

FUNDAMENTALS OF GOVERNMENT

The only rights that government has come from the people. Most historians would agree that the most sacred document in the United States is the Declaration of Independence. According to that venerable paper, our rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness come from our Creator, not the government. These are inalienable rights and governments, which were instituted to protect those rights, derive their powers from the consent of the governed. Whenever governments exceed those rights, they must be altered or abolished. It can therefore be concluded that government can have no power that the people do not possess.

A citizen does not have the right to take property from one group or individual and give it to another. According to Frederic Bastiat in *"The Law"*, this would constitute legalized plunder. Any citizen attempting such immoral and criminal behavior would be arrested and likely go to jail. If an individual cannot do this deed then the government cannot.

Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely, according to Lord Acton. Our founding fathers gave us a constitutional Republic with checks and balances. Jefferson said, *"In questions of power, then, let no more be said of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the constitution"*. Cicero said of politicians, *"that they would seek to curry favor with the masses by bribing them with other peoples property"*. Our founding fathers knew the history of governments and through much deliberation gave us a limited constitutional republic. It is our duty to keep it limited by communication through our elected officials.

It is a violation of natural law for government to take property for mass distribution. Thomas Jefferson believed that the charity in this nation was more than adequate when good causes were presented.

We must not allow ourselves to be fooled by smooth talking politicians. Government can never do anything as efficiently as private enterprise. Through out history, governments have never created wealth but have only destroyed it. In the United States our deficit is approaching nine trillion dollars. If you were to stack a million dollars in one thousand dollar bills the stack would be four inches high. A trillion dollars worth of one thousand dollar bills would be sixty-seven miles high. This of course

was done for the common good, which is a communist concept and is actually very bad.

Remember, any government that has the power to provide everything you need, also has the power to take everything you have. Every elected Federal, state, county and city official in our country has sworn an oath to uphold the constitution. Please read your constitution and find out just how honorable your elected officials are. It is our duty to hold our elected officials accountable and we, as citizens will be held accountable for what we do. Thomas Jefferson said, *“Anyone who desires to be ignorant and free desires what never was and never will be”*.

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