

Democracy vs. Republic

"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." - **James Madison**

"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." - **Karl Marx**

You pledge allegiance "*to the flag*" and "*to the Republic for which it stands*"? Can you imagine pledging to the "Democracy"? President William Jefferson Clinton swore an *oath* to uphold and defend our constitutional Republic yet keeps referring to America as a "Democracy". No doubt this is because he wasn't taught the *difference* under government-funded, outcome-based, public "education".

But the Founders *were* taught the difference and designed America as a constitutional Republic under the rule of written law, not a Democracy under the rule of public opinion and policy guidelines. As students of history, they knew that democracies *always* degenerate into favoritism, special interest groups, mob rule, and, ultimately, *tyranny* due to a majority of the uninformed public consistently and predictably voting to reelect those politicians who would guarantee them the greatest redistribution of wealth from the public trough.

A constitutional Republic, on the other hand, vigilantly guarded by an informed and enlightened electorate and represented not by politicians, but by statesmen who would tirelessly defend Liberty and Property, stands a fighting chance of not deteriorating into a Democracy.

Under the Constitution and its first Ten Amendments known collectively as the Bill of Rights which remain to this day the highest ruling law of the land, the Founders wrote down the restricted powers which "*We The People*" grant to government to guarantee the protection of our God given rights to Liberty, Freedom, and Justice.

Hallmarks of a Democracy

- "Mobocracy" rule according to the whims of majority public opinion.
- "Judicial Legislation": rulings from the bench in conformity with "social policy".

Hallmarks of a Constitutional Republic

- All laws are written laws.
- The lawful actions of government can arise from written authority only.
- The law must be written so that any Citizen of average intelligence can understand it
 - Otherwise, it must be held "void for vagueness".