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<p><b>Cherry Kelly</b> Swashbuckler</p> <p>Posts: 3452 From: Belton, MO USA Registered: Jul 2000</p>	<div style="text-align: right;">  <a href="#">profile</a>  <a href="#">mail</a>  <a href="#">edit</a>  <a href="#">quote</a> </div> <p> posted 26 July 2001 09:33 AM</p> <hr/> <p>Its the newest BUZZ -- Air Rage. It seems that people on long flights are having "air rage" -- fights, verbage, whatever....</p> <p>CA Democrat Feinstein wants to put a two drink limit on people on long flights... The airlines (all major ones) say "NO WAY!"...</p> <p>They banned smoking on flights - perhaps a good thing since airlines do not have any way to separate smoking from non-smoking - with the exception of those long overseas flights and big jumbo jets which could have an area.</p> <p>NOW - a proposal to have a two drink limit to prevent "air rage" -- how crazy can it get? Anyone who has been in a plane for greater than 3 hr flight, and who knows how small those 'alcoholic' drinks really are - you'd have to have far more than TWO drinks to become obnoxious.</p> <p>So what really is the cause for "air rage?" or is it just another political buzz word?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: <a href="#">Logged</a></p>

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The cause of "Air Rage" is the airlines and our wonderful Government. If any of you have flown lately you know what I mean!

The airlines are mostly late, the employees are rude, they loose your bags, they bump you so they can charge somebody else full rate and they stuff you into the airplane like a sardine.

I used to fly quite a bit but now I drive when ever I can.

The government has allowed the airlines to merge and they have carved up the routes so there is no competition. No more non stops and you are stuck with one or two carriers.

Once again the Government is legalizing a monopoly and causing air rage.

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There was a thing in SPY magazine a few years ago about an air rage case. The guy in question flew into a rage, went running down the aisle, then "dropped his pants, and did his best imitation of a chocolate yogurt dispensing machine."

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A view from a woman on this matter:

### FEINSTEIN'S FOLLY MORE CONTROL WILL CREATE MORE RAGE

By: Dorothy Anne Seese

It seems Democrats believe that human emotions are subject to congressional legislation. Well, they aren't. The idea is stupid, it reveals a total lack of understanding as to how people are motivated and why they do what they do. I suppose that's why Dianne Feinstein is a Democrat. Or socialist/liberal ... same thing.

Ms. Feinstein wants the airlines to voluntarily restrict passengers to two drinks per domestic flight, or be faced with congressional action. The idea she presents is that more restrictions will create less air rage. Say what? Give a person two drinks and deny them a third? The likelihood is that denial of the third drink will increase air rage. Ms. Feinstein apparently didn't hear the international flight pilots begging for the airlines to bring back smoking sections to help decrease air rage.

More laws, more stress, more rage. It's quite simple. Air rage was unheard of 10-15 years ago. Airplanes had smoking and non-smoking areas and ample supplies of various beverages. The seating wasn't a la sardine, and most of the flights were on time. Ten years ago, few people owned computers, no one had a PDA, spy cams were for sci-fi movies, facial mapping wasn't

known terminology and phone menus were few and far between. One could still dial zero and get a live operator, not a phone menu.

A decade of dehumanization, warp-speed changes due to technology, and now the effects of economic downturn, and we need more laws? More restrictions? Great scott, we can't even speak our minds now! If it isn't politically correct, we're in trouble. Well, depending on whether you have minority status exemption to be politically incorrect. So we have double standards also.

Ms. Feinstein obviously has not observed that the people are already in low-gear rage over the loss of liberty and the growing dehumanization that pushes harder by the day. More stupid laws by more dumb Democrats are not going to produce anything but more frustrated citizens. More frustrated citizens will produce more rage.

Apparently no one has informed Ms. Feinstein that government itself is a cause of much of the rage in our nation. People are at the point of armed revolt, and it's hard to gainsay their justification, if one compares the lack of all freedoms today with the conditions of 20 to 30 years ago.

This nation is a divided camp and the division is growing worse. We're a nation of hyphenated Americans where we used to be just Americans. Hyphenation by geographic origin has become both a mark of division and a badge of legal discrimination.

Between technological dehumanization and growing governmentally-fostered discrimination, political correctness and increased "regulation" of human behavior, forced acceptance of that which is against our basic freedoms of speech, religion and peaceable assembly, we're a nation raging within ourselves.

One day this thing will blow like Krakatoa. And it won't be pretty.

Airline pilots understand their passengers a lot better than legislators who live in a world detached from the people.

And it takes a Democrat to believe that more laws, rather than fewer, will solve things.

Maybe a graffiti artist could go through the halls of Congress and scribble on the walls:

**SLOW DOWN AND LIVE!**

That makes more sense than anything Feinstein can suggest.

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The first thing that usually gets tried is to constrict things even more. The last thing that gets tried is to run their affairs better!



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It seems to me someone should put Feinstein on a plane - one that will be in the air for half a day or better - deny her everything and anything. See if SHE winds up with air rage...

