



## “Always the same pattern with you Euro women”

A talk between Jeff who is pro death penalty and Ines Aubert, 2016

**Jeff finds Ines' e-mail address on the homepage she maintains for her pen friend Robert Pruett on death row in Texas. In his second case, after being in prison for a first case, Robert is accused of having stabbed a prison officer to death but he maintains his innocence. Jeff writes Ines the message below and an e-mail exchange develops.**

**Jeff:** So, I understand that you have tender feelings about your friend on death row and are full of compassion for him.

Where is your compassion for the victim and his family? Always the same pattern with you Euro women, who adopt these killers and ignore the innocents whom your dear pals have executed. Yes, I did read your couple sentences of regret about his victims. You say you are not concerned with the details of your pen friend's crime, as it would not bring back the victim. And the facts would not fit with the hopeful image in your mind of an innocent man being put to death by an evil state. It is indeed regretful that his life's path led him to that bad act, and his poor upbringing is part of it all, but the fact is that many many people have lives that are not all sunshine and roses who don't do the things he has done.

Sometime in the future the State of Texas will give him that which he so justly deserves, and it is a tragedy for all involved. But justice will finally be served.

It will be interesting to see if, in his last statement, he finally stands up like the man he claims to be, to take responsibility and apologize to the victim's family. THAT would be evidence that he truly has changed. My guess is he will leave this world secretly clinging to darkness and hatred. He will express sympathy to the victim's family for the “loss of their loved one”, but he will stop short of the truth, which would have been proof that he had truly changed. And another Euro woman will have been duped. We will see.

Jeff

**Ines:** Hi Jeff, thank you for your message. I appreciate that you took the time to elaborate what you think. I will try to answer the best I can.

I don't know if I match a pattern of European women as sometimes I feel quite unique. I am very grateful for everything that I was given in my life without deserving or having earned it. The understanding not to make bad choices in difficult situations I consider a gift as well and not an accomplishment. Like you, I believe though that people should be made responsible for their choices and actions no matter what their upbringing was like.

My gratitude has led me to all kinds of voluntary work since I was a juvenile because I consider solidarity one of the biggest values in life. I have several pen pals in prison because I love to write and to be in contact with human beings. Most of my pen pals admit to their crimes so I'm aware of the tremendous guilt a person can carry with them.

I care a lot more about the victims than the two sentences probably suggest. If I have the chance, I will always talk to them. I talked to the son and father of the victim of the crime my pen pal was convicted of. I met both of them personally.

In the case of another pen pal I had, Robert Power/Casper, I met one of the women whom he raped when she was a juvenile. An interview with her and with the above mention son of the victim are available.

I wish there was something I could do for the victim's family. I grew up without my father, too, and I know firsthand how this feels. So, I have a lot of empathy with his children. Usually, the family members of crime victims aren't looking for contact with strangers though.

Jeff, I agree with you. If it was indeed my pen friend who killed this man, it would be good if he admitted to it. It would be very healing for the victim's family and also for the offender.

Although I've been caring for my friend for many years, I'm still not him. I don't know whether what I think is right or wrong, and I especially can't influence his actions. I started as a pen pal, and I see my role as that of just standing by someone's side and being a person to talk to.

Contrary to what you think, I don't believe that putting someone to death will serve justice. In my opinion, death is not a punishment, as we will all die one day. Also, it stops the maturation and growing of the person which, in my eyes, would be the purpose of prison sentences. Plus, it might indeed be an innocent person who is executed. If they execute my friend on death row, I can only hope that the victim's family sees this as justice and not as an additional burden.

Take care  
Ines

**Jeff:** Hi Ines, thank you for your reply. I found it thoughtful and insightful. I think we agree on much, and probably only disagree about capital punishment. I do share your concern that an innocent person could be executed, and undoubtedly it has happened. To me, that is the only truly substantial argument against it. As to whether it serves justice, I feel that even that does not completely do so, but it is the closest thing to it. Remember, only the most heinous crimes receive it. And even after carried out, people need to remember that the offender was guilty and the victim was innocent, so even execution does not fully "pay" for the crime. The offender likes to complain that it is murder by the state. Execution is not murder. Murder is what the offender did. Big difference. I am not trying to change your mind. You view it differently and I respect your right to believe as you wish.

