



Epilogue - History is written by the Victors

I like looking for missing important words in past phrases and quotes. In my lifetime so far, two phrases start me on the idea. The first phrase comes from some motivation to open the country's borders again: "There are jobs that just simply aren't getting done because Americans won't do them." (Pres. Bush, Cleveland, Ohio, March 20, 2006).

The words that I feel could be added are: "at the wage those jobs currently pay." Our history is that there are very few things (legal, moral, ethical, or otherwise) that Americans won't do if the price is right, so the omission is glaring to me. The next thought is that Bush must be being adequately compensated for doing his job of not saying those missing words, or he would leave not saying them to the many others as willing to get the benefit; the benefit of the missing words.

The second quote escapes me; it has to do with allowing an economic system to do its job without interfering. My assumption is that the economic system's job must have something to do with wealth

and income inequality because the historical victors for these important economic metrics seem to reward the victorious more with each passing day (so far); the missing words are: let the system do its job... “for the wealthiest.”

I am proud to present my history, my version of my history, and some of the things that have lined-up that I feel help me to be victorious in my life so far. When history is written by the victors (to verify history), people look to see if historical claims line-up with the actual results of all things in their condition back then, so I have another chance to view my self-perceptions by checking my own history against my own words.

What are the missing words in the phrase: “History is written by the Victors?” “So far...” or “history so far.” I know that my history, your history, the country’s history, and all of history are always just “so far.” You, me, and everyone else will always amount to exactly and little else than a history of decisions added to all of our remaining choices.

Sometimes a roadmap is helpful in navigating something as daunting as “all of my remaining choices.” Tearing a ‘table of contents’ away from this or any other book and adding some ink to any number of blank sheets of paper is an action that might provide anyone with some desired amount of direction.

What is really, truly, and physically limiting you from gaining the knowledge and practice to have the courage for making any particular choice or following any desired path you want to; from taking the time perform any action that might be needed to have a life worth missing (much-less worth living well)?