I am, make excuses for me not knowing any better when I talk about saving the wolves and ng people who don't know any better (let them get killed by a moose they will soon learn).

You know I keep going back because I love the country. The things they complain about are things that I have to accept in my every day life "outside." Their narrow mindedness as a population in the whole is difficult for me. They become more vocal about it when they visit me. They are exposed to everything they hate in California, so it is more obvious. I continuously remind them that it is painful for me that they are so judgmental about other people when they visit and I would prefer if they could try and keep those opinions to themselves. There isn't particularly anything good about where I love, except it is beautiful, warm in the winter, and they have a free comfortable B&B.

Now, I know that I am painting a very wide brush here, and Floyd will probably show back up and dispute it, but he is a fine example of what I speak. Right now, he is in a fight with several other posters on another newsgroup about some of these things. I love my friends and have met very few people in Alaska that I wouldn't break bread with, or invite to my home, but it is a constant battle for me to overlook some of their preconceived ideas of what "outside" and "outsiders" are really like. Mind you, many of these people were not born in Alaska, but feel Home now that they are there.

Janice

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