

# “We Won” Is Not an Excuse for Tyranny

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*“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.”*

—Robert Frost

In the 18th century, Americans decided to take the other road. While most of the nations of the world chose to continue on various roads to oppression—roads that led to socialism, fascism, Marxism, dictatorship, and other forms of tyranny, the American people chose individual human freedom.

Now, America has retraced her steps to that fateful intersection. Now, she is poised to travel the road of slavery and tyranny. Now, those who still understand her greatness must prevent this. They must turn America back to the road of freedom.

Standing upon the shoulders of thousands of years of human experience and upon the inherent character of man that had emerged in the unique freedom of a new continent, the Founding Fathers of the United States built a government based upon the truth that individual human beings have certain unalienable rights that are derived from their Creator and that these rights transcend any and all powers of government. Their Declaration of Independence states:

*“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”*

These men knew that government tyranny was an ever-present threat to those unalienable rights, so they carefully elaborated further upon the rights of man and created a government that, they hoped, would be protective of those rights. This was done with the U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights. Nowhere in these founding documents does the word “democracy” appear. They created a republic.

This omission was not inadvertent. These men knew that unbridled democracy leads to tyranny. Edmund Randolph, Elbridge Gerry, Samuel Adams, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison are remembered for specific statements warning against “democracy,” and Thomas Jefferson and many of his illustrious successors made very clear in their speeches and writings that the United States is a republic—not a democracy.

Madison, for example, wrote that, “...democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security, or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths,” while Jefferson sought to “bind men down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.”

Hamilton wrote, “We are a Republican Government. Real liberty is never found in despotism or in the extremes of democracy.”

Samuel Adams wrote, “Remember, Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself! There never was a democracy that did not commit suicide.”

The United States Constitution set the unalienable rights of individual men above the rights of collective groups of men and created a system intended to protect those rights from the government itself. The government these men established is a

Republic. It is not a “democracy.” The government of the United States derives its sole legitimacy from its contract with the individual men and women of the United States as written in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. While even these agreements were compromises and have been weakened somewhat by subsequent amendments, they are the basis for our government.

While the Constitution, as written and later amended, specifies that U.S. citizens shall elect representatives to their government by democratic vote, it requires that those representatives conduct themselves under the rules of the Constitution. Democratic vote does not, in any way, release the government from the limitations upon its actions that are written in the Constitutional contract.

Yet, we are now seeing extensive, arrogant, and blatant abrogation of that contract by some of these elected representatives.

Both Barack Obama and his press secretary have actually responded to questions about the rightness and Constitutionality of certain actions they are taking with the simple—in your face, I will not discuss it further—words, “We won!” They consider themselves all powerful because Mr. Obama received 53% of the vote in a national election and because his Democrat party received majority votes in the majority of the Congressional elections. They claim that, therefore, they can do anything they wish to the American people.

This is unbridled democratic tyranny—a system of government that has never been agreed to by the people of the United States. Barack Obama and his Congressional retainers have claimed for themselves the spoils of “democracy.” They have rejected the constraints of the American Republic.

America is not populated by a collectivist anthill of groveling subjects who must do anything specified by those receiving a majority vote of the ants. It is populated by individual men and women with individual rights given to them by their Creator—not by their government—and guaranteed by their governmental contract.

The arrogant disregard of the unalienable rights of the American people by the Obama government is unprecedented in the United States. Their vast seizure of wealth and power has been justified by Obama with just two words, “We won!” Since Obama and his retainers have rejected the Republic, their majority vote itself is becoming illegitimate.

Yet, most Americans have watched these actions for seven months without comprehending their implications. This situation far transcends the specific actions that Obama has taken so far. These actions establish precedent. If they are unchallenged—if they are not reversed, then America has accepted totalitarian government, which was rejected by its Founding Fathers and banned from American shores by the American Revolution.

This tyranny must be stopped—soon—by peaceful means! The alternative is chilling! The Declaration of Independence goes on to say, “*That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it.*”

The necessary exercise of this further right of the people by force in the 1700s resulted in much suffering and death. Its exercise today, with modern technology, would be far, far worse.

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