

# YOUR VOTE COUNTS?

The first item in this discussion needs to be a history lesson regarding the transition of voting rights that occurred in the United States over the period of one hundred and fifty years between the writing of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States with its Amendments in 1776 and the adoption of the Equal Voting Rights Amendment in 1926 when universal suffrage finally became the law of the land.

Back in the times of the American Revolution, the moral principles that governed the attitudes of the “founding fathers” of the United States were typical of those times as gentlemen of means and education. Well versed in philosophy – political and otherwise – they were united in their objective to define a system of government that would allow all men to be equal under the law.

The phrase “all men” is the defining standard and the ONLY further qualification to be eligible to vote was that you be a landowner and that you be the white race. “White male landowner” were the only qualifications necessary to be able to vote in the newly formed United States at the time of that formation.

That standard remained the status quo without any changes up until the end of the Civil War with the adoption and implementation of the elimination of the “white” requirement to be able to vote. The qualifications still remained “male landowner.”

That is exactly why all the freed male slaves in the United States were given “40 acres and a mule”. That land ownership is what gave those men the right to vote – NOTHING ELSE!!! That is why those original freed slaves divided their 40 acres up between their sons – their sons owning that land gave his sons the right to vote!! THAT is the precise origin of the so-called “American Dream” of owning your own home!! Owning your home translated directly into the right to vote.

At least as long as you are of the male sex, that proof of land ownership remained the standard for voting rights from shortly after the end of the Civil War until the Universal Suffrage movement began its growth shortly after the end of World War I.

The end result of the universal suffrage movement was the elimination of any and all limiting factors in being eligible to vote. No longer were either land ownership or being of the male sex required to be able to vote in the United States. That was such a major accomplishment that it required the passage of the Sixteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution in order to replace the original standards of “white male land owner”!!

It has been nearly one hundred years since that singular and significant political event took place and even after that one hundred years that situation is still not resolved as per the dictates of the Amendment to the Constitution – now nearly that same one hundred years of age.

And the mantra “Your Vote Counts!” is still being the prime excuse for the existence of true democracy being exercised in the election process. Notice I said “excuse” – not “reason”? The truly democratic election process has been distorted and its objective thwarted to the point where the election process can only be accurately described as a “farce” – claiming to be something that it is not.

Applying the true statement – “As above so below” – to the election process results in a very serious set of problems having been demonstrated by the Bush v. Gore Supreme Court decision that settled the Presidential Election in 2000. WHAT AN EFFING FARCE!!!!!!

“Your vote counts!” was certainly NOT THE AGENDA THAT DAY, was it? And it was the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) that neglected to have that priority, was it not? And a certain majority of the justices on SCOTUS had been previously appointed to that LIFETIME position by Papa George Bush? So when it becomes necessary for them to vote for SON George Bush, that necessity also places them in an inherent conflict of interest which requires them to recuse themselves for that conflict of interest. But instead they actually vote for the son of the same person

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who had appointed them to that position of HONOR AND RESPECT? And that vote for Baby Bush was contrary to all appropriate and relevant standards – including THE POPULAR VOTE!!!

“Your vote counts!” BULLSHIT!!!!!!!!!!

Exactly what does your vote count for? Does it count as far as being recognized as the true source of power in the political universe, philosophically AND POLITICALLY speaking? Or does it count for little more than a side note in the plans and agendas of the minds of the parties involved in such a blatant act of discrimination against the entire voting population!!

Does your vote – either singly or collectively - actually make any difference in the outcome of an election? Is that not the ONLY PURPOSE for an election? To permit individuals to exercise their right to vote and thus actually participate in the process of governing themselves? Voting based on their personal values is the key to that act!!

Bottom line – we govern ourselves or we allow ourselves to be governed!! The right to vote is the only path that actually results in our governing ourselves!?? And the suppression of the effectiveness of our right to vote is the prime agenda of any party that is intent of governing others with their personal preferences and agendas.

Can you now read the writing on the wall from the Bush v. Gore debacle? Any expectation of casting a vote in an election actually being a determining factor in that election is extinct as the dodo bird. “Claiming to be something that it is not” is the definition of a “farce” and that description accurately defines the current state of the election process in the United States and elsewhere in allegedly democratic based societies.

The claim that “Your Vote Counts!” is now a misinformation propaganda campaign designed to present the appearance of the protection of certain universal human rights, while at the same time working to diminish the knowledge of and reduce the exercise of those universal human rights.

Now it is time for you to read the accompanying manifesto entitled – “**NONE OF THE ABOVE**” – which explores another aspect of the suppression of the effective exercise voting rights by disenfranchising even more voters than did the Bush v. Gore debacle.

The essential principles behind “Your Vote Counts!” are utterly defeated when elected officials adopt behavior patterns that are “unbecoming” of a so-called “public servant” and that demonstrate a clear priority for personal preferences and gain over public service and protection of our mutually shared civil rights.

The priorities for elected officials, once they have been elected, is to elevate their own personal political agendas above the needs of the public and its citizens that elected them. Which behavior pattern is then duplicated in line with the old cliché - “As above, so below”. When the elected official are allowed to demonstrate disrespect and contempt for the law that example is emulated whenever and wherever possible.

So how much does your vote actually count? Seriously, how much does YOUR vote actually count to anyone else besides yourself? Do you really expect that YOUR PERSONAL vote means ANYTHING to anyone else? Does anyone else’s vote actually mean anything to YOU?? Gotcha!!! And exactly how are you different than anyone else in that regard, huh?? NADA!!!

This last Presidential election again. That options in that election could only be accurately described as voting for “the lesser of two evils”? I had the exact same dilemma in the Nixon v McGovern Presidential election way back then. My vote was not as much FOR McGovern as it was AGAINST Nixon. And the moment I voted I recognized I would never cast a vote of any kind on that basis again. Casting my first vote was definitely the fulfilling experience I had anticipated it to be!! And I immediately knew exactly why that was true!! Either a candidate actually deserved my vote or I would not vote. And I have not voted since then because no candidate has demonstrated their worthiness!!

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Since I am just as typical an American voter as anyone else – that is the essence of being peers – I will share my perspective as being just as typical.

When a CLEAR majority of eligible voters decides not to vote (ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR DECADES!?) for whatever reasons, that extended display of intent leads to serious questions and issues regarding that extended deliberate choice not to vote? I call that a clear vote of “NO Confidence!” BY THE MAJORITY!! The “Silent Majority” certainly, but STILL THE CLEAR MAJORITY!!! Screw that old wives tale - “Majority Rules”!!

If you are interested in how the majority actually is allowed to cast that “NO Confidence!” vote, read the accompanying manifesto entitled – **“NONE OF THE ABOVE”**.