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History's Backfire

- "I'm in rather an awkward spot," observed a genealogist to a friend.
- "A woman employed me to trace her family tree, and I have to tell her that one of her relatives was sent to the electric chair in America."
- "Well," replied his friend, "just tell her that he occupied the chair of applied electricity at one of America's public institutions."

Real Strength

"The strength of a democracy is in proportion to its degree of real information on the real questions that it has to decide." - Lord Halsbury, talking in B.B.C. Programme.