



**GOD**  
created  
"WE THE PEOPLE"

Our country, America, was founded on the belief that we owe our existence to God rather than government. In Europe and England, from which much of our heritage comes, our ancestors were born in a land where government had been firmly established for hundreds of years. People owed allegiance simply because government had "always been there". All were subservient to the King at some level or another. In America, people were born free, with a recognition that "God" allows our existence rather than a King, or a government. This concept had never existed as a form of government in the past.



After breaking with England, "We the People" formed as 13 Colonies/States governing independently. (See last paragraph of the Declaration of Independence.) Though the original 13 United Colonies/States were each fiercely independent, it proved to be to their mutual benefit to have a "central meeting place" to deal with common problems. In 1777, the Articles of Confederation created the "Union" such that the individual states "hereby severally entered into a firm league of friendship with each other, for their common defence, the security of their liberties and their general and mutual welfare". (Article III)

There is no doubt; "We the People" were responsible for the creation of government; first at the state and subsequently the federal level. Ten years later in 1787, "We the People", as state Citizens ratified the Constitution of the United States of America superseding the Articles of Confederation. Though new, all of the fundamental concepts remained the same. First and foremost was the recognition of the individual as a free person and second, the sovereignty of each state. In fact, state Citizenship was all there was. According to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1872, the only way one could become a U. S. Citizen was through his state Citizenship. Not until the 14th amendment was a "federal person", the U.S. citizen even defined! (See Slaughterhouse Cases)



Human nature, being what it is, slowly eroded the tenets of our freedom. The individuals elected to carry out the directives of the Constitution began to use their positions for personal gain. Over a period of years, their own agendas superseded the responsibilities of their elected position. Eventually they fell into what has always gone on in the past; the few dominating the many. Now, having been born free, we unknowingly enter into contractual agreements with "the few" and find ourselves subservient and regulated.

As residents, we owe allegiance to State governments which originally we created in limitation. As U.S. citizens, we are subservient to a federal government originally created in limitation by "We the People". We, who have forgotten our roots, are repeating the mistakes of our early predecessors, and will likely repeat our mistakes until we get it right.

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