I completely understand you standing beside someone who has admitted to their crimes. Such a person deserves some measure of consideration and respect for taking responsibility and expressing remorse. I do believe some of them actually do change. But it is phony if they do not take responsibility and apologize. Then they are eligible (in my eyes) to ask for forgiveness.

If you communicate with your pen friend, I hope you are able to convince him that further denial will do absolutely nothing to benefit his legal situation and only furthers the harm to the victim's family, and to himself. By doing so, he denies them the closure they might have had, and he denies himself any forgiveness he might have received from them. He will fail in his responsibility to stand up and be a true man. A man that has done great wrong, but will ignore

the opportunity to produce some measure of right. Not to mention the risk of living the lie to the very end and then standing before God (who cannot be lied to), and risking eternal damnation for his soul. I will read his final statement and I hope takes this final opportunity to bring something good from all the bad.

I will read your attached interviews. I agree you are not the usual European woman who seeks out the condemned men. I believe most are on a fantasy search for love and naively believe they are all innocent. You are different.

Jeff

**Ines:** Hi Jeff, I believe that many things in life are not the way we are convinced they are. Fantasizing women, guilty inmates.... it's probably all a misconception.

I would be pro-death penalty if murder was reversible and the life of the offender could be put into the body of the victim and it would be alive and whole again. That, to me, would in fact be justice because it would be a natural consequence and undo the bad.

My guilty pen friend Casper was on a long journey and was ready to admit to his crimes only after years on death row. To me, that shows that positive dynamics sometimes develop slowly and we should not give up on those who aren't there yet. Isn't it the "lost ones" – if you want to use that term – who need our care most?

My pen friend, whether he is guilty or not, is on his own journey. If there is something left to reconcile when one day he stands before God, I believe God will show him a way to do it. The same goes for those who probably execute an innocent man.

The purpose and reason for a particular journey is beyond what I can grasp. I don't know why my pen friend is on that particular journey and why things develop the way they do. My "being there to listen" is the best I can offer and so that's what I'm doing.

Take care

Ines

**Jeff:** Fantasizing women may be a misconception, but guilty inmates are all too common and real. Just ask their victims and they will tell how real it is. Or ask the inmate, and they will all tell you how innocent they are. All those poor inmates are innocent victims of the evil state, what a tragedy. Are there a few in prisons around the world who are innocent? Yes. And I would not like it a bit if I were one of them. But that is an unfortunate part of justice that mistakes are made. What should we do? Abolish the justice system and go back to the Stone Age where the strongest and cruelest rule?

I agree, to have reversible death penalty would be ideal. And I am willing to admit that the possibility of executing an innocent person may be reason enough to abolish it. But when it happens correctly (which is true in the overwhelming majority of cases) and the guilty are executed for the horrendous things done to innocent people, then it is true justice and richly deserved. I have no doubt that capital punishment in the US is going away, it's just a matter of time.

Yes, if Casper changed and took responsibility, then he would deserve a measure of higher regard. And thereby deserve more “care.” But don’t the victims and their family deserve our care the most? You are one of the few opponents of capital punishment who even acknowledge the victims. You have spoken to them and shown you care. You are the exception to the usual death row groupie. The victims and their families receive far less “care” than those poor killers, for whom naïve people cry their hearts out for, while fantasizing that they are innocent. Yes, I do believe that some have truly changed from the person they were when they committed their crimes. Years of time on their hands to read, study, receive counseling, etc. has often made sincere change in them. Others fake their change, and others don’t bother to change or bother to fake it.

As to those who execute an innocent person having to face God’s wrath just as the guilty will.....no. Yes, if they KNEW the condemned was innocent and executed them anyway. But when done unknowingly, the God I believe in will understand and know they are not the same.

If you have ever read about Karla Faye Tucker.... most everyone (including me) believe she had become a totally different person by the time she was executed in Texas. A good case could be made that she should have been incarcerated for her natural life instead. But as the warden himself said (who also believed she did have a changed heart) they were not going to execute her for the person she is now, they were going to execute her for what she had done.

