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What is A Democracy? What Does it Mean?

This is information that all free Americans should know and be familiar with. This is important. Please read it!

~ by AWD

The dictionary doesn't take into account the history of the United States of America when defining the word democracy. There is a difference between a Democracy and a Constitutional Republic. The word democracy is a misnomer when it is used to describe America. Ignorance about this word is enormous, therefore, it is a word that can be and is used to manipulate and influence the masses. The truth is that Democracy doesn't work, and it never has worked and will never work as a successful lasting form of government. However, Democracy is a word used for deception and deceit by many politicians. For centuries Democracies have popped up, and if they survived the first few years, they ended up a socialistic state and were usually taken over by some fascistic despot such as Mussolini in Italy or Hitler in Germany, each claiming that the whole was much more important than the individual. Their exception to this rule was, of course, that if the individuals were themselves it was different.

When the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights were written by our founding fathers they never intended America to be a democracy. The intentions of these great men have been deserted, abandoned, and neglected, by the majority of the current men and women serving in our Congress, not to mention the White House or the Courts. If we don't rise up and hold these deceitful people to their oaths

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Who Are These Kooks?

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According to the Associated Press, "Republican presidential hopeful Ron Paul's supporters raised over six million dollars Sunday to boost the ten-term congressman's campaign for the White House."

The AP report also said, "The [Paul] campaign's previous fundraiser brought in four point two million dollars."

According to the Paul campaign website, "In a 24-hour period on December 16, the campaign raised \$6.026 million dollars, surpassing the one-day record of \$5.7 million held by John Kerry.

"During the day, over 58,000 people contributed to Dr. Paul's campaign, including 24,940 first-time donors. Over 118,000 Americans have donated to the campaign in the fourth quarter.

"The \$6 million one-day total means the campaign has raised over \$18 million this quarter, far exceeding its goal of \$12 million."

Now, if one listens to most of the political pundits in the major media, Ron Paul is some kind of "kook" and his supporters are also a bunch of "kooks." So, the question must be asked, Just who are these kooks that are supporting him, and why are they giving Ron Paul all this money?

First, let's take a look at this "kook" who is receiving all this money. Ron Paul was born the third son of Howard and Margaret Paul, and was brought up with a work ethic in which one worked six days a week and went to church on Sunday. His first job was at age five helping his uncle wash bottles. He worked all the way through his youth mowing lawns, delivering newspapers, working in a drug store, delivering

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of office, we will lose our country, thereby, wasting thousands of gallons of shed blood that gave us what liberty remains. Should our founding fathers be resurrected and return today, they would be revolted and would probably lead a siege on Washington that would dwarf the one during the war of 1812.

Thomas Jefferson is credited with being the founder of the Democratic Party. Not true. The Democratic-Republican Party, also known as the Republican Party (not related to the present-day Republican Party), was founded by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison in 1792. It became the dominant political party until the 1820s, when it split into competing factions, one of which became the modern-day Democratic Party. Its members identified the party as the Republicans, Jeffersonians, Democrats or combinations of these (such as Jeffersonian Republicans).

In America we are not a democracy. Below are some quotes about democracy from a few of our founding fathers.

"Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch."

Benjamin Franklin, 1759

"Remember democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." *John Adams in a letter to John Taylor, 15 April 1814*

Though a republican government is slow to move, yet when once in motion, its momentum becomes irresistible.

Thomas Jefferson (not talking about the party)

"Democracy. . . ." as originally defined in the 1928 US Army Training Manual.

"A government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any form of 'direct' expression. Results are MOBOCRACY. Attitude toward property is "COMMUNISTIC – NEGATING PROPERTY RIGHTS." Attitude toward law is the will of the majority shall

regulate, whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse, without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagoguism, license, agitation, discount, anarchy." (*Note: Definition was written prior June 1933.*)

"Democracy is a form of government that cannot long survive, for as soon as the people learn that they have a voice in the fiscal policies of the government, they will move to vote for themselves all the money in the treasury and bankrupt the nation."

The communist Manifesto, Karl Marx, 1848

Wikipedia online encyclopedia defines democracy: In political theory, Democracy describes a small number of related forms of government and also a political philosophy. A common feature of democracy as currently understood and practiced is competitive elections. Competitive elections are usually seen to require freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and **some degree of rule of law**. Civilian control of the military is often seen as necessary to prevent military dictatorship and interference with political affairs. In some countries, democracy is based on the philosophical principle of equal rights.

Majority rule is a major principle of democracy, though many democratic systems do not adhere to this strictly - representative democracy is more common than direct democracy, and minority rights are often protected from what is sometimes called "the tyranny of the majority." Popular sovereignty is common but not universal motivating philosophy for establishing a democracy.

