

America: A Monarchy or a Republic? by Bill Murawski

This article is educational in nature and is meant as a primer to demonstrate how the public is divided by a number of issues such as abortion, gay rights, gun control, religion and fear.

Jon McNaughton's painting at the right presents a wonderful visual of the Who, What, Where, Why, When and How did America get itself into the mess it is in?

The "Who" part of the question is easy to answer. We the People are the "Who is responsible" because of the low turnouts in every election. Although McNaughton's painting may assist in providing clarity and the understanding of the answers to the remaining questions, perhaps We the People will no longer be the "Who is responsible?" after reading this article and passing it along to their family, friends and co-workers.

Comparison is a method that is successful demonstrating some type a factual proof of an event that happened in the past and therefore could happen again in the future. This article compares the Roman Empire to the United States, as the comparison is often made. The age-old adages to keep in mind when reading this article are "history repeats itself" and "the more things change the more they remain the same."

Just as Rome wasn't built in a day, the United States is still in its infancy in its 238th year of existence when compared to Rome's existence from 750 BC until 476 AD. There is still a long way to go before it falls, unless of course We the People allow it to do so, knowingly or not.

There are too many American citizens letting America and its freedoms slip away bit by little bit because of one reason or another. Many citizens who vote in Presidential Election do

The comparison of the United States to the Roman Empire also demonstrates how history can and does repeat itself. Representatives of We the People in the Executive and Legislative Branches learned how to cleverly use some of the same methodologies as was used by the Romans, such as controlling the public by distracting it with entertainment.

Instead of the Christians being slaughtered in the Coliseum by the lions, in current day society there are the sports of football, soccer, hockey and baseball used to keep us entertained and distracted. There is always "the excuse" for not voting on Election Day, which is always on the day following Monday Night Football!

Let us also not forget that one of the most successful military strategies of dividing and conquering the enemy has also become a familiar tactic cleverly devised by the politicians to divide public opinion with the use of words, followed by their conquering legislation.

Josef Goebbels was Hitler's Minister for Propaganda and is credited with the lines "The bigger the lie, the more people will believe it" and "Tell people the truth and they won't believe it." Goebbels was the master of verbal communication and propaganda. Based on personal experience with the political machine since 1995, and the interesting insights the gift of dyslexia provides, the words below are some that are used by the politicians in an attempt to convince us they are truly representatives of We the People.

Since the United States of America is built on the Rule of Law, and unless otherwise noted, all definitions of words within this article are taken from Black's Law Dictionary, which is the Holy Grail of the legal community when it comes



"Fine Artist and American Patriot Jon McNaughton put his brush to the canvas to open the eyes of those choosing to be blind to the elephant in the room, along with his counterpart the ass about what is going on in America as one of Mother Nature's birds of prey waits and watches"

- Bill Murawski

the family business. After all, isn't that the American Way? Following in the footsteps of the father or mother in the family business?



not vote in the follow-up and very important Midterm Congressional Elections.

In the 2004 Presidential Election 122 million persons voted while 81 million voted in the following 2006 midterm election, which is a decrease of almost 34%. The 2008 Presidential Election brought 125 million to the polls and the 2010 midterm election fell to 81 million voters, which is a decrease of 27%.

Since there are no accurate statistics regarding the total number of registered voters in the United States that could be found, and the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau reports there are were 234 million people 18 years of age and above at the time the census was reported, only 35% of the total population who are of voting age, voted in the 2010 midterm election.

There are many reasons why people do not vote and then there are the reasons they don't vote at the midterm election. When it comes to the Presidential Election most people vote the party line in which they are registered as they usually believe all of the ads and propaganda that is disseminated by all candidates running for the same office. Unfortunately, they are often swayed by the propaganda because you feel connected to the issue they are propagandizing. Perhaps fewer citizens vote in midterm elections because they do not know anything about the candidates who are running for office let alone knowing who represents them in Congress.

The effects of a lack of political involvement by its citizenry is devastating because by not voting, the members of Congress are given a FREE PASS to do as they please, either with or against the sitting President. The support or opposition to the President certainly depends upon how the political wind is blowing at the time and whether or not their support of the President will affect them in their next election to office.

to dictionaries.

When the Declaration of Independence was signed, it was the first time in the history of mankind that there would be a country that would not be ruled by a monarchy. The word MONARCHY is defined as "A government in which the supreme power is vested in a single person. Where a monarch is invested with absolute power, the monarchy is termed "despotic" where the supreme power is virtually in the laws, though the majesty of government and the administration are vested in a single person, it is a "limited" or "constitutional" monarchy. It is hereditary where the regal power descends immediately from the possessor to the next heir by blood, as in England."

It is crystal clear in Article I Section 9 of the Constitution that "No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State." Furthermore, Article I Section 10 of the Constitution states "No state shall . . . grant any Title of Nobility." Therefore, no one who holds elective office in any city, state or federal level of government are provided titles such as king, queen, prince or princess etc. However, the very last sentence of the definition of MONARCHY states "It is hereditary where the regal power descends immediately from the possessor to the next heir by blood, as in England" which begs the question, "How many persons from the same blood line serve as our "elected" representatives?"

There are the many relatives of Kennedys, Bushes, Gores, Romneys, Cuomos and now the Clintons to name but only a few, whose descendants or spouses have followed into the

With that said, it is therefore possible the United States of America is loaded with quasi royal families of all shapes and sizes so perhaps the Good Ole USA is a monarchy. ESPECIALLY if one is to believe the Google search results of the phrase "How many Presidents are related?" As it is a customary business practice not believing anything with a 100% certainty unless I see it with my own eyes and hear it with my own ears, and since I have not personally confirmed the research of connecting the Presidents as relatives, I will stick to the facts that are known and accepted by the public regarding the establishment of the United States as a Republic.

The definition of REPUBLIC is "A commonwealth; a form of government which derives all its powers directly or indirectly from the general body of citizens, and in which the executive power is lodged in officers chosen by and representing the people, and holding office for a limited period, or at most during good behavior or at the pleasure of the people, and in which the legislative power may be (and in modern republics is) entrusted to a representative assembly."

In the case of the United States, the Congress is the representative assembly. It is referred to as a bi-cameral assembly because it contains two levels of representative assembly. One is the United States Senate and the second is the House of Representatives.

Although the form of the government is that of a Republic, many believe it is instead a DEMOCRACY, which is "That form of government in which the sovereign power resides in and is exercised by the whole body of free citizens; as distinguished from a monarchy, aristocracy, or oligarchy. According to the theory of a pure democracy, every citizen should participate directly in the business of governing, and the leg-

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"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity"

- Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.