

THE (MIS)RULE OF

LAW

Because man existed before the law, so did man's rights.

The *law* evolved from the earliest days in order to *protect* those rights; whether known as divine law, common law, or natural law, this was its sole justifiable purpose. For example, 'Thou Shalt Not Kill' recognizes and protects man's right to his life.

What is the nature of the law and how did it develop? Listen to these words of wisdom from ancient Greece and Rome:

Solon of Athens: 'Equal laws for the noble and base give them certainty of being governed legally in accordance with known rules.'

Aristotle: 'It is more proper that the law should govern than any of the citizens, and persons holding supreme power should be appointed only guardians and servants of the law.'

And from England:

Sir Edward Coke: 'Leave all causes to be measured by the golden and straight mete-wand of the law, and not to the incertain and crooked cord of discretion.'

John Locke: 'Freedom of men under government is to have a standing rule to live by, common to every one of that society.'

But over the years, the concept of *subjective* law began to darken the air, a concept that was best illustrated by the philosophy of the German state in 1913: 'It is a wrong belief that the interest or the security of right and of political freedom requires the greatest possible limitation of the government by the law.'

The result of that philosophy? --- World War I and World War II.

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Freedom Party

How sad to see the law decline over the last two centuries from something, in the words of Blackstone, 'permanent, uniform and universal', and *binding on both government and citizen alike*, to become an instrument of public policy, a tool for tyrants, a provider of legal fictions for dictators, and yes, *even a means to the political ends of relatively benevolent democratic governments*.

From the above, one is drawn inescapably to the following conclusion: that all social legislation is a perversion of the law; that governments, having seized control of the law, and *thus being no longer bound by it*, are able to use the law for their own purposes, to reward those whom they favour and to punish those whom they do not.

As a result, we have laws that force landlords to subsidize tenants (rent controls), that force childless couples and individuals to support and educate the children of others, and that force businessmen and taxpayers to underwrite failing companies.

Thus governments, *abandoning their prime duty to protect our rights, rush to violate them*.

Freedom Party believes that the *purpose of government* is to *protect* your freedom of choice, *not* to restrict it.

If you value the peace, security, and justice that comes with knowing where one person's freedom of choice ends and another's begins, then *choose Freedom Party*. After all, freedom of choice is what we're all about!

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