

In the last days of America's storied existence secularists gained control over the institutions that shaped the nation's values. Gradually, all ideas regardless of their origin were deemed co-equal. Rights were diminished to self definition and the segmenting of society around collective grievances became government's primary tool by which tyranny found its hold. Absolutes were ridiculed, relativism was elevated to prominence and lauded by elites. The relationship between liberty and faith was eroded, giving way to secularism. During this time a new band of patriots found footing and began the process of restoring the republic to its place of strength predicated on the inseparable link between liberty and faith. Welcome to iVoteAmerica.



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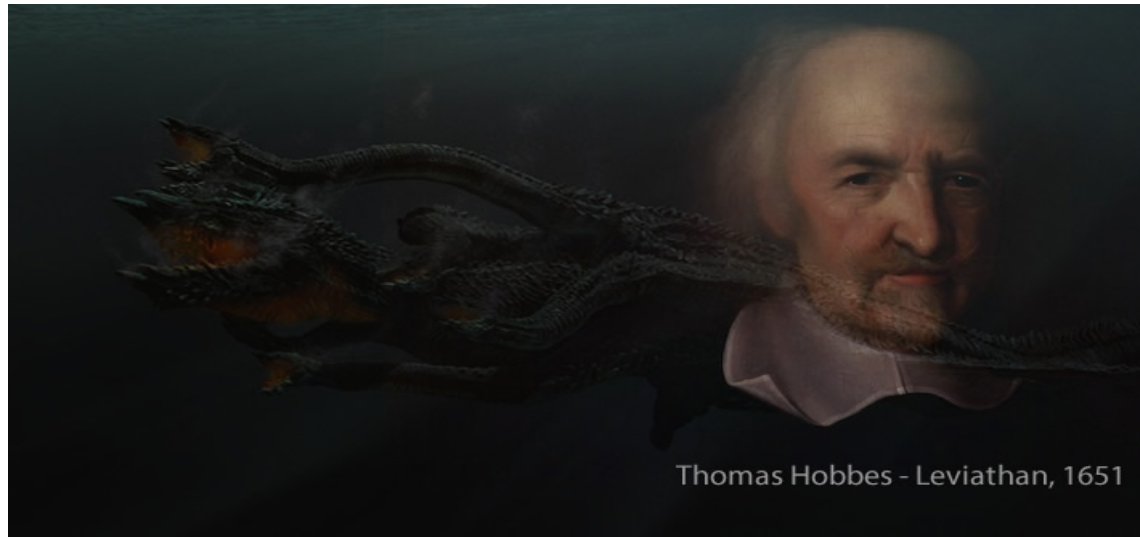
When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. 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, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

About Personal Liberty

Sovereignty and the Rule of Law



Thomas Hobbes - Leviathan, 1651

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Contrary to pop culture, personal liberty is not a license for the unrestrained and reckless exercise of individual and societal corruption.

Secular humanism, a paradigm where autonomous man is seated on the throne of a self-created universe, is incongruent with personal liberty.

Requisite to personal liberty is man's individual and collective commitment to the rule of law, a set of absolutes that hold society together and tyranny in check.

The sovereignty of man (personal liberty) and the rule of law are not incongruent, they are mutually exclusive truths held simultaneously.

Man is a sovereign individual, but he is not completely sovereign in a universe governed by physical and moral absolutes that collide

with his unrestrained passions.

When our grip upon the twin truths of personal liberty and the rule of law are abandoned, tyranny creeps in, followed by the breakdown of civil society; first slowly, then with accelerated erosion.

This breakdown results in inevitable erosion of the integrity of our institutions, especially the courts and legislative bodies.

In a society where man is the center of thought (humanism) everything becomes acceptable and all ideas of right and wrong are adjudged as co-equal.

We have seen in the flow of history how man ascends to his own throne. Truth is what a man, any man, says it is.

Each person becomes his own king, ruling and defining individual principles for life. This flows into

the larger society and tyranny steps in.

Within this humanistic model, reasoning is heralded as a defense of one's individual rights. Merely calling an act or a belief of our fellow citizens into question is summarily ridiculed. All is law! I am law! We are all law-makers unto ourselves!

Each person and the selected groups of persons (as defined and collated by this calculating and devious central government) is then allowed to claim "rights" and "privileges" unique to their self-created, imaginary cosmos.

Once again, tyranny is ushered in to sustain order and exorcise the culprit, our liberty.

We must remind ourselves that "Governments are instituted among Men" to secure liberty.

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US CONSTITUTION
Amendments 1, 2, 10

First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Second Amendment

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Tenth Amendment

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