I don’t believe most people who commit murder should be executed. Most should receive imprisonment based on the degree of the crime. That is mostly the way it works here. If you get mad and kill someone because of a sudden fight, it is punished much less severely than someone who plans and plots, and takes someone’s life. This is why “capital” punishment is reserved for the worst of the worst. I live in Arizona, and there are more than one on death row for raping and murdering a little baby or an infant. These types of predators who do the most brutal heartless things like that deserve no less than death. And in those worst cases, I wish the execution could be violent as in the past, like they imposed on their victims. When the state imposes it on them, they still have it better than their victims. So even capital punishment does not deliver complete justice. I can only hope that if there is a hell, those who are guilty of the worst things will receive final justice there. Those who take responsibility, apologize, and stop all the lies, their souls deserve something better. Hopefully God will know what to do with them, whatever that is.

Jeff

**Ines:** Hi Jeff, I might be an exception, but you are, too. Many who speak out for the death penalty towards anti-death penalty activists don’t even care to listen or communicate.

When I wrote about misconceptions, I meant to say that we should always be carefully watching who we have in front of us and not generalize people. I know there are naïve people around (one sixth of the members of the pen pal organization I’m part of are men, by the way) and inmates who lie, no doubt. Not everyone is like that though.

How old are you and what do you do for a living? It is easy to find out more about me but I don’t know with whom I am speaking.

I said before that many inmates admit to their crimes, but you won't hear often about them. Many are on a journey and while they might not admit to it today, they probably do tomorrow. I believe they should be given the time to do so. Human beings are constantly changing, and there is hope for everyone. Some might not change in a visible way, but they should be given the chance to do so and for that they need interaction.

I've heard of former officers of the execution team or even wardens or chaplains who came to deeply regret their presence or involvement in executions before they even stood before God. So, God will probably have to comfort them if they indeed hadn't done any wrong by killing one of his children.

My personal insight into my pen friends' lives showed me that some people receive punishment before they commit their crimes. Many people on death row tell about horrible childhoods that probably come close to the violent punishment you wish to be handed out. So, they have received it, just in a different order. I know that is cynical to say, but this might satisfy those who think they should be punished more severely.

Jeff, would you allow me to share our conversation with people in my organization? You can come up with additional messages that you want us to know or consider. I'm open for that. This interaction has provided me with greater insight, and I hope it has done the same for you.

Take care

Ines

**Jeff:** Hi Ines, yes, I will tell you about myself, as it is only fair to know who you are speaking to. I am 61, a long-time resident of Arizona. I live alone, and have 2 brothers in the same part of Arizona (Phoenix). I have been employed for 31 years as a worker for electric utility co. Before that, 6 years in the Navy. And before that, 3 years at the Texas Dept. of Corrections. Back then (76-79), it was TDC instead of the present name. I was briefly a guard at the Ellis Unit, before moving on to driving trucks at the Wynne Unit. In those years, I entered the Walls unit in Huntsville a few times to eat a meal while my truck waited around the back. While at Ellis, I worked maybe a dozen shifts on death row, as it was located there before Polunsky. At that time, there were about 40 or so inmates on the row, if I recall. I worked night shift while there, so I never interacted with any on the row, just a count every 2 hours. So yes, those few years when I was very young helped form my views about criminal justice and capital punishment. I met many good men who had made a mistake and were quietly and honorably trying to do their time and go home. And I met some others who were horrible human beings at Ellis, whom I hope never saw the light of freedom again. Ellis was maximum security. Wynne was medium security and a whole lot better quality of incarcerated people. I met the Asst Warden at Wynne (Mr. Wallace Pack), who later had become the head Warden at Ellis. He and the farm manager were murdered by an inmate at Ellis long after I left the TDC. A female officer was also later murdered at Ellis. It was (and I imagine still is) a very dangerous place. As a young person, I don't think me and my co-workers really understood the danger there. But even at Wynne, a female officer riding a horse outside was run down by an inmate who stole a truck during an escape attempt. He has had his date with the needle, and I hope it was a very "cruel and unusual" experience, similar to the cruelty he

inflicted on that fine woman when he drove the truck over her and the horse. But I think he still had it a lot easier than she did. And she was an innocent person.

I have seen a documentary where a former warden did seem to have regrets about the death penalty. I am sure seeing a constant parade of death could affect even the more hawkish believers in cap. punishment. I think God will understand since He will know they had no way of knowing if the condemned was guilty or innocent. It is like in World War II, when the Allies were bombing Germany to stop Hitler from taking over and enslaving the entire world, which he surely would have done if not for those brave men and women who stood in his way. Bomber pilots knew some of their bombs would kill innocent people, and I am sure felt bad for it, but they knew if they did not accept the mistakes and go on, they could not have done the job to help save the world. I think God did not hold them accountable for the innocents they harmed and He will understand the Warden and his staff.