Make sure its a coach area where the seats are so packed together that she must be elbow to elbow with the next seated person, knees and feet that are about an inch or two from the person seated in front. She might learn a thing or two or three - if that is possible.

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I've only flown once, and that was almost 30 years ago. I love aviation, but I tend to be claustrophobic about being in a cramped surrounding for a few hours. It could be that some people are so claustrophobic that it puts them on the edge. Add a few drinks, and it's a recipe for disaster. Also, it could be that they've spent a few hours in the airport waiting for their flight, maybe in a bar where they've consumed too much already. And then, some people are just plain jerks. Yet, one could almost go crazy having crying babies and screaming kids on board. Maybe they should have flights that just cater to people with special needs. (Just a joke, but a thought). When people really get obnoxious, they might have a little "jail cell" in a part of the plane that is sound-proof so that they can rant and rave if they're drunk or creating a public disturbance. I travel very little, but have always used my car.

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sandy -- I do not believe the 'drinks' on airplane have a whole lot to do with Air Rage - considering how little one actually can get in airplane alcohol drinks. Those tiny little bottles are not enough to produce such.

The air rage is far more - cramped quarters being only a part of the problem. Delays and everything else - but in all likelihood I would say its the people who would have 'rage' problems whether on a plane or on the ground!

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For starters...AMEN scott.

Now then if you look back can you find cases of "air rage" before smoking was banned?

Maybe but not along lines of today.

They have a "cure" for drunks and its called "REDUCE CABIN PRESSURE". This tends to put them to sleep. Gee and they have only been using this technique for 40+ years.

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"We are the people your parents warned you about"  
J. Buffett

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alaskan - I wasn't going to mention the smoking ban bit also as a part of the cause of today's air rage (especially those long flights) - as Rush L mentioned it on his show. I have found information that some of the larger jumbo's are considering having a smoking section (of course they have that ability with those biggest planes).

I do feel that the drinking situation on planes has little or nothing to do with air rage situation - its just feinstein and her lunacy again.

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Sorry folks, but it would be a fallacy to think that just because there was little or no air rage 20 years ago when smoking was allowed on all flights, and that since there is air rage now that it is not allowed, that the lack of smoking caused the air rage. There are many other variables and the values of those variables have changed dramatically.

Some have been mentioned: seats have become narrower and closer together, the flights are full, the lines are long and baggage is lost. The planes are dirtier than ever before and the food is worse. It takes (psychologically speaking) just about "forever" to get everyone on a plane and all their overhead baggage stored and them all seated. Then it takes even longer (again, pshchologically speaking) to get everyone off at the destination.

The airlines don't want to crack down on people who abuse the carry-on rules for fear of alienating a customer. So, we see bozos bringing three or four items on board. We see people trying to put 20" high bags in 14" high openings. This causes delays.

These are all contributing factors. But, in my opinion, two of the biggest factors are delays and cancelations. A huge percent of

these are the fault of the airlines. (Before you say that they can't control the weather, check out the effect the hub/spoke system has had on cancellations. In the old days a T-storm in Chicago didn't affect 25% of the flights in the nation. Today, it can.) The biggest problem affecting delays, though, is that no one is controlling the number of flights that are scheduled at a given time. If airline A says, "We have a flight from Seattle to Dallas at 5:30 PM" and it is a popular flight, all the other airlines offer one too -- at exactly the same time. The problem is, of course, that they can't all take off at 5:30 PM. The inevitable result is that under the BEST conditions, all but one of them are late. The airlines don't want to stop this, the airports don't want to stop it and the FAA doesn't want to stop it. Ipso facto: log jam. Of course there is rage on the plane; people have been sitting for hours in crowded, uncomfortable gates before they ever get on the damn plane. Now let's add in the cancellations that airlines pull when the flight isn't booked at a high enough rate. They deny it, but they DO do this. Salt in the wound!

Next, let's look at the type of people flying today. I started flying for business 30 years ago. Everyone wore a suit, was polite and clean. Today getting on an airplane is like getting on a Mexican bus and riding across the desert. All that's missing is the clucking chicken in a cage in the overhead rack. Screaming babies fill that role nicely. Some of the people smell and about a fourth of them wear sandals. That's not bad in itself, but (as I said, some of them don't wash) I really dislike it when the bozo in the seat behind me sticks his bare foot between back of my seat and the adjacent one and props it on my armrest. I've had rude people bump me or hit me with bags or elbows as they pass down the aisle and never excuse themselves. They have dropped things on me from overhead and acted as if it was my fault for being there. Then there was the guy who thought I was way out of line because I stopped him from putting his wheellie luggage carrier on top of my suitcoat in the bin. All that was needed was to move the coat but he didn't see it that way. Add to all of this the fact that you have two toilets for 180 people and the flight attendants fill the aisles with their carts. They really don't want you getting up and moving around.