No universally accepted definition of 'democracy' exists, especially with regard to the elements in a society which are required for it.

I have added emphasis to the 'rule of law' in the first paragraph, and the first part of the last paragraph where the definition itself admits that no universally accepted definition of 'democracy' exists. The word democracy is deceptive, and can mean many things, therefore, caution should be used when hearing or seeing the word used by

anyone. It has a broad definition which could be defined by many and in many different ways.

On the other side of the equation, the more honest and simplistic side, Wikipedia online encyclopedia defines Constitutional Republic.

A Constitutional Republic is: a state where the head of state and other officials are elected as representatives of the people, and must govern according to ***existing constitutional law*** that limits the government's power over citizens. In a Constitutional Republic, executive, legislative, and judicial powers are separated into distinct branches and the will of the majority of the population is tempered by protections for individual rights so that no individual or group has absolute power. The fact that a constitution exists that limits the government's power makes the state constitutional. That the head(s) of state and other officials are chosen by election, rather than inheriting their positions, and that their decisions are subject to judicial review makes a state republican.

Again, I have added emphasis to the words constitutional law. The difference between Democracy (which many people erroneously believe that America is) and Constitutional Republic (which in all reality defines the government of The United States of America) is law. Law is the means to define the difference between right and wrong or between lawful and unlawful, and to protect the individual from popular opinion.

The Constitution and the Bill of Rights was never intended to govern the People. The Constitution was established to define the Government and to limit those within the Government—to protect us ‘we the people’ from anyone especially those within all governments which include federal, state, county, city and township. These documents guarantee all of us, particularly American Citizens, protection and rights. It defines itself the government and how it is to perform. Each and every member of our governments are required to swear or declare an oath of affirmation to uphold and support the Constitution of the United States of America. Without their oath there is no jurisdiction, therefore, no authority.

We the people in 49 of the 50 states are limited by common law. (Louisiana is different.) According to Merriam-Webster online dictionary common law is: **Common law (14th century): the body of law developed in England primarily from judicial decisions based on custom and precedent, unwritten in statute or code, and constituting the basis of the English legal system and of the system in all of the United States except Louisiana.**

Because of precedent, Common Law derives much of its foundation from Mosaic Law which comes directly from God through Moses and to us through the Bible. Biblical precedent is unarguably the bottom-line of precedent. The Ten Commandments were the first totally just law ever written, and they were written by the Hand of God in tablets of stone. Before this time, there was only the law of Kings and power. The strongest arm prevailed. There was no such thing as property rights or rights period, unless you had the strength to prevail. There was no such thing as law to defend or protect you. Now in America we have Common Law. You are free as long as you don't violate a common law such as kill someone, or steal their property, or sleep with their spouse. In America, you can become anything you want. You can be a pilot, a surgeon, a cowboy, or a politician. You are expected to respect your neighbor, your neighbor's property and to be civil. The two laws that Jesus Christ proclaimed to be the most important is to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' And second is to 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Jesus declared that all the Law hang on these two commandments.

The problem we have in America is that there are those who want to rule, control, and they will do anything to achieve their goals. Presently many of these individuals ignore and/or controvert common law and the Constitution for their own selfish self-centered purposes.

The Constitution of the United States remains. The line drawn between right and wrong by common law remains. This fact is a major frustration to those who want to live outside of

justice, and those who want to pervert justice for their own advantage. Why would anyone want to limit God and His provision for America, if not for his or her own selfish advantage?

Is it any wonder that our Constitutional Republic is falling apart? More and more Americans have come to the conclusion that Creation is naught. This new belief system which is a religion, is one where everyone has evolved from somewhere and somehow with little explanation. There is absolutely no scientific fact to back up this newfound faith. It is much easier to do as they please when there is no right or wrong to guide their way. Truth is much easier for them to manipulate when there is no authority over their own arrogant desires.

This is only one of the very reasons that a few are trying to hoodwink the majority into believing them. For this reason, we have a continuing spiritual war that is being fought between good and evil, between God and Satan.

The motivation for the few who purpose action to eliminate our Second Amendment rights to bear Arms is another motivation that is very suspect. If and when we lose the right to own firearms (I pray never) it will offer a distinct advantage to whatever despot that comes along. An armed coup will hardly be necessary because the American people will have lost their ability to protect themselves.

Are we so ignorant that when we lose control of our economy (which we almost have) we will blame everyone except ourselves? We have law in America. Shouldn't we apply it? Shouldn't the Congress be held accountable for their Constitutional responsibility? Shouldn't the President and the Courts be held accountable as

well?

