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Subject: Re: Some IRL Drama just went down; your thoughts?

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Goztow wrote on Tue, 10 August 2010 01:22Quote:You're all capitalists, right? What happened to the individual taking responsibility for their choices? Self determination, freedom of enterprise, etc etc?

There's a good reason why those rights are limited for minors.

Of course, but the dividing line between having those rights and not having those rights is so cut and dry only because of the inherent limits in the legal system. Are all persons mature enough to handle these rights (And the responsibilities that come with them) at 18? If so, are they any less capable at 17 and 11 months? I'm sure you agree there's no magical transformation that takes place on the eve of the 18th birthday. The distinction you're trying to make (Minor, bad; Over AoC, okay) is good enough for a lawmaker because it's the best they can do to satisfy the unique situations of everybody in a state with one set of rules. But it's not good enough for an individual parent. It's a cop-out to just say otherwise.

And even if we disagree on whether or not the sister is worthy of these rights in this particular case (Lets be honest, that's a judgement we're both equally unqualified to make), what good have snpr's actions done? From a pragmatists standpoint, he's trying to stop his sister from making what he considers to be a mistake, and ultimately instill a sense of right and wrong in her. Not only has he not accomplished that, but he's alienated her and made it harder to achieve those goals.

He fucked up. There's no seeing it any other way.

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