

DEAR READER:

IT
HAS BEEN
SAID THAT ALL
OF US ARE SMARTER
THAN ANY OF US. I
BELIEVE THAT MUCH IS TRUE.
IT IS THE FOUNDATION OF DEMOCRACY.
THAT IS WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT: SELECTION
RATHER THAN ELECTION * * * * * GOVERNMENT BY
L O T T E R Y

* THE NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENTS *

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind require that we should declare the causes which impel us to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal, and that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed - That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to us shall seem most likely to effect our safety and happiness. Prudence indeed will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for the light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience has shown that citizens are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right ourselves by abolishing the forms to which we are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce us under despotism, it is the right, it is our duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for our future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of the People; and such is now the necessity which constrains us to alter our present system of government. WE, THEREFORE, the People of California, appeal to the Supreme Judge of the words for the rectitude of our intentions, solemnly publish and declare that the citizens have the right to be Free and Independent of political parties and corrupt politicians, and that all connections between the citizens and the present political system ought to be totally dissolved. To this end, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

CLARIFICATION

C. E. Merriam, in HISTORY OF AMERICAN POLITICAL THEORIES, wrote:

"...the idea of John Locke that a dissolution of government takes place not by any hostile act of the people but by the usurpations of those to whom authority has been delegated. It is the legislature or the executive acting contrary to the trust imposed in them that brings about the dissolution of government. Then and there arises the right of revolution whereby the people repossess themselves of their powers in order to delegate them into other hands. Locke thought that the right of revolution ought not to be exercised for light and transient causes, and that all changes should require the assent of a majority of the people....By the time of the American Revolution the theory of popular sovereignty embraced clearly the idea that the people have the right to alter their government. The right of revolution was identified with civil liberty, as 'a power existing in the people at large, at any time, for any cause, or for no cause but their own sovereign pleasure, to alter or annihilate both the mode and essence of any former government, and adopt a new one in its stead'. Thomas Jefferson regarded with composure the prospect of frequent recourse to the right of revolution in order that the free spirit of the people might not be suppressed."

For clarification, a political act cannot be revolutionary if it is at the same time within the Constitutional rights of the people.

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THE CALIFORNIA LOTTERY/LEGISLATURE

WHAT DRIVES THIS TREATISE are basically the observations of some historical, social, political and legal scholars and writers.

Onetime Premier of France, Georges Clemenceau observed that: "War is too important anymore to be left in the hands of the Generals."

And so today, Government is far too important to be left to the Politicians.

SOME TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Alvin Toffler wrote in his book FUTURE SHOCK, that we were as passengers on a train, moving down the track with all of us facing toward the rear. We discovered where we were headed only after we got there. It was, he explained, why movie-westerns were so popular then. We were curious as to where we had been.

Taking this analogy further...if the train passed a switch in the track that took us in a direction we were not supposed to be going, we could send a message to the engineer and advise him of his error. Perhaps as recently as 50 years ago, we had the time and the distance available to make the necessary course corrections.

Today our political train races at overwhelming speed thru our and our neighbors' communities and there is little time to discover if our engineers are awake, let alone qualified anymore to manage our train safely.

We hire our political engineers mainly because they are presented to us with friendly smiles, telling us they want the job because their pals at the local club will vouch for them.

But is this enough?