

# Life Under A Constitutional Republic vs. Socialism

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My heart's desire is that I can here help people to better understand living in a Constitutional Republic vs. a Socialist Government, which some are strongly advocating. If I can't do that in an effective manner, it is not because of you. It is because of my poor ability to properly explain it. If you believe in Socialism or are not sure before reading this and still do after considering it, then I have failed, and apologize for wasting your time. It's a bit lengthy but please read it. It will take only a couple of minutes.



## A Republic, if you can keep it

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Most are aware of Ben Franklin's famous reply when asked as he emerged from the convention, what have you done in there? "We have given you a Republic, if you can keep it."

It is of utmost importance to here and now understand that Democracy is not found in any Founding Document. Socialist is not found in any founding Document, much less Socialist Democracy!!

Franklin's description of Democracy:

| Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for dinner.

Thomas Jefferson said,

| Democracies are dangerous because a Democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where fifty-one percent of the people may take away the rights of the other forty-nine.

Because of that understanding the United States was formed as a Republic.<sup>1</sup>

## What is socialism?

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Socialism is government regulation and control of all aspects of your personal life and businesses. Combining Democracy and Socialism is doubling up on the evils of both. So called "Democratic Socialism" would completely wipe away the Constitutional Republic we were given, and Individual Freedom with control over our own lives and businesses would be gone forever.

## A Constitutional Republic guarantees your freedom

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The United States was formed as a Republic by design, in order to substantially limit the government's power and to protect "natural individual rights." Your rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness are "natural" not government allowed. We formed our government, it did not form us.

Individual Freedom is your right or power to act, speak, or think as you want without hindrance or restraint in your "life" with complete "liberty" to "pursue your own happiness."

## Socialism does not

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Socialism or "Democratic Socialism" is the exact opposite of a Constitutional Republic. Your life, lived with the liberty to pursue your happiness unhindered and unrestrained, is not allowed in a Socialist government. The movement to destroy our Constitutional Republic and replace it with a Socialist government is led by those people who identify themselves as Democratic Socialists, Communists, Progressives, Liberals, and others. The most common in the United States presently are "Democratic Socialists" and "Progressives." No matter what the label, make no mistake, all are Socialism in some form and will eventually lead to complete control of the way we are allowed to live.

## People flee socialism and seek the protection of a Constitutional republic

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It is an undisputed fact that people are escaping Socialist countries by the tens of thousands from all over the world and legally coming to the United States for refuge and the freedom to pursue their dreams and happiness. Very few, if any, ever return to the country from whence they came. This isn't even considering the many thousands coming illegally. I have honestly tried with all my might, unsuccessfully, to understand why anyone whether in politics or just an everyday working American sitting at home reading this would think it okay to change our government to one like those people are escaping from.

Some time ago a Cuban Refugee who risked his life to come by a small boat to the U.S., was explaining to an American friend the horrific conditions he left behind. His friend said, man I am so lucky. The Cuban replied, "YOU'RE lucky, I had someplace to escape to."

## The chance from Constitutional Republic to socialism happens incrementally

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I hope all can understand, we won't go to bed one night in a Constitutional Republic and wake up the next morning in a Socialist State. It has never happened that way. It happens a little bite at a time. An apple is eaten one bite at a time until it is devoured.

## Current Socialist leaders got in by election

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The leaders of all Socialist nations who now control almost every aspect of the lives of their citizens were voted into office by the people, being promised everything will be free and equality for all, the poor sharing the good life of the rich. What actually happened the rich have wound up sharing in the misery of the poor. But all are now equal, equally poor. The only rich are those leading the Socialist government. You can vote your way into Socialism but you can't vote your way out. You can't vote your way out because the Socialist leaders won't give up their power. If they have to use the military to keep it, they do so.

## Constitutional Republic or socialism? The choice is coming up

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The people running for president of the United States on the Democrat Party ticket, and several reading this, (paraphrasing Ayn Rand) believe you have no right to exist for your own sake, that your life and your work do not belong to you, but belongs to society, that the only justification of your existence is your service to society, and that society may dispose of you in any way it pleases for the sake of whatever it deems to be its own collective good.

November 3, 2020 we will have a huge decision to make. Do we keep our Constitutional Republic with our Individual Freedom to control our own lives with the liberty to pursue our happiness or do we exchange it for a Socialist government controlling our lives, restricting our liberty and dictating what they deem to be our happiness?

## The choice is yours...

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We have a Republic, if we can keep it. The decision rests in our hands.

I hope you will share this all over the nation. STOPPING SOCIALISM IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE BEFORE US TODAY.

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## Editor's note

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1 The attribution to Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson of these two statements is in dispute.