

Constitutional Law and Equality

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### Abstract

The direction of the United States strongly rely decisions that abide the early fathers of the country who set strong religious base. Issues like low morals, integrity, and self-discipline are crucial for the development of better country that everyone will look at the motor of their happiness. Certain steps that will be later discuss must be taken for the fulfillment of this goal.

The United State was born with the Declaration of Independence, which is the founding document of the American political tradition that characterizes the nation's essence and reveal the ideas that form the nation. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed the self-impose rule 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." Throughout the years, people have questioned this statement written on the Constitution by the founding fathers of this nation.

Different issues that affect the citizens of the United States make the case that the equality that once was enjoyed in this country has changed in essence. People have a hard time understanding how we are all created equal when there is clearly people born with disadvantages that make their dreams and goals harder to obtain than others. The rights of U.S citizens are said to have unalienable rights that allow them to have the same opportunity as anyone has to pursuit happiness and enjoy life. According to the constitution, government is instituted to secure the rights of the citizens. It is the job government to ensure that citizens' rights are protected and that citizens enjoy the liberty and life as pure as possible. Many people may ask themselves if the government is truly doing what it takes to ensure that the unalienable rights stated in the constitution are being protected and executed equally.

The constitution states that we are all born free; however, human beings are more likely born dependent of a series of factors that have a substantial impact in their lives. Factors like religion, politics and family tradition strongly dictate human behavior and character. Humans act upon this factors that instead of making humans free in nature, it reflects the obligations that these natural attachments deposit in humans and place great pressure on the individuals behavior. The fight of humans in earning freedom must be understood as the acquisition of self-discipline

required for genuine self-government.(Lawler, 2006) The separation of church and religion have being a controversial topic in the United States. Atheist groups have being strongly protesting against school districts to banned prayers from schools. Non atheist groups argue that this is part of their freedom of speech and it neglects their rights as American citizens.

Madalyn Murray, categorize by many as “the most hated woman in the world,” began a crusade against prayers in school that received large media attention in the early 1960’s. Murray’s son attended a school in Maryland, Baltimore where according to Madalyn her son was obligated to listen to prayers at a public school in the already mentioned city. Murray received lots of criticism after the following statement from which she was author stated, “If people want to go to church and be crazy fools, that’s their business. But I don’t want them praying in ball parks, legislatures, courts and schools....They can believe on their virgin birth and the rest of their mumbo jumbo, as long as they don’t interfere with me, my children, my home, my job, my money and my intellectuals.”(Dierenfield, 2007) This is a prime example of how the constitution is interpreted different by people. Humans are highly influenced by the series of factors that determined their future behavior and point of view in delicate subjects. When many people support prayers in schools and public places, there are people like Madalyn that strongly opposed this display of faith in public places. This brings the question: Are we all created equal?

United States congress often makes laws watching for the interest of the citizens. By prohibiting mentioning the name of God and banning praying in high schools; is the government parting out from the initial Christian principles of the United States and is congress protecting the declaration of Independence stated in the United Sates Constitution? Taking in consideration the Declaration of Independence, all humans are created equal and all humans have the right to liberty and pursuit of happiness. The perception of liberty could be displaying faith in public to

preach the gospel to others and by that minimize crime, theft and/or factors that prevail from wrong doing. Laws that restrict or prohibit the execution of Christian acts that certainly do no wrong to anyone but provide with ways of improving people's lifestyle could be perceived by many as unconstitutional laws. That's where the change in human values comes into play. Human's values and morality have gone decreasing over time to the point where it's virtually impossible for people to differ from good and bad. Liberal beliefs have taken a big place in people's way of thinking and politics.

The past elections the liberalist candidates had the edge. People's morals have degraded which differ from the founding fathers that establish this nation. Morals in society have come a long way to the point where individuals no longer know the difference from good and bad. Morals are very important in the progress of politics and the state. Politicians with low morals are like a leader without vision and setting a bad example to those who are led. Citizens look up to politicians like students look up to teachers. Teachers are meant to be the example of kids and now days these exemplary individuals are being judged heavily on their actions due to the lack of morals among professionals. Politics in specific have been targeted strongly due to the increase in corruption. Different sets of mentalities have arisen in politics to satisfy the needs of the most politically influential voters who are likely to place a president at the White House. In 2012 elections between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, healthcare was one of the biggest topics in the elections. Many argue that Obama's healthcare plan is unconstitutional and that it leans more towards the socialist concept; however, Obama proposed that every human being have health insurance. Wouldn't that be considered looking out for the citizens and assuring that everyone has the same opportunity to the pursuit of happiness?

Many voters were concentrated on the economy when the 2012 elections came along; however, now that the elections are over critics say that healthcare was the most relevant topic in the elections. Obama and Romney had very different points of view regarding healthcare. Obama offered a more familiar approach to medicine making sure families, regardless of economic status or race, had health insurance. As stated by Blumenthal in his article, "As the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) demonstrates, he clearly believes in the value and necessity of federal leadership to assure coverage for the uninsured, to eliminate private insurance practices that discriminate against sick individuals, and to reform the health care delivery system." (Blumenthal, 2012) This approach to medicine could be viewed as a pro constitutional approach as it treats individuals as we were all created equal and it gives individuals the same opportunity to achieve greater goals.

In the other hand, Romney took a completely opposite view of healthcare as he opposed ACA and he intended to put this system away by in the first day in office issuing, "an executive order that paves the way for the federal government to issue Obamacare waivers to all fifty states." Romney's intentions were looked by many as the most economically positive ideas to minimize the national debt. What people don't realize is that if Romney's ideas opposed Obama's healthcare plan that it protects the majority if not all citizens who do not have a health insurance. Romney's ideas may be perceived as unconstitutional due to that his ideas go against the good for the majority but for those earn the most money. Individuals often criticize politics without doing some research and paying attention to the real detail of the elections. Candidates often hide the real intention under his actions. Voters should put more attention of what makes the candidates campaign and understand whether their plans seem unconstitutional or if they go along with the constitution and the candidates have the best plan to provide citizens the

opportunity to pursue their happiness. Often congress passes laws that seem to neglect citizens pursue of happiness.

Constitutional law draws a fine line on what could be consider unconstitutional or what it follows the steps of the constitution. Why do certain laws seem the constrain citizens from realizing their dreams. For example, citizens that are brought to the United States by their parents at a very young age are not given the right to study and better their education when most of them help the country's economy by working and providing their time for community service. There are several congressmen striving to pass the so called "Dream Act" that would give citizens like this the ability to study and provide a better future for their families. Activist that are in favor of the dream act await inpatient waiting for years a decision that will improve their future. It is hard to understand why it is so difficult to approve laws that will benefit many but arrogance and pride get in the way of judges. America should be about freedom and liberty where people that are willing to work are able to prosper and bring food to their table every day. Why do we have kids and families starving with the desire to work when we need people to cooperate for the good of the Country?

It is clear that individuals have many different way of looking at situations and just like they look at situations differently they also react different. For these reason, conflicts like the tort reform and the "Dream Act" are occurring among people who do not seem to understand the real meaning of our country stated on the United State Constitution. Congressman and politicians that strive for the benefit of the citizens and the equality of the goods stated in the Constitution will make a drastic change in the future of the Country.

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