Let's return to smoking. There is no way to have smoking and nonsmoking sections on an airplane. The cabin is closed and pressurized. They recirculate most of the air, mixing only a tiny percent of fresh air from outside. This is done to save fuel. (The temperature outside an airliner at 37,000 feet is about -50 degrees F. That air has to be warmed by the engines before entering the cabin and that uses fuel.) So, smoke is effectively transported to all parts of the cabin. So are viruses for colds. (The flight deck has a separate air system and they have much fresher air.)

Is alcohol involved in air rage? Sure, in some cases. Should they try to restrict it in-flight? In some cases. I'd like to see the FAA make a clear policy that flight attendants have the power to cut anyone off when they think the person has had (or is about to have) too much. By why punish those who behave and want it? (By the way, it is NOT a good idea to drink alcohol or caffiene in flight. It dehydrates you.)

Gee, do I sound like I'm working up a case of air rage right now? I almost am. I was subjected to this nonsense at least

once per month and sometime two or three times for all those years. Now, most of you are probably thinking that no matter how bad it gets, it's only a few hours. That depends on where you fly. I did a lot of transcontinental stuff: 4.5 hours Seattle to New York and almost 6 hours back (against the wind). Then there is the overseas stuff. Try 14 hours in the air LA to Sydney or 13 from London to Johannesburg. It used to take me 27 total elapsed hours to go door to door from my home in Seattle to my friends' home in Berlin. That's a long time to be under these kinds of conditions.

While I believe that everyone bears personal responsibility for his or her actions, I also believe that we can improve this system so that people with a lesser degree of self-control are not as tempted to "lose it." The airlines and the FAA have to step up to their respective responsibilities to accomplish this. I won't hold my breath.

Tom

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Fotograf I didnt mean to inply that it is only smoking but I wanted to get something down before I had to run to work. You are right I too think its a combination of alot of different things that is causing "air rage".  
Number 2 in my book is the lateness of most flights or the cancelation of them.

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"We are the people your parents warned you about"  
J. Buffett

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How about making an announcement just after the plane gets off saying "Any passanger that becomes enraged during the flight will be asked to leave the air plane"  
lol

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What about a good supply of duct tape and just to strap a crazy passenger to a chair?

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Tom you bring up another good point about flight delays - as those indeed cause rage.

While it is true that air is recirculated, there is still the ability - and I'm talking the jumbo jets where they have actual lounges inside - to have a smoking area with special intake air filters. (These jumbos are more overseas flight related.) This would not work for most flights or planes.

Overcrowding is to me the biggest factor for so much of the rage situation. Overbooked flights - and as you noted rude passengers. I've had that just once where parents had a very unruly child and they did NOTHING about it. I finally became angry enough to turn around and tell the kid that the next time he hit the back of my head I was going to give him a spanking. The mother got quite hostile, and I told her if she couldn't control her child maybe I should hit her on the head with the magazine and see how SHE liked it. It shut her up and we had no further problem the rest of the flight.

Carry ons ARE a problem - especially on return flights from vacations. Way too many people buy these LARGE items that they don't trust to baggage handlers, and are still too big to be carried on - let alone put in an overhead.

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I hate flying. I loathe flying. I detest flying. (Plus I always get a sinus infection when I fly, thanks to the recirculated air. Fly Vector Airlines!). Anyway, frankly, the only way I \*can\* fly reasonably relaxed is to drink heavily before and during the flight! So, thanks, Dianne. I didn't vote for you anyway! (And I'm a Democrat.)

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I drive whenever I can. I just crank up the ole stereo, light one of my Camels, and put the peddle to the metal.

This coming from a guy that holds a private pilots license. The airlines have become a cattle call and I will not give them my money unless there is an emergency.

Does anyone else think that going through an airport terminal is like being searched by the Nazi SS ? I do, it reminds me of the old WW II movies like the Great Escape.

“Papers Please”

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If you think the security is intrusive here, you should see Europe. I've seen roving pairs of military men in several European airports and train stations. They dress in combat fatigues and boots. They both have sidearms, one has a vicious-looking dog on a leash and the other carries an M16 at the ready. They walk up and down the lines, giving each passenger the evil eye. (They are actually using a profile to evaluate each person's likelihood of being a problem.) On many flights, each passenger must submit to a "magic wand" search of his or her person and some of them are taken aside to undergo further searching which can include removal of various items of clothing.

In this sense, the terrorists have won a victory. Their activities and threats have permanently injected these methods and delays into systems around the world.

On smoking in jumbo jets: Cherry, while I'm not an engineering expert, I don't think it's possible to set up a separate air filtration zone that would prevent smoke from getting into the rest of the plane. They can set up a separate zone in which the inside air is freshened by exchange with outside air more frequently. This is what the flight deck has. I am positive that no airline would do this for smoking because of three kinds of cost. One cost is obvious: the equipment modification. The second is increased fuel cost as I mentioned in my previous post. The third cost is a loss of high revenue-producing seat space. Even though the 747 originally had a lounge on its upper deck, I have not been in one configured that way in 20 years. They use that space for more seating because they can get more money. Many airlines put their business class seating up there.

Tom

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