

EXPANDED ANSWER 45: LEGAL SYSTEM.

Legal systems of the free world are generally based upon some combination of the principles of common law, with judges ruling on the basis of precedence, or civil law (such as Napoleonic), based on strict statutes. In the US, common law is heavily supplemented by civil codes with an enormous array of statutes, rules, and regulations.

The entire existing legal system should be reviewed and revised (or rebuilt from scratch) to reflect the needs of the community. In order to become more “common law” in nature, it should be simple, clear, fair, reasonable, concise, appropriate, and afford all citizens equal protections and access. The existing body of law throughout the world can be tapped for good examples, but there is no requirement that we follow any established system. We have a clean slate and should take advantage of the enormous flexibility that it grants us. Laws for the benefit of special interests are common in the US and PR but will not be tolerated in Vieques.