

Protecting the Constitution

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I hope that as you read this article you will keep in mind what has been happening in Congress - the so-called Stimulus package, as well as the efforts to silence talk radio hosts who are speaking out against the unconstitutional things the Left is doing now.

The Founding Fathers were aware when writing the Constitution that it would be tempting for future generations to drift back toward a tyrannical form of government. It was Thomas Jefferson who wrote, "If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of taking care of them, they must become happy."

Jefferson thought it immoral to pass on debts from one generation to the next, writing, "we shall all consider ourselves unauthorized to saddle posterity with our debts, and morally bound to pay them ourselves; and consequently within what may be deemed the period of a generation, or the life (expectancy) of the majority."

Samuel Adams believed the same, saying, "The Utopian schemes of leveling (redistribution of the wealth) and a community of goods (central ownership of the means of production and distribution), are as visionary and impractical as those which vest all property in the Crown. (These ideas) are arbitrary, despotic, and in our government, unconstitutional."

So how can the stimulus package, or any other make-work or pork barrel spending, be constitutional? The argument you will hear from the left is that the Constitution is a living document that must be re-interpreted to the times we live in.

But this attitude shows a disregard for the genius and foundation of our Constitution.

The Founding Fathers believed in Natural Law (inalienable rights), which says that our rights are given by God, not by our government. This is what made America a first of its kind. Until then, people believed that their rights came from their government.

The Founding Fathers believed that people had a right and a duty to overthrow any government that abused its power, and that the government should serve the people only so long as it respected Natural Law.

This is why the Declaration of Independence says, "When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separated and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to separation. - We hold

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

The Declaration of Independence is actually a very long document that includes many grievances against the Crown. It concludes, “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.”

The Founding Fathers used the writings of Cicero, a Roman political writer who lived from 106-43 B.C., as a resource. It was he who wrote about Natural Law, “...one eternal and unchangeable law will be valid for all nations and all times, and there will be one master and ruler, that is God, over us all, for he is the author of this law, its promulgator, and its enforcing judge...”

We as Americans are, for the most part, ignorant of what makes our Constitution and our country so special and so unique. It occurs to me that those who are fighting for the agenda of the liberal left are ignorant as well, or worse yet, they do understand it; perhaps that is why they are so eager to remove God from our country, because without the belief in God, the Constitution really has no power. Perhaps that explains why they want to destroy the family and the church, because it is those institutions that teach belief in God.

Samuel Adams wrote, “I thank God that I have lived to see my country independent and free. She may long enjoy her independence and freedom if she will. It depends on her virtue.”

John Adams wrote, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

So I would encourage my readers to get a copy of the book, *The 5000-Year Leap* (from which the quotes came), and a copy of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and study. If we don't understand them, how can we possibly remain free?

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