

The Scum of the Earth

Many people say that one ought to respect the law even when it is senseless, destructive, and vicious. This claim is *prima facie* nonsense. The nonsense is even more palpable when one understands how laws are made and the kind of people who make them. A sounder guideline would be that the law should be presumed to be unjust and harmful until good reasons are advanced to show that it is not. We're not dealing with philosopher kings here, amigos, but with politicians who are manifestly the scum of the earth.