

The Age of Enlightenment

(25 April 2023)

From the august mouth of the President of the United States of America, we heard today:

Every generation has a moment where they have had to stand up for democracy, to stand up for their fundamental freedoms. I believe this is ours.

It is remarkable that, despite their marked dissimilitude, the concepts of freedom and democracy should be so systematically conflated, although by politicians only.

To wit:

1. Politicians, their political parties, and their financiers are the only members of society who derive direct power and riches from the process of democracy;
2. As soon as Democracy puts them in a position of power, politicians endeavour to curb freedoms and pervert the Constitution, in order precisely to increase their power;
3. Once in a position of power, they even have the audacity to insist that we call them our "*leaders*" (exact translation of German word "*Führer*");

Keeping in mind that the modern process of electoral democracy has proved to be an insane and vulgar circus of mercantile brawling, which we believe to be yet so divine that it is the envy of Mankind, perhaps is it high time to start thinking about a rejuvenated system that would:

- a. Enhance and safeguard freedoms, while
- b. Drastically curbing the personal political ambitions of our numerous *Führer*, and
- c. Introduce a process of political selection which does not:
 - i. fiercely pit one half of the people against the other, and
 - ii. allow one half plus one of the voting electorate to dictate their personal views on one half minus one plus all those who did not or could not vote.

Nothing new, in fact, and the Constitution was devised 235 years ago at the zenith of the Age of Enlightenment specifically with those conundrums in mind, but it seems that the meaning of the

Constitution has been long lost, with a continuous and flagrant perversion effort at the hands of those to whom it is entrusted.

The Age of Enlightenment bore thinkers.

Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations* contained 131,000 words.

The Federalist Papers contained 168,000 words.

Diderot and d'Alembert's *Encyclopédie* contained some 17,000,000 words.

In this current Age of Befuddlement, the longest tweet is 50 words, while the average is but 6.

A long way to go towards a new Age of Reason, albeit apparently backwards.