

“Where inequality reigns, there are as many distinct humanities as there are social categories.”

-Alexis de Tocqueville (1835-1840) *Democracy in America* and *L’Ancien Regime*.

Current and future citizens of America, are you prepared to be declared of the dis-enfranchised category?

At its outset, America was championed by its members as the refuge and reflection of equality for mankind. America represented the opportunity for mankind to socially excel beyond the confines of prejudices, biases, and inequality, eliminating racism, caste systems and other systems used to designate hierarchies useful in oppressing humans. This was in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, at America’s infancy and debut to the world; a time when the founders of America were considered ‘dis-enfranchised’ citizens of the nation of their origin. What has happened to that ideal? Why does America, when reading its own history, find itself implicated as a propounder of intra-human inequality within its own population?

The heck you say? Well consider how it may come to be that America supports denial of constitutional rights for its own citizens, and turns a blind eye and deaf ear to the cries of abuse from its citizens so affected by these denials. Ponder on how the letter of the Supreme Law of the land can be legally ignored in America. Or is it fact that the protections of the American Constitution are intended for only a fraction of the citizenry. How do you justify disenfranchisement of persons who pay tribute, via taxes, to exist in a land of equality, where others oppress the potentially disenfranchised?

In the concept of democracy, the people govern; governments must respond to abuses, or contradictions of the founding contracts of cooperation. Many social histories depict where governments become tyrannical and disregard the rights of those governed, citizen revolts eventually succeed in overthrowing and establishing more empathetic social structures. Because of America’s focus on incarcerating, suppressing, oppressing, and otherwise controlling the thoughts and actions of the underprivileged by force, instead of educating, encouraging and equipping them to participate in the peaceful growth and development of a system more beneficial to all, America may soon pass through the experience of previous cultural dominants. The experience of decay, and annihilation.

Such annihilation repeatedly occurs when larger portions of a social group are incarcerated or otherwise decried negligible. The practice, in America, of denying the citizens protections enumerated in the document of construction of the nation, though as subtle as the movement of a black ant crawling on a black rock during the midnight of a new moon on an unlit landscape, is as dangerous as consuming a large quantity of known quick-acting poison and believing yourself immune. The subterfuge of those that participate in these denials for the sake of profit, will cost this nation more than it is prepared to pay, and more than I (or any other citizen should) desire to see lost. Citizens and both appointed or elected officials need notice the ailment of the ethics involved in denying other citizens protections embedded in the American Constitution; and beware of declaring any person previously a citizen as disenfranchised or “no-longer” a citizen. What will you do when it is you that is being dis-enfranchised because of legal flaws and falsifications declared to be “harmless” violations of your rights, and you cannot pay nor negotiate re-enfranchisement?