

Dear Lisa,

To bad you don't seem to understand that a property crime is a crime against a person, not an object. Early on in Texas, the property of an average person was so basic as to often be the difference between life and death in a hostile environment.

Today, keeping the car can be the difference between being able to work and provide for a family. The loss of such property can be a fundamental disruption.

It's not all about trinkets and stereos. Messing with my property is a fundamental invasion into my personal Liberty.

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, the big three, when studied are known to be Life, Liberty and the ability to use one's property in a way that is personally gratifying.

Life and Property are equal and it is fitting that they be held at the same level. It's not that Property is being held as more valuable than Life, it is that someone who would violate your property is violating you, in an equal form. The same as if they were taking your Liberty.

For example, trespassing has historically been enforceable by the use of deadly force, just as you would be justified in using deadly force to regain your Liberty. Property *is that* important - it requires a triune relationship with Life and Liberty.

It's not the trivial issue you seem to spin it to be.

Respectfully,
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