

Is it time for a change of government?

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My dear fellow Americans: Today, our present system of government is failing. The United States has a federal form of government. It was founded in 1787, when the United States was thirteen states with a population of four million. In the ensuing two hundred thirty-three years the United States has undergone dramatic changes, but its system of government has remained unchanged. What started as a noble experiment based on a lofty set of principles is today a sputtering bloated bureaucratic mess that gives individuals and groups license to act out, vent rage, and extort concessions and favors based on the same principles that were supposed to promote harmony and produce happiness. Today, the federal system of government is in a state of advanced dysfunctionality. Everything the government does is mired in controversy. Even the most straightforward proposals get hopelessly bogged down by partisan infighting. Instead of acting in the interest of the people, political parties and politicians place their partisan interests ahead of everything else. The entire system is corrupt. Instead of working together to solve problems, politicians use problems to score political points, even if it means that problems go unsolved. In the current system, political leaders care only about one thing: keeping power. Some politicians are so depraved that they positively hope that something awful will happen to the nation so they can benefit from it politically. There is no problem too nasty or lethal that a politician will not try to capitalize on it for

political gain. If the nation is attacked, one political party will blame the other party for the attack, and if the economy collapses, one party will blame the other party for the collapse, just to gain a political advantage. Any talk of working together is just that: talk, mere lip service, as genuine as a three-dollar bill and worth just as much. Far from providing the means to arrive at consensus and solve problems, the federal system of government is structured in such a way as to guarantee political fighting and discord. This is not democracy. True democracy promotes happiness; instead, our current system produces chaos, and chaos is the last thing our nation needs. Chaos produces only more chaos. The United States has huge systemic problems: an escalating public debt, volatile race relations, high taxes, a dwindling middle class, high crime rate, a politicized judicial system, widespread drug abuse, millions of people out of work, millions of people on the margins of society, people living on the street, a currency that is losing value, and a people who are losing respect and confidence in their own country. That last problem is the worst. It is a crisis of the spirit. The United States was once the preeminent country of the world. The whole world marveled at America's success. The United States had the greatest cities, the most dynamic economy, the most productive factories, the most fertile farms. Now, the United States is a debtor nation, our manufacturing base gone, our factories empty hulks, our cities racial ghettos, with lots of borrowed money but no economic security. In the past our nation acted with boldness; now we are mired in uncertainty. We recovered from Pearl Harbor; we defeated powerful adversaries, but we have yet to fully recover from the effects of 9-11. We have lost our way as a nation. Every presidential

election is now torture. People get worked up with hope that the next election will bring positive change, which does not happen. Feelings harden, anger builds up, and then some unforeseen event happens to light the fuse of unrest and the next thing, people are on the street protesting, rioting, all driven by frustration and righteous indignation, which the politicians then spin to their advantage, not to solve problems but to win votes. This is NOT the way the system is supposed to work. The purpose of government is to serve the people, not aggravate, frustrate, or deceive them, and to promote consensus, not destroy it. However, instead of consensus, we have incessant partisan bickering and fighting all fueled by the overwhelming desire to discredit and destroy the other party to gain total power. It is a rare politician today who is sincerely interested in arriving at a consensus to solve a problem.

After the Revolutionary War, George Washington had an opportunity to become king. According to a published source,

After the war, there were calls for Washington to claim formal political power. Indeed, seven months after the victory at Yorktown, one of his officers suggested what many thought only reasonable in the context of the 18th century: that America should establish a monarchy and that Washington should become king. A shocked Washington immediately rejected the offer out of hand as both inappropriate and dishonorable, and demanded the topic never be raised again.¹

What many of his contemporaries thought only reasonable, Washington refused to do, thus setting the nation on the path to adopting a system of government that today is failing. To reverse this dangerous trend, we need to heed the suggestion of Washington's officers and replace our current system of government with a

¹ <https://www.heritage.org/commentary/the-man-who-would-not-be-king>

monarchy. In the United States we are taught that monarchies are bad, and that monarchs exist only to serve themselves. This deliberate distortion of history is self-serving propaganda designed to perpetuate our current corrupt and venal system of government. Some monarchs are good, and some are bad, but all of them have one thing in common: they do not pander for votes. They are not a shill for a political party. They do not need to be bought off. They do not have to make empty promises. They do not have to go through the gyrations of pretentious elections that just incite the people. They do not have to curry favors from anyone, because the monarch is the state and state the monarch and all the people one constituency. That makes monarchy a superior system of government. According to a reputable source:

Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that monarchy is the best form of government because it ensures peace: "The best government of a multitude is rule by one, and this is clear from the purpose of government, which is peace; for the peace and unity of his subjects are the purpose of the one who rules, and one is a better constituted cause of unity than many."²

A monarch can be likened to a landlord who owns a building. The landlord could be good or bad; caring or uncaring; intelligent or stupid but has charge of and full responsibility for the entire building and ALL the tenants. Rid the building of the landlord and chaos would ensue. The tenants would divide themselves into caucuses and then the caucuses would fight with each other for control of the building. Each caucus would care only for its members and if they could, drive the

² <http://www.christkinglaw.com/blog/monarchy-is-the-best-form-of-government#:~:text=Saint%20Thomas%20Aquinas%20taught%20that%20monarchy%20is%20the,a%20better%20constituted%20cause%20of%20unity%20than%20many.%22>

members of the other caucuses out of the building. This analogy applies to our current form of government. The tenants in this case are the politicians. They are responsible only to themselves and are beholden only to their base of voters. That is all. Under a monarchy, all the factionalism that is ripping our country apart would cease, unity would prevail, and the people would be protected. There would be no more elections that only incite, no more pandering that only demeans, and no more factionalism that only destroys. The monarch, immune to influence, would decide what is best for the people and then have the power to act. Historically, monarchies have been the most successful and most stable form of government. As a republic, Rome was racked by civil wars; after the Romans scrapped the republic and became an empire, Rome lasted almost five hundred years during which time it became the most powerful and wealthiest nation in the known world. During the reign of the Romanov dynasty, which lasted over three hundred years, the Russian Empire became one of the most powerful and wealthiest nations on earth. During the reign of the Kaisers, the newly established German Reich quickly became the wealthiest and most progressive nation on the planet. Prior to the French Revolution, engineered by a fanatical clique who almost destroyed France and introduced the use of terror as a political weapon, the Kingdom of France was a superpower. In China, there existed a series of monarchical dynasties that last five thousand years, producing a civilization whose wealth and power is legendary. Elizabeth I was arguably the single most respected ruler in history. Under Phillip II, Spain became a superpower. The Hapsburg dynasty ruled Austria-Hungary for centuries. All that is now gone.

Instead, we have a system of government that brings out the worst in people. This becomes most acutely apparent when one party succeeds in grabbing all power. Then it is government at the point of a gun until the people get fed up, grab their own guns, drive out the offending faction, and then the jockeying for power starts anew. Unlike monarchs, who ruled not with an iron fist but by virtue of their title which inspired loyalty and promoted unity, today's political party resorts to the most vicious, deceitful, and divisive methods to gain and keep power. Political parties routinely launch investigations against each other, routinely accuse each other of acts of sabotage and disloyalty, and routinely hurl charges and countercharges of criminal conduct against each other, all of which is intended not to solve problems but to sway voters. All this pandering only serves to destabilize the country, sow the seeds of disunity, and rile the people to the point of distraction. Therefore, all evidence points to the need to replace our present dysfunctional system of government with a monarchy that will promote stability, provide protection, and act in the best interests of ALL the people and thereby save our country for future generations.

Yet, despite the advantages of a monarchy, it will not happen, at least not in the United States. Historical conditions that permitted monarchies to flourish have changed. The bonds of fealty that made monarchies possible are gone, a relic of the past and a nostalgic reminder of a state of human relations that has passed into history. The monarchs who reigned did so with the consent of the governed. The moment the people withdrew their consent was the moment when monarchy dissolved. That opened the door to the emergence of new forms of government

that more closely conformed to the materialistic aspect of human nature as exemplified by the words: life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. These are what the people want. How they go about achieving them is another matter. It is tempting to try to revive and restore what had worked so well and for so long in the past, but that is all a dream. It would not work; it could not work. We cannot turn back the clock. Political and social forces that drive society today would not allow it to work, and if they did allow it, would twist it all out of recognition into something grotesque, sad, and bad. The monarch would become just another politician competing with other politicians for votes. The modern-day Camelot would be part kleptocracy and part plutocracy, and the Knights of the Round Table would be replaced by a political advisory committee. Today, for a monarch to accede to a throne would require that the royal personage be voted into office. That would defeat the purpose for having a monarchy in the first place. Once voted in, the monarch could then be voted out and replaced by another figure, more sinister, more cunning, and more ruthless, representing the latest faction that successfully connived to gain power. Thus, the answer to the question of how to restore peace and ensure domestic tranquility cannot be found in the past. Only the future contains the answer.

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