

When people started farming in areas where slash and burn wasn't necessary.

- 1. Farming required more tools.
- 2. Farmers could keep more tools because they weren't moving around.
- 3. Farmers were more vulnerable to mauraders.

Mauraders soon learned

- 1. To protect the villages they stole from so other mauraders didn't get the goods.
- 2. Not to steal so much the villages couldn't produce more.

Slowly Mauraders Morphed into Governments

- 1. Improving roads between their villages
- 2. Settling disputes
- 3. Learning that overall peace and progress improves the lives of the elite
- 4. Continuing to enforce their supremacy
- 5. Occasionally fighting wars

Ruling Class Vitality, Stability, and Prosperity Requires

- 1. Acknowledgement that some progeny will drop out.
- 2. A way for ambitious newcomers to enter.
- 3. A nondestructive way of settling disputes among the elite.
- 4. A national story that normalizes the existence of an elite class.
- 5. Checks on elite behavior so it doesn't stir up rebellion

Improvment of Ruling Class Life Style

- 1. Cannot continue for long by extracting more and more from population.
- 2. Instead requires more productivity from population.

Productivity Improvement Requires

- 1. Technology improvement.
- 2. A population with enough overall freedom and prosperity to pursue interests and share ideas.
- 3. A population with enough education and leisure to pursue technology improvement.
- 4. Regulations that enable cooperation and safeguard population from potential dangers.

In today's America

- 1. Checks on elite behavior have eroded. Unbridled greed has found a home.
- 2. Regulations micro manage instead of enabling and protecting.
- 3. The constitution's Second Amendment is seen to permit a destructive way of settling disputes among the elite.

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