Yes, you can share anything I write as you would like.

Have you ever seen the documentary film, “The Thin Blue Line” by Errol Morris?

Very well done and resulted in Randall Adams being exonerated in Texas. He was believed to have murdered Dallas police officer Robert Wood in 1976, and had come within days or weeks of execution, but was innocent.

He was the victim of an overzealous Dallas County prosecutor who falsified evidence to make the conviction. I don't think it happens much, but I will concede to the fact that it happens at all is the only real reason I will agree the death penalty probably should be relegated to the past. Although when the executed is guilty (which is in 99.9999% of cases) I believe it is morally correct and just. Yes, I will say that vengeance and retribution have value in a civilized society, which might leave you or your friends aghast.

I know that people are a product of their upbringing, conditions, etc. And no doubt many who do terrible things would never have gone that way had things been different for them. But the responsibility is ultimately theirs and they have to be held accountable. But it is only right to do so in humane and just ways. I say that, even though I previously said what I did about hoping the execution is not comfortable and that it is painful and I would rather that it be more violent than using drugs. Were it up to me, if the offender killed his victim without excessive brutality or cruelty, then use drugs that allow their life to be taken gently. (But usually “gentle” murderers do not even receive the death penalty in the US, especially in recent times as the country moves away from it). And for the really bad ones that were especially cruel and depraved, and caused their victims great suffering (in Arizona there is one on the row who poured gasoline over the head of his 4-year-old daughter, drenching her while she repeatedly cried “no, daddy, no” and burned her to death) then I would like them to receive old-time electrocution or hanging.

Yes, I am a hawk on this. You are a dove. It's good that we can listen to each other.

Jeff

**Ines:** Hi Jeff, thank you for your long e-mail. I appreciate our conversation because it makes me reconsider both your arguments for and mine against the death penalty. I cannot take the time to listen to those who committed murder and then not listen to people who are pro d.p., can I? I would love to go on or make a written interview with you as I have made many in the past. I have always wanted to interview someone who works or worked for the TDCJ. However, right now, I'm visiting my pen pals and seeing some beautiful places.

So, I fear I will have to stop talking to you for the time being.

I wish you all the best!

Take care

Ines

**Jeff:** No problem. If you want to talk again, just send a note.

Best to you as well, Ines.

Jeff

See also the Follow-up interview with Jeff on the next page.

## Follow-up interview with Jeff, an advocate of the death penalty

The questions were asked by Ines Aubert, 2016

**Jeff, in July we had an interesting e-mail exchange after you wrote me a message. We didn't know each other at that time, but it was obvious from the start that we are on different sides: you are an American proponent of the death penalty, and I am a European woman who is strongly against it.**

**In your first message you wrote, "So, I understand that you have tender feelings about your friend on death row and are full of compassion for him. Where is your compassion for the victim and his family? Always the same pattern with you Euro women, who adopt these killers and ignore the innocents whom your dear pals have executed."**

**From there, we wrote back and forth, and to me it was an enriching and fruitful exchange. I got to know you as someone who listens and who can express himself well. So, I want to make use of the opportunity and delve even deeper into some topics that are of concern to both of us. What did you think about the talk we had in July?**

The talk we had in July was worthwhile to me, as I found you to be reasonable and not quite what I had expected.

I expected your views would be as I believe many opponents of capital punishment have, that states like Texas are the very definition of evil and most of the condemned are innocent good people who were railroaded and the state is intending to "murder" them. One particular website that is now closed was full of fairy tale nonsense that vilified Texas and celebrated all the fine boys on the row.

Gullible people who are duped by the slanted images the killers construct of themselves and their crimes in hopes of avoiding final justice. Most have no real remorse and only regret being caught and held accountable, and cling to their lies in the hopes of gaining a benefit like a reversal for a new trial, or a commutation to a reduced sentence such as life imprisonment. They become like celebrities, and women (many from Europe) come here and marry them for twisted reasons. The M. brothers in California doing life who gunned down their parents (because they could not wait for their eventual inheritances) have always had lots of women to romance, they line up to write and keep their commissary accounts stocked with money. One of them married a former playboy playmate while in prison. She divorced him when she found out he was romancing other women while married to her.