The two major problems we have in America are: 1. There is a powerful minority who will go to any extreme to obtain and maintain power. 2. There is a growing majority in America that live in fear. Fear of nothing to eat, fear of nothing to wear, fear of terrorism, fear of the IRS, fear of Pitt Bulls, fear of cold, fear of hot, fear of death, fear of life, and the list goes on and on. Fear is the main problem. America has had to deal with powerful people for years and that will never change. But, we have to deal with the cancer of fear or fear will consume us.

Germany and Italy were nations filled with fear when they fell to the strong arm of the clever despots. The same fear can kill America. Are we so afraid that we can't examine our own situation and find a solution? Remember there is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear. This Biblical statement indicates the need for God because the Bible also tells us that God is Love.

Is it so hard to ask our government officials questions that might cause them to look badly? Are we afraid?

Remember the Constitution is still in effect, and it was created to protect us from our government. Those in government have all sworn to uphold and support the Constitution of the United States. But, we must, first of all, READ IT until we understand it. Then, second we must put away the fear that would prevent us from applying it.

Are we Americans or are we a bunch of whiny people weak and afraid, who may soon be subjects of some clever despot or a group of clever individuals?



A man who chooses between drinking a glass of milk and a glass of a solution of potassium cyanide does not choose between two beverages; he chooses between life and death. A society that chooses between capitalism and socialism does not choose between two social systems; it chooses between social cooperation and the disintegration of society. Socialism is not an alternative to capitalism; it is an alternative to any system under which men can live as human beings. ~Ludwig von Mises

furniture and laundry, etc.

In high school, Ron was a track star, winning state as a junior in the 220-yard dash and running 2nd in the 440. His time in the 100-yard dash was 9.8. That's pretty good. I was never able to break 10-flat in the 100. Although, I bet I could have beaten him in the 50-yard dash. He also wrestled in high school. Coincidentally, so did I. But here Ron leaves me: he was president of the student council and an honor student. I never accomplished that. I was just glad to get promoted to the next grade. Even as a senior statesman, Ron Paul keeps himself in terrific shape. Have you seen him lately? He still maintains a rigorous exercise regimen.

Ron's two brothers are both ministers, and he became a medical doctor. He graduated from Duke University School of Medicine. When the Cuban Missile Crisis arose, Ron became a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force. He also served in the Air National Guard.

As an OB/GYN physician, Dr. Paul has delivered more than 4,000 babies, and he and his wife, Carol, have been married for more than 50 years. They have 5 children, 18 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Ron Paul is currently in his tenth term as a Congressman from Texas.

As a Congressman, Ron Paul has never taken a government-paid junket. He is not accepting a government pension. He returns a portion of his office budget every year to the taxpayers. As a member of Congress, he has never voted a raise for himself. Do you know any other member of Congress that can make such a claim? Of course you don't because Ron Paul is truly one-of-a-kind.

Former President Ronald Reagan said this about Ron Paul, "Ron Paul is one of the outstanding leaders fighting for a stronger national defense. As a former Air Force officer, he knows well the needs of our armed forces, and he always puts them first. We need to keep him fighting for our country."

Perhaps this helps explain why many of the "kooks" supporting Ron Paul are active-duty military personnel. In fact, Ron Paul has received more campaign contributions from active-duty military personnel than any other Presidential candidate from either party.

But who are the other "kooks" supporting Ron Paul? What kind of people give more than \$18 million in a quarter-year to a Presidential candidate that is almost universally ignored by the mainstream press? What kind of people give record contributions to a Presidential candidate that is lampooned by his fellow Republican Presidential contenders?

For example, Mike Huckabee recently said he could support any of the other Republican Presidential contenders (including Rudy Giuliani) except Ron Paul. That means, Mike Huckabee would rather support a pro-abortion, pro-gay marriage, pro-gun control liberal such as Giuliani than support the pro-life, pro-traditional marriage, pro-Second Amendment candidacy of Ron Paul. Why is that?

Furthermore, why are the entire major media and establishment Republican machine either ignoring or lampooning a distinguished Air Force veteran, medical doctor, and ten-term Congressman? What is it about Ron Paul that the elite are so afraid of?

Here is something else to mention: While Ron Paul's contributions have exploded, Mike Huckabee is all but broke! How can that be? How can a political "front-runner" be out of money, while a man who "doesn't have a chance" is breaking fundraising records?

