

Ros Poplar's Post



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Observations on Constitution Day 2022

We are a nation that has endured numerous trials, external wars, and a horrific Civil War. In spite of these challenges, as we approach 250 years, we remain a nation not without its flaws but rather a beacon of democracy that has inspired millions around the globe to seek independence from oppression and immigrants to travel to our shores seeking a better way of life.

When our Founding Fathers broke with the old-world, America truly was an experiment and history has shown that such experiments were tried on few occasions but previously failed. As George Washington stated, "The establishment of our new government seemed to be the last great experiment for promoting human happiness."

In creating this new construct of government our Founding Fathers determined that government is not an entity that solves the people's problems but rather they envisioned government as a system engineering machine enabling the people to solve their own problems. Thus, by design the machine was balanced on three main axes: Separation of Powers, Checks and Balances, and a Limited Government

This machine which is embodied in the United States Constitution marked the beginning of the end of the concept of the divine right of kings. In place of the absolutism of old-world monarchies the freedoms enshrined in this document created a land of opportunity and a new beginning for many who now call themselves Americans.

Having the people and not the government at the core of governance made America, the Great Experiment, truly exceptional but also uniquely vulnerable. How can an American truly be free if previous social constructs such as religion, race, cultural tradition, and ethnic roots were to continue to define a person's identity?

Given these challenges a new construct of society was born, that of a civil society where citizens were free to create a new sense of community and assume the responsibility to labor together and to solve their problems regardless of their diverse backgrounds.

In creating our democracy, the Founding Fathers were not perfect nor pretended to be, they were

neither gods not angels, but rather complex, prejudiced, yet visionary men who dared to create this great experiment in human governance at the risk of losing their lives and all possessions. They also knew that they were in a race against time because window of opportunity to launch such an endeavor rarely comes in history and quickly closes.

With the aid of Providence, they took a leap of faith and devised this experimental machine we now know as the United States of America with the hope that each future generation of Americans would use this system of governance to help them advance the human condition. We are by no means perfect, but we must continue to build upon the foundation that our Founding Fathers laid for us over two hundred years ago and continue to move forward and adjust course as required. May God Bless America!

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Thank you for taking the time to express this so well, [Ros](#).

As we look back in time from today we must remember a component you mentioned a few times...they were imperfect men.

We are ALL imperfect.

Our parents are/were imperfect, yet we still love them.

People need to embrace the goodness of what our Founders laid to bare for future generations.

They didn't have all the answers, but they knew their complete sacrifice would, over time, lead to a new land of Freedom and Liberty for ALL.

I appreciate and always anticipate your wisdom, Sir. 🙏🇺🇸

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As usual, well said Ros.

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Makes me wonder how many of our elected politicians have actually read this. Let's give them all polygraph tests.

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Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

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