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The United States Federal Government currently threatens imprisonment for many behaviors it has deemed criminal but which do not have as a result the violation of any other person's self-ownership or property rights (ie. victimless). Examples of these are possessing or selling marijuana, trading stocks on insider information, and evading taxation. That any state today threatens imprisonment, or worse, for a victimless crime sets them squarely in the category of government occupied in the past by Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia, and today by Communist China. Strange bedfellows for any country purporting be "the land of the free, and home of the brave," are they not? But such is the world in which we live, where people who play at government force their preferences and beliefs on the rest of us. Do we really have more to fear from climate change and poor immigrants than from these assholes? *If you say so...* And that's today's two cents.