



## Straight Talk

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# Who is Responsible for Tyranny?

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Greetings, Gentle Reader,

When our ancestors established this nation, they had a well-founded fear of tyrannical government. They had experienced it. Saying the wrong words could get a person killed by hanging, beheading, or any number of gruesome methods. Back then, every government enforced its will by extreme brutality. Now, only most of them do it that way.

America has been the world's primary beacon of freedom for centuries. The flower of every nation has flowed this direction. Why? What made us different? That's easy. We had a constitution that protected the citizenry from governmental tyranny. It made government a servant, rather than a master. That's one reason it specifically states that the people—meaning private individuals—can keep and bear arms. The first thing a tyrant does is confiscate citizens' weapons, as has happened repeatedly in the 20<sup>th</sup> century alone. Our ancestors were determined to keep the government in check by mandating an armed citizenry. In some states, all men were required by law to own firearms.

Our governmental structure was as foolproof as our founding fathers could make it, though more than one of them warned us that our Constitution was incapable of governing (or protecting from tyranny) any but a moral people.

The presidency was created to be no more powerful than the legislature, because they knew that a corrupt president could become a king in fact, if not in name.

Thomas Jefferson expressed concern about the judiciary, because he knew power corrupts. Supreme Court judges were given power of original jurisdiction, power to rule on judgements of lower courts, and the constitutionality of legislation passed by legislatures. But they were not permitted to make up laws as they pleased. The legislature did that.

Judges who legislate from the bench are an extreme threat to the freedom of the people, as we have seen in recent decades. Judges who make laws, subjecting Americans to their individual ideologies, tyrannize rather than serve.

Our founders made the three branches of government equal in power, that way each kept the others from running amok. It worked reasonably well for many years. Now, unelected, appointed-for-life judges regularly overrule legislatures and executives, both federal and state. They overrule citizen referenda. They mandate rights not in the Constitution and deny rights specified by the Constitution. In short, our federal and state judiciaries are running amok.

Federal judges are supposed to be voted up or down by the Senate, when nominated by the President. Now less than a dozen Democrat Senators hold the rest of the 100-member Senate (and the American people) hostage to their thirst for power. They refuse to allow a vote on any judge who is not pro-abortion. Nor do they like Hispanics, after all, Hispanics are probably Catholic and might vote against abortion. They consistently reject conservative women judges, including black women.

Unless they can control the way a judge votes, they won't allow a vote on him/her. They want power to force abortion—even partial-birth abortion—on all the people. If they let an anti-abortion judge on the bench, he/she may decide all Americans, even tiny ones, have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Their power-play is both morally bankrupt and tyrannical.

Their constituents could fire them if they revered the Constitution, but choose not to, because the legal power to kill babies is an important part of their philosophy.

Each branch of our government acts extra-constitutionally. Why? Our Constitution was/is inadequate to govern (and/or protect) any but a moral people, and we have defied and denied the founders' definition of morality.

In short, the buck stops right here.