

## FEUDALISM ALL OVER AGAIN

We're living in an era where contemporary feudal societies program (as in TV program) citizens to be inert and ignorant towards the corruption of the Natural Democracy. Forty years ago, people considered public servants as honourable and accomplished individuals, serving the public interests. Today, I can't use the word politician and Democracy in the same sentence and remain consistent, because they are at odds, as defined by their literal meanings. Let's look at what "**Merriam-Webster**" has to say about politics and Democracy;

**politic** - 1: POLITICAL 2: characterized by shrewdness in managing, contriving, or dealing 3: sagacious in promoting a policy 4: shrewdly tactful

**politician** - 1: a person experienced in the art or science of government; esp.: one actively engaged in conducting the business of government 2: **a**: a person engaged in party politics as a profession **b**: a person primarily interested in political office from selfish or other narrow usu. short-run interests.

**democracy** - 1: **a**: government by the people; esp.: rule of the majority **b**: a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation usu. involving periodically held free elections 2: a political unit that has a democratic government 3 *cap*: the principles and policies of the Democratic party in the U.S. 4: the common people esp. when constituting the source of political authority 5: the absence of hereditary or arbitrary class distinctions or privileges.

**republic** - **1 a**: (1) : a government having a chief of state who is not a monarch and who in modern times is usu. a president (2) : a political unit (as a nation) having such a form of government **b** (1) : a government in which supreme power resides in a body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by elected officers and representatives responsible to them and governing according to law (2) : a political unit (as a nation) having such a form of government ... **2** : a body of persons freely engaged in a specified activity ...

I have underlined the dictionary definitions that form the contention that politicians should not be ruling the people. Lest we forget, they are **public servants**. The people should be ruled by The People. Political "selfish or other narrow usu. short-run interests" are not policies concerned with the best interests of "the common people esp. when constituting the source of political authority".

The terms 'democracy' and 'republic' have been distorted to help serve politicians in an effort to disguise the corruption of their selfish endeavors. In a 'natural democracy' or a 'natural republic', politicians would be banned from entering into government offices, based on the illegalities of their activity. Instead we need governments that are run by elected representatives, which have no history of illegal activity relating to gaining public office. In other words, anyone who has prior convictions for initiating or participating in

illegal activities for the purpose of becoming elected into, or remaining in public office, would be disqualified from running for any public office.

So, what can we, the citizens, do?

SIMPLE, just add one more choice on every public office election ballot

**X - NONE OF THE ABOVE** (thanks, j.a.w.\*)

The **NOTA** (None Of The Above) vote will help prevent the servants from becoming the masters.

Once we have such an option on election ballots for public offices, we regain several freedoms that have been hidden from us all along. But, what happens when the majority of voters choose the NONE OF THE ABOVE option?

The answer is to introduce a *truly non-partisan* system that has proven successful in many court systems:

#### RANDOM SELECTION OF ELIGIBLE CITIZENS

Sounds strange at first, but that's how we select our juries. At any time, citizens could receive a notice in the mail stating that they are to serve on a jury. That process is random and once selected, a citizen is asked, but not forced, to serve as a jury member for a trial. It's not impossible to get out of jury duty, but it is difficult, as you must show reasons why you cannot serve on a jury at the time. The same system can be used if NONE OF THE ABOVE receives the majority vote. We randomly select an eligible citizen and *appoint them* to the public office. If the selected person can show why he or she cannot take the appointment, then another selection would be made. The selected citizen would need no special qualifications, aside from qualifying as an eligible citizen for the selection process. That would mean, if you've been randomly selected for public office, then you have already qualified to become the appointed representative. Naturally, whoever is randomly selected will need training and guidance to help improve their discernment skills. Otherwise, the biggest part of the job is to make decisions that are good, sound, logical and just. Justice is the goal, truth is the way to the goal and truth resides in the consensus of educated people in as large a group as possible. The only difficult part would be determining who is qualified to contribute to the consensus in each particular decision.

You may have noticed I used the phrase *truly non-partisan* above. This is an important part of making NOTA work for all citizens. I am convinced that, as soon as you form a 'party' to 'compete' for public office, you create an entity that must, first and foremost, fight for its own survival and growth at any cost - including the best interests of the people they were meant to serve. That is how the directives of a partisan formed government become diverted to serve the best interests of rich individuals and huge corporations. Common sense tells me, THAT IS WRONG. The common citizens suffer as the corporations plunder greater amounts of loot every day saying, "Its just good business."

Business at any cost, is not the greatest priority of the citizens. If the public was asked what the top priority is, they likely would say something like 'sustainability' or 'save the environment' or 'health care' or 'education' or 'ending poverty' and the like. Politicians have no interest in issues like these unless it creates power or money for them.

Tell your MLA, MP, Premiere, Prime Minister and Elections Canada that you want to exercise your right to vote freely, which means allowing for a **NON OF THE ABOVE** vote on all ballots, in all elections to public office.

\*.j.a.w. - is for John Allen West - my good friend, a fine philosopher and perhaps the world's most ardent proponent of the NOTA vote. The NOTA vote is now a worldwide movement in several countries throughout the world. Just search the Internet using NOTA to see several examples of this approach to achieving greater freedom for all citizens.