you were probably raising the insurance rates for everybody. therefore, you were actually (or actuarially, at least) doing tangible, economically measurable harm to others.

thus, the mandatory seatbelt law. thus, the smoker left with no place to smoke. thus, the sin taxes -- pay in advance for your eventual cirrhosis.

if aids were confined to the homosexual population the country would just let them all die off. but since it may not be, don't be surprised to see the nisei internment camps extended to gays.

i'm sure the technology already exists to detect whether you are brushing your teeth regularly and correctly. if not, why should i or my employer pay your periodontist for you? and if you get robbed or raped by someone who's just read a book of my poems, why shouldn't you be able to sue me for damages?

what's frightening is that i find that all but a few of my students, even the brightest of them, see nothing wrong with the above. they are comfortable with a world as projected and protected by the statisticians, politicians, criminologists, a.m.a., and the radical leaders of these and other pseudo-liberal reforms.

but maybe they're right. god (read: b.f. skinner) knows how much of an impediment to our blandest of new worlds might prove even so pitiful a reactionary remonstrance

as this poem.

I'VE HAD MY UPS AND DOWNS WITH WOMEN

usually i knock them up and they knock me down.