So, who are these "kooks" who are sending Ron Paul so much money? And just why are they sending him so much money? I will tell you who they are because I am one of them. They are rank-and-file, tax-paying citizens who are sick and tired of out-of-control federal spending and deficits. They have had it with an arrogant federal government that runs roughshod over both the

The prospect of being hanged concentrates a man's mind wonderfully. ~Samuel Johnson *Abba's Child* Pg147

Constitution and the liberties of the American people. They are people who have had enough of the IRS, the BATFE, and a thousand other federal agencies that have "erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance." (Declaration of Independence)

They are people who see through the phony, disingenuous federal politicians who only want to fleece the American citizenry for the purpose of building their own personal fortunes. They have had it with the Military-Industrial complex that desires to build international empires at the expense of the blood and sacrifice of the American people. They have had it with David Rockefeller and his Council on Foreign Relations. They have had it with the arrogance of George W. Bush and Nancy Pelosi.

They are sick and tired of paying outlandish taxes for a public education system that produces high school graduates who cannot read and write. They are sick and tired of working for 30 years to pay off a mortgage, only then to be forced to pay extortion money (a.k.a. property taxes) for the rest of their lives to the feudal state. They are sick and tired of the government telling them what they can and cannot do with their own property. They are sick and tired of watching people with food stamps buy T-bone steaks and expensive Nike tennis shoes while they are forced to buy fatty hamburger and cheap sneakers.

They are sick and tired of watching their manufacturing jobs go to China and India. They have had it with money-hungry businessmen who hire illegal Mexicans at slave labor wages. They have had it with labor unions promoting politicians who support NAFTA, CAFTA, and the FTAA. They are sick and tired of being bled dry at the gas pump.

They have had it with this phony "war on terrorism" that sends trillions of dollars to nations throughout the Middle East, but refuses to close

our own borders to illegal immigration. They have had it with the "war on drugs" and the "war on terror" being used as excuses to trample people's freedoms. They have it with Vicente Fox and Felipe Calderon. They have had it with Bush's North American Union. They have had it with Joel Osteen and Rick Warren. In short, they have just had it!

They also know that a vote for any other Presidential candidate is a vote for more of the same. Democrat or Republican: it is more of the same. Ron Paul, and Ron Paul alone, will bring a revolution of freedom and independence to America. Believe me, the Ron Paul revolution is bigger than Ron Paul. This is the beginning of a movement.

No matter what ultimately happens to Ron Paul's candidacy, the fight to return America to its roots of freedom and independence has started. The fire is lit. There is no putting it out. There will be other Ron Pauls, other campaigns, other spokesmen, other fundraising. The people supporting Ron Paul will not be silenced; they will not be ignored; they will not be intimidated. In truth, Ron Paul's campaign may just be the beginning of the end of the elitist, globalist, stranglehold over America.

As one who is also fed up with the globalist goons that dominate the two major parties, I join the Ron Paul revolution and vow to fight for the rest of my life for the freedom and independence of these United States. This means I will never again support a business-as-usual, millionaires-club, globalist toady from either party ever again! I will only support candidates who are fully committed to restoring constitutional government. If that makes me a kook, so be it.

~By Chuck Baldwin - *Vice Presidential nominee. Commentator and host of the Chuck Baldwin Live Radio Show. Founder and Pastor of Crossroad Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida. www.chuckbaldwinlive.com/*

Today there are more Marxists on the Harvard faculty than there are in Eastern Europe. ~George Will

Why? What's the Purpose?

This hunger and taste for garbage that seems to consume us is extremely annoying to me. It seems that we are force fed too much information about the immodest behavior of some promising starlet, or the poor choices of Major League Baseball players who make more money during one time at bat than many people will make during their entire lives. Or, of some poor, young person who murdered his girlfriend along with his unborn child. Why is it that we are fed this sewage until we have it running out of our ears? I couldn't tell you the name of the Marine, who was supposedly raped and is confirmed murdered along with her unborn child. Nor could I tell you the name of the Marine who supposedly murdered her, and has subsequently ran away to Mexico. It is sad for all involved, but hearing about it once or twice is enough. We don't need to know every tiny detail. We don't need to hear about it day and night for the next six months. These same things have been going on since Cain murdered his brother Able and before, why are we so consumed by the nasty little details? Isn't there enough pain in a day without being lambasted with so much arrogant hatred of one for another?

There are thousands of examples where tiny bits of love warm the hearts of millions. Acts of sacrifice in times of poverty that fill the empty bellies of children right here in America. There are politicians like Dr. Ron Paul who desire to serve out of love who are occasionally seen on National Television spreading the sweetness of truth that can set America free once again.

