

## We the People Versus Government

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An article I read 30 years ago argued that the government in the U.K. had ceased to serve its citizens. British voters, feeling alienated from the people who were running their country, were doing everything in their power to undercut the system.

In other words, the people and the government were at war with each other. At the time, I believed it would never happen in the U.S. I was mistaken.

Not only are American liberals and conservatives at war with each other — a civil war in every sense but the military one — we are also engaged in a war between individual citizens and a government that has become unresponsive to the will of the people.

Simply put, we no longer have a representative government.

Voters who imagine that they control what the government does are mistaken. The people we elect — the president and Congress — are merely a front for the Deep State.

Joe Biden is nothing more than an actor playing the role of commander-in-chief. Washington is really at the mercy of the huge unelected bureaucracy that represents the "big" in our bloated federal government.

"As the administrative state grows," says Mark Levin in "Ameritopia," "the vote is less effective and the individual is increasingly disenfranchised."

Our elected representatives waste their time and our money on trivialities (e.g., attempting to impeach Donald Trump) while the country is actually run by unelected administrators. "There's a permanent state of massive bureaucracies," said Newt Gingrich, "that do whatever they want."

Deep State power has reached the point where it is beyond the reach of constitutional safeguards.

Acting as a fourth branch of government, the Deep State issues thousands of rules and regulations that have the same authority as acts of Congress, yet are subject to virtually no oversight by our elected representatives.

"The imperial bureaucracy has grown so powerful and arrogant that it doesn't even feel like answering questions," says Breitbart. "True accountability would interfere with the power of the State, so accountability is routinely evaded."

Accountability is impossible when we don't even know whom to call for an accounting.

All you have to do is look at the predominant political issues and you can see that majority views are being ignored. For example, most voters oppose open borders. Does Washington give a damn?

Biden claimed the border is closed, then he allowed more than a <u>million illegals</u> into the country. After assuring us that the Haitians will be sent back, he allows thousands to relocate throughout the U.S.

What kind of president, asked Tucker Carlson, would refuse to protect our borders?

The bottom line: there is nothing we can do about it. The disconnect between voters and Washington is a fact of life.

The public has no idea who really makes the decisions. Is it Joe Biden? Is it Susan Rice? Barack Obama? George Soros? Jeff Bezos? An invisible cadre of left-wing bureaucrats?

A sense of apathy is growing as voters realize they don't have the power to influence what the government does, so why bother?

All voters care about is protecting themselves from government encroachment. The Left has created the "balkanization" of America into tribal groups that compete for their own special interests.

There is no longer a "national" interest. Patriotism has become an anachronism.

The question I would pose: Are the American people to be forever at the mercy of the Deep State? The scary answer is yes.

Big government is here to stay. As more publicly financed benefits are voted in and as more people qualify for those benefits, says author Charles Murray in "Coming Apart," more bureaucracy is necessary to administer all of it.

Now you have more people depending on government either for benefits or for their jobs in the bureaucracy. Anyone whose life depends on handouts from Washington — including the illegal individual who is accorded voting rights — is likely to vote for left-leaning candidates who support big government.

The political allegiance of the Deep State is to the progressive wing of the Democratic Party—"the party," says Professor Edward J. Erler, "that favors the growth and extension of administrative state power." The Democratic Party and the Deep State have coalesced into a single entity.

Our system is based on federalism, which in theory limits the scope of the central government. The Cato Institute has recommended that many government programs ought to be terminated; others should be turned over to states and cities, and some ought to be privatized.

But the Deep Sate will never go for it.

Why should it give up the power it has worked so hard to achieve?