

# What is Insanity at Work?

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The following quote comes from a book called [Our Country](#), written in 1788:<sup>1</sup> *“their [the colonies] powers were transferred to [Benjamin] Franklin, and he became a sort of national representative of the British **colonial empire** in America ... Franklin told everybody that it was an unwise measure that the Americans would never submit to be taxed without their consent and that such an act, if attempted to be enforced, would endanger the unity of the **empire.**”*

OK, let's do a reality check here. If you're a “subject” of an “empire” what principle is the “empire” operating under?

**EM'PEROR**, *noun* [Latin *imperator*, from *impero*, to command.]

*Literally, the commander of an army. In modern times, **the sovereign or supreme monarch of an empire**; a title of dignity superior to that of king; as the emperor of Germany or of Russia.*

The Empire is “ruled” by an emperor – a MAN.

The “emperor” has \*dominion over all the “subjects” of the empire.

**DOMINION**, *noun* [Latin [See Dominant](#).]

1. *Sovereign or supreme authority; the power of governing and controlling. The dominion of the Most High is an everlasting dominion **Daniel 4:3.***
2. ***Power to direct, control, use and dispose of at pleasure; right of possession and use without being accountable**; as the private dominion of individuals.*

“I may be crazy but I'm not stupid.” When I read these definitions, the principle upon which such governments rest IS the “principle” of superiority. Period, end of sentence.

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<sup>1</sup> Lossing, Benson J., LL. D., *Our Country*,. This Version Published in 1905 (orig. 1788), page 449

Mr. Thomas Paine left us these words <sup>2</sup>: “As *politicians we ought not so much to ground our hope on the reasonableness of the thing we ask, as on the reasonableness of the person of whom we ask it: **Who would expect discretion from a fool