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Subject: Re: Which Society do you pick?

Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 09:36:23 GMT

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Nukelt15 wrote on Sat, 30 January 2010 23:20Quote: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. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it...

This.

Quote:Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government...

Also this.

The more power you hand to a government, the more power it will ask for. No government in recorded history has ever voluntarily handed back to its people any power granted to it, even those which that government and nation's founding ideals should have forbidden. The more unwieldy a government becomes, the more resources it will require to sustain itself... and will grant itself broader powers to secure those resources (and no, I am not talking about oil. I mean manpower, taxes, freedom of speech and the restriction thereof, etc). Once taken away from the people, the only way those powers can be removed from the government again is through a popular revolt of some shape or form (hopefully nonviolent). Government will never voluntarily restrain itself beyond the dawning moments of its existence because it can never be guaranteed that every person serving that government who wields power will be as noble in his ideals as the first man to hold the same post.

That is why "the Man" is not your friend. If, and only if a government could be held accountable to the ideals which founded it, then it could be trusted. History has yet to record a single example of that happening; every known form of government experiences the same inevitable decay into excess and corruption. Some of them just haven't quite gotten bad enough to change yet.

libertarians always crack me up.

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