

# The Lethality of Independence

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For years, I have been writing about the lethality of the citizenry in protecting our sovereignty...And how diminishing this is at the core of all big government efforts.

When we support and defend our personal independence from our very own servants, we work not only for ourselves but for all Americans now and in the future. This is the solemnity of a love of independence from our public servants.

For the State - the immensity of our public servants out of control - there are two kinds of lethality: an armed citizenry - one which impeaches the state's efforts to ever take your place on the most fundamental, as in personal self-defense - and a citizenry who is also armed with powers of critical analysis - being armed with knowledge, which the state interrupts. Sovereignty of the citizen over servants is a given.

To be armed with sovereign authority, with lethal force and critical thought is an unbeatable combination. This is not hate of government - it is refusal to tolerate abuses from servants who hate. And it is we who have the say-so in this, not them. This is why the state always tries to diminish all three: guns, knowledge, and voice.

Critical analysis is not carping in hostility and it isn't hate to have a love of personal independence - any moron can carp and it takes a statist to believe that self-interest of freedom is somehow hate. Critical analysis is the ability to analyze inconsistencies or even clues of betrayal which surface, and investigate further in protecting your self-interests. You have to begin with a suspicion of servants by dint of their having any powers at all, assigned or not. The moment they begin to assume powers not granted, you have a clue. It is not hatred of servants to supervise them, it is love of freedom.

It is also follow-up and follow-through. This is a weapon in the hands of the sovereign in liberty and independence in self-rule. As with personal self-defense, nobody else is going to do it for you. All servants need to be supervised.

The weakness of our system is this: too many believe that independence and sovereignty are self-perpetuating, as if servants will look out for our interests by their oath of office and some sort of loyalty to constituents. Not gonna happen.

Independence is lethal to the state. Independence shows no need for the state as an immense bureaucracy. In order to meet the definition of what is 'the state', it must first become immense and somehow elude the authority and powers of the people. Smaller government is ideal: it is small enough to serve and be supervised. 'The state' does not exist as a reasonably operating public service entity of government. It comes into existence only when it crosses a threshold to take on a life of its own to the exclusion of the citizen.

As it comes to life as a leviathan, it sees the citizen as foe. And it sees independence of personal safety, sovereign authority and independent thought as lethal.