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30-Second Toilet Flush Pause Recommendation in AB

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Here in section 1 of Bear 2 housing at Utah State Correctional Facility in the world famous SOLID program, the resource-usage, especially of toilet paper, water, and ice, is very wasteful in the culture. Not that everyone is wasteful, but the culture momentum is just fine with waste, using these resources as if there's no cost and ^{as if} that they are unlimited. I've tried to call it out but have been snuffed in all my attempts, as if I'm a pariah.

You'll see inmates taking a roll of TP, and scroll out ³⁻ five ~~arm~~ full arms lengths of TP to dry a spoon or bowl they just washed. ~~I~~ ^{right away,} air dry mine, and if I need to dry it, I can do it with three squares.

They generally have no appreciation for how much energy it takes to make ice ^{or TP & water} and use or waste it with no thought. They'll dump out 2-4 gallons worth of ice from the bottom of the ice chest so they can refill the chest from the ice machine.

And they ~~use~~ do a "cowtesy flush" to prevent smell from emanating, or to block out the sounds associated with going defecating. A little bit of that is understandable, but a few inmates get massively excessive, flushing, flushing, flushing

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over and over (more than 1/sec) — over a hundred gallons of wasted water in one session.

The thing is, the officers don't seem to care. They also seem to have adopted the attitude that those resources are limitless and without cost.

These attitudes bespeak a society on the brink of collapse. Such disregard is despicable and even evil. (dereliction) (I didn't say that to them.)

When I tried to make a case for this when I was giving a seminar on "Surpassing Prison Culture", I was immediately shut down.

About a month ago, I met with OMR (officer leadership) about the toilet flush issue, suggesting they activate the timer on the toilets to have a 30 second block until it can be flushed again. (The toilet electronics have that capability.)

In composing a brief written statement with this recommendation, which I handed them at OMR, I grew curious to see if there might be relevance on AB on this in the number 30. Here's NT def.

- α30 ἀγγεῖον ἀγγεῖον (a part, as bent); a receptacle: vessel.

That is very relevant to a modern toilet.

I see this relevance being for the purpose of highlighting the issues I raise here of wasteful disregard that bespeaks societal dereliction of care for natural resources.