

“Our Democracy”



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We hear a lot of talk these days about “Our Democracy” and threats to Our Democracy. The “threats” are usually posed by Republicans and people who are not mentally ill.

The United States Constitution, the law of the land, guarantees to each and every state a republican form of government. You could look it up (Constitution, Article IV, Section 4).

So where does “democracy” come in? The word does not appear in the Constitution.

Let me illustrate it for you.

The town—any town—has a local school district governed by a local board of education. As the years go by, the townspeople grow more and more discontented with their schools and find that they object to what’s being taught, who’s teaching it, how much it costs, and the batty “school officials” running the show.

So the people that year vote down the annual school budget; and it goes to the town council to make cuts: they sort of have to, given the public’s deep discontent.

The council cuts the budget for Gender Studies, White People Stink Studies, and Socialism Is Great! Studies.

Well! The teachers’ union members aren’t going to stand for

that, are they? They'll go on strike. So the school board *appeals* the cuts to the State Dept. of Education, which does what it always does—restores the money cut from the school budget. Presto! No budget cuts after all.

And so much for “democracy.”

Here's another example of “democracy” in action.

It's a presidential election year, and the incumbent, President Weezle, has become widely unpopular. Part of it is his disastrous public policies (“All children under 16 are now 16 years old,” etc. None of the others is any better). Part of it is his mental and physical fitness for the job. (He goes to bed at 8 p.m. and gets up at 4 p.m. the next day, then goes to the beach and plays horseshoes without a stake.) He hasn't got a prayer of being re-elected.

But he is the incumbent, and he's already won the Democrat primaries with millions of Party faithful voting to re-nominate him and tens of millions of dollars already donated to his campaign. It's a problem!

Once again, Our Democracy swings into action. First they have to pressure Weezle to step down. This is done behind the scenes: Democracy has a real gift for that. Then they have to plug in his vice-president to replace him... without a single vote being cast in public. Now you see him, now you don't—although technically **he's still president** until a new one can be inaugurated in January. He's out, she's in; and all those votes he got... don't count. That leaves us in some confusion as to who's running the country for the time being; but in Our Democracy we don't worry about that.

Are you getting it now? Are you beginning to see why our country's founders rejected “democracy” as a form of government?

Somehow we seem to have changed our form of government—without

a vote. In Our Democracy, everything is done in shadows and all we ever see is the results.

Remember that when they get around to erasing the Bill of Rights. It's an obstacle to Our Democracy and can be tolerated no more.

I have discussed these and other topics throughout the week on my blog, <http://leeduigon.com/> . Click the link and drop in for a visit... before Democracy says you can't. My articles can also be found at www.chalcedon.edu/ .

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