

READING ASSIGNMENT

WHY HAVE GOVERNMENT:

1. Personal freedom is best protected in some sort of a regulated society
2. Without government, life is unpredictable and often painful and short. Example, Somalia (twenty years of civil war and marauding bands leave ordinary people as prey, Haitian government was unable to provide even the most basic service after devastating earthquake in 2010.)

There are two kind of system; system which has no rule (extreme powerless) and system who has superpower (dictatorship and totalitarian nations; e.g Nazi and Stalinist). Between them, democracy falls (it has enough to govern effectively, but it doesn't control life and thought of its citizens).

THE FOUNDER CONCEPTION

Expect a limited government with limited input from its citizen.

Early Settlers

Reason of the settlers came to America:

1. Religious reason (they sought for religious freedom, they wanna live among like-minded people and they hoped to establish religious enclaves)
2. Economic reason (America as the land of opportunity; poor become rich, and rich become richer)

The Constitution

The main point of constitution: limit the power of the Federal Government by, dividing the power into three, legislative, executive, and judicial, and provide checks for each branch over the other branch.

The founders thought, "Founders had to enable the government to control the governed, and in the next place to oblige it to control itself." The purpose of constitution are:

1. Establishing USA in broad and positive terms.
2. Itemizing government's essential function in its Preamble; (forming perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves and our posterity)

The Role of People

The founders expected a limited role for the federal government but also a limited role for the people to influence that government.

REASON FOR GOVERNMENT EXPANSION

Two ways of expansion (expanding the power of government and the power of people to influence the government)

Why Does Government Grow?

To do more.

Civil War