Get out of the sewer of the national newsroom and into your kitchen where a pot of brown beans could be boiling on your stovetop along with a pan of cornbread that could fill the room that wonderful aroma that causes the mouth to water. Turn all the electronic devices off and take a drive in the country. Find a horse to ride or a farm pond where you can catch a fish, then let-em-go. There are many good things to enjoy today. Take a few minutes and count your blessings. Don't forget to thank God from whom all blessing flow. ~AWD

Old Eddie

It happens every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun resembles a giant orange and is starting to dip into the blue ocean. Old Ed comes strolling along the beach to his favorite pier. Clutched in his bony hand is a bucket of shrimp.

Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. The glow of the sun is a golden bronze now. Everybody's gone except for a few joggers on the beach. Standing out on the end of the pier, Ed is alone with his thoughts.... and his bucket of shrimp.

Before long, however, he is no longer alone. Up in the sky a thousand white dots come screeching and squawking, winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier. Before long, dozens of seagulls have enveloped him, their wings fluttering and flapping wildly. Ed stands there tossing shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, "Thank you. Thank you."

In a few short minutes the bucket is empty. But Ed doesn't leave. He stands there lost in thought as though transported to another time and place. Invariably, one of the gulls lands on his sea-bleached, weather-beaten hat - an old military hat he's been wearing for years. When he finally turns around and begins to walk back toward the beach, a few of the birds hop along the pier with him until he gets to the stairs, and then they, too, fly away. And old Ed quietly makes his way down to the end of the beach and on home.

If you were sitting there on the pier with your fishing line in the water, Ed might seem like "a funny old duck," as my dad used to say. Or, "a guy that's a sandwich shy of a picnic," as my kids might say. To onlookers, he's just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding the seagulls with a bucket full of shrimp.

To the onlooker, rituals can look either very strange or very empty. They can seem altogether unimportant.... maybe even a lot of nonsense. Old folks often do strange things at least in the eyes of Boomers and Busters. Most of them would

probably write Old Ed off, down there in Florida.

That's too bad. They'd do well to know him better. His full name: Eddie Rickenbacker. He was a famous hero back in World War II. On one of his flying missions across the Pacific, he and his seven-member crew went down. Miraculously, all of the men survived, crawled out of their plane, and climbed into a life raft. Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun. They fought sharks. Most of all, they fought hunger. By the eighth day their rations ran out. No food. No water. They were hundreds of miles from land and no one knew where they were. They needed a miracle. That afternoon they had a simple devotional service and prayed for a miracle. They tried to nap.

Eddie leaned back and pulled his military cap over his nose. Time dragged. All he could hear was the slap of the waves against the raft. Suddenly, Eddie felt something land on the top of his cap.

It was a seagull! Old Ed would later describe how he sat perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the gull, he managed to grab it and wring its neck. He tore the feathers off, and he and his starving crew made a meal - a very slight meal for eight men - of it. Then they used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait.... and the cycle continued. With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued. (after 24 days at sea...)

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot the sacrifice of that first lifesaving seagull. And he never stopped saying, "Thank you." That's why almost every Friday night he would walk to the

end of the pier with a bucket full of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude. (Max Lucado, In The Eye of the Storm,)

There is no doubt that it was God's Grace that saved Eddie and his crew more than 60 years ago, a great reason to be thankful. For those who have had a similar experience know all too well that there is nothing comparable to God's Grace. This is especially true when Salvation is concerned. There are just some things that a man can't do by himself, and one of them is to save himself.

AROUND THE FARM

By Twister Doudney Horse

The Boss is a pretty good guy, and when I joined up with him I thought it was going to be 50/50. Well I was wrong—it's more like 95/5, and you guessed it—I'm the five. But, as it turns out the Boss is better than most and his 95% hasn't been too hard. I have tried to show him up, but it hasn't worked for me. I have balked a good bit, and I've bucked a little at times and each time the Boss prevailed. I even walked into the stock tank with him onboard and to my surprise it was well over my head. I didn't know I could—but I can swim, and the Boss stayed in the saddle which made it harder for me. I don't think I'll try that again. It would have been funny if I hadn't been the one having to keep my head above water. I remember him saying as the water covered him to the waist, "Good Grief Twister, what are you trying to do?" Then him asking me, "What are you going to do now Mister?" as I turned around in the middle of my swim. I climbed up the bank and out of the water only to have to carry the Boss a couple more miles around the place, I guess he had to show me who was boss.

Well life is interesting on the place. Connie had I have a lot of fun together. You enjoy the sweet grasses while its green and run as often as you can. ~Twister

Socialism [modern liberalism] is not the pioneer of a better and finer world, but the spoiler of what thousands of years of civilization have created. It does not build; it destroys. For destruction is the essence of it. It produces nothing, it only consumes what the social order based on private ownership of the means of production has created. ~Ludwig von Mises