You do understand that there are real victims, whereas most death row groupies don't show any acknowledgement of that fact. So I don't actually place you in the groupie category. I find you more balanced and reasonable than those types.

**The organization in which I am active arranges pen pal-ships with death row inmates. However, we don't set up any ads for inmates, but match them on a first come first served basis. So, neither side can choose to whom to write. We consider it an interaction between**



**two human beings and not a partnership arrangement. Additionally, we inform potential future members very carefully before they are given an address. We tell them that most inmates on death row are guilty.**

**You and I have already found out that we agree on a lot, but not on capital punishment. Do you have some understanding why someone would be against the death penalty?**

Yes, I have heard the arguments....

Some people think it is cruel. I disagree. Cruel is what the inmates did to their victims. The victims were not murderers who deserved to have their lives taken.

Some people think it is too expensive. I am not convinced it is more expensive than keeping someone incarcerated for the rest of their life. And if it is more expensive to execute them, some things are just worth the extra cost.

Some people think the state should not be in the business of “murder.” I agree. But the state is not in the business of murder. The state is (mostly) in the business of justice, and execution for deserving individuals is justice.

Some people think the death penalty is not a deterrent. I agree that many offenders don’t think about the penalty before committing their crimes, but execution DOES deter future murders and other serious crimes. Offenders who are executed will never kill anyone else again. They won’t ever get to kill a prison employee (which has happened). Or another inmate (which has happened). Or be released to kill again (this has happened when capital punishment was stopped in the U.S., some inmates were then commuted to life imprisonment, and with time served received parole and killed again when back on the outside).

Some people think execution does not give the offender’s victim’s family “closure” or justice. I disagree. It may not give it completely, but it gives them something as close to it as possible.

Some people think capital punishment should be abolished because an innocent person can be executed. I tend to agree now. Since there are rare instances where prosecutors willfully violate the law and manufacture false evidence (as in the Randall Adams case), it is probably time to move past capital punishment and impose life with no possibility of release ever for the worst of killers. I believe it is very rare when an innocent person is executed, and when deserving offenders are executed it is a very good thing for the victim’s family and society. But since the risk is too great of it happening to an innocent person and can never be corrected, I agree that it should be abolished. This is the ONLY reason I would support abolishment.

**As far as I know, it’s the attorneys that death row inmates are appointed that raise the costs and not the execution.**

**The state does indeed consider an execution murder because they write “homicide” as reason of death on the death certificate.**

**I think that if people are executed to prevent them from committing murder in the future, as you suggest, you enter a slippery slope. It would be very difficult to define who is such a person.**

Your understanding of homicide is not accurate. Homicide simply means causing the death of another. The law specifies different ways this happens, and in some very narrow circumstances homicide is legal. A policeman who acts legally to stop a terrorist or criminal who is engaged in life-threatening behavior (using deadly force unlawfully) and is killed by the policeman is a homicide. But this is not murder because it was done with legal justification. Execution is a homicide, but not murder, because it is the legal taking of a life, with legal justification. Big difference between homicide and murder.

I am not suggesting that offenders should be executed just to stop them from murder in the future. The purpose of execution is punishment for their crime. I am saying that it completely prevents that offender from ever murdering again. It is a side benefit to society and in particular any future victim who will not be murdered. Opponents will believe this is not a risk (future murders). It has already happened, as I have pointed out.

**To the topic “closure”, I would like to say that in my eyes the best way is to forgive. This doesn’t mean that you condone the crime or disrespect the person who was murdered. It means to go through a process that finally sets us free from the bonds of hatred and revenge and allows us to go on with our lives whether the inmate – or any other person who did us wrong – has received their punishment or not. There are murder victim’s family members who campaign against the death penalty and I know that for many of them the execution doesn’t equal closure.**

**The prime personal reason why I’m against the death penalty is that I believe we are all on a spiritual journey and are supposed to learn and grow. The execution would stop that process and take away the chance that a prisoner comes to understand the extent of what he has done.**

For you and others, I accept that forgiving is the best way for you. Not for myself and others. In my view, this again illustrates how most opponents make it all about the offender. Hug the killer and shun the victim. Yes, I know you are much more aware of the victim than other opponents, but I believe most give little thought to them while anguishing over and coddling the killer. This is what I refer to as naiveness. To me, the height of it is the European woman who travels to the U.S. to marry one of them. I wonder how many of the happy brides have done any real research and truly know what their new husband has done, not a whitewashed version from an anti-capital punishment web site? I would bet my next paycheck that most believe they are innocent, or at least have no idea about the extent of their crimes. I think the offenders are victimizing another person by taking advantage of their naiveness, just not killing their victim this time. The naiveness of the sheep to the wolf. I don’t find your views to be as naïve as the ones who seek out a killer to marry.

