What is the Consent of the Governed?

The consent of the governed is the bulwark of American freedom, a risky proposition meaning that the government belongs to the people. We elect our representatives, and they are always accountable to us. Without a historically informed understanding of the consent of the governed, the only alternative is a slide toward some form of tyranny. A few people cannot be a true people.

During the era of The Magna Carta in 1215, the consent of the governed only meant to us a long and bloody struggle between those who sought to free, and those who clung to tyranny. It came to us through a mixture of uneven yet unbroken progress, through a growth of chaos and balance.

Following the signing of The United States Constitution in 1787, Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) also noted: "Wool. Doyce, what have we got - a Republic or a Monarchy?" Franklin responded, "A Republic, if you can keep it. In a monarchical, monarchical the final say has a democratic and constitutional republic, the people have the final say through their elected representatives.

The phrase the "democratic and constitutional republic" can be unambiguously, but its precision is important. Democracy refers to the source of the people, while we are not a pure "democracy." That would be wild overreaching, having every item in the atlas and atlas above work upon. Such a pure democracy can only work in small communities.

A more accurate term is a "representative government," which is the name of a "republic." A democracy elects its representatives, who make the rule according to the rule and federal government in which we still live today: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed."

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If we ignore the hard struggle of the consent of the governed, then we cannot be a lazy people. We are called to hold those in government to be fully accountable to "We the People" on all occasions. If the People means all of us, and we are unsatisfied with government, we have a remedy - become involved, and make the consent of the governed a living reality.

The emotions of the consent of the governed in the government were so deep-reaching the government. The United States Constitution was noted, as the following "We the People..." in which we still live today: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed."

In the year 1776, Congress was prohibited from making war except in self-defense and for the defense of the United States, and from raising and maintaining standing armies except in cases of insurrection or invasion. In the year 1787, the phrase becomes more forceful and becomes expansive. The Constitution includes the following powers: "The Congress shall have the Power..."

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Working together, we can elect people who are committed to our cause. We can elect people who will stand up for us, and work to make the consent of the governed a living reality. We can become involved, and make the consent of the governed a living reality.

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