**I wonder, how do you keep yourself updated on death penalty cases and where do you have your opinion about “Euro women” from?**

I mostly read the Texas Department of Criminal Justice/ TDCJ web site, death row section. Also a local news web site here in Arizona sometimes carry stories about the death row inmates here, retelling the story of their crimes. I have read some on the Canadian Coalition against the Death Penalty/ CCADP site, with which I am sure you are familiar.

**What triggered you to write me that first message?**

I don't remember how I came across your name. I likely was reading about upcoming scheduled executions in Texas, and sometimes I will read other sources about the inmate's story, and I likely saw your name in relation to your pen pal. Very occasionally over the years, I have e-mailed people who appeared to be advocates of the killers. There is a woman on TX death row named B. Some years ago, there was a man from Scotland who was living in the US who had created a web site on her behalf showing horses running on the beach, creating this image of her as an innocent victim of Texas injustice. He and I exchanged a number of emails, and I asked him if he had really done any research about her, and would still be her advocate if she were not so physically attractive. Would he be running a web site for her if she was 5 feet tall and weighed 250 pounds? Maybe the fantasy of the beautiful innocent princess locked away in the dungeon awaiting the executioner would not fit so well if she were not so pretty? My suggestion that perhaps he had been duped by her and she was playing him for a sucker did not sit well with him, of course. I asked him to really read into and research her case and then see what you believe. Sometime later he took the web site down.

I posted a few messages on the site that I mentioned at the beginning of this interview before it was shut down. My few messages there were that they ought to be ashamed for portraying the monsters as poor innocent unfortunates and ignoring the true victims who had suffered horrible things at their hands. I truly believe that if advocates had lost someone they loved, they would have an entirely different view of their "friends" on the row.

**In fact, I have thought about the motivation of us writers – myself included – before. Some years ago, I actually set up a provoking thesis for our internal newsletter that women might find satisfaction in putting men back on their feet, while some men find satisfaction in humiliating women. Several members then commented on that thesis which made an interesting read.**

**From what you write, I see that you feel Texas and its justice system has done injustice. You seem to fight a battle either for or against something or someone to set this right. I sense a lot of anger inside of you. Am I right about this?**

A lot? I am sure you would say it is a lot. Some of your friends will call me sick with hatred. I speak for the victims and believe when an extreme killer is executed that some measure of justice is achieved for the victims.

True example: Young woman gave a ride to two men who kidnapped her and forced her to drive to her apartment, raped her for hours, stole her money, then took her out of the city to a cliff, and while she begged for her life they shoved her off. Since she was in excellent health (before she

met them) she was still alive after the fall. They climbed down to her, and while she continued to beg them not to kill her, they stood over her and smashed her head in with large rocks.

And there are many more examples. Forgive them? If God wants to forgive them, that is His business. Not me.

Anger toward those who do such things? Yes, of course, as any just person should have. Do I harbor more anger than most people? Probably do. It is just that I feel more for the victims than I do for these purveyors of evil. I just have an abiding sense of right and wrong, evil and good, justice and accountability.

**You see, Jeff, in the course of writing these talks with you I came to care about you. Forgiving and not being angry mainly benefits the person who practices this, and not the person at whom it is aimed. If you can forgive your wrongdoer, you cut the bond to them and set yourself free.**

**If you stopped being angry, which I wish for you – you could, with a calm mind and heart, look for ways to help better the world. And I see that this is what you want. I believe you would find a way to contribute to the good.**

I care about you as well, Ines. My feeling is that you are a good person. A world filled with peaceful doves like you would be a good world, indeed. Unfortunately, with this dangerous violent world, the hawks are still needed. Maybe someday humankind can move beyond where it is today. I am sure we agree about a lot and it's ok when people disagree civilly about other things.

**The dove and hawk – this analogy would never have come to my mind. There would be so much to discuss but I guess we need to stop here now. Food for thoughts for our readers, right?**

**I enjoyed getting to know you, Jeff, and wish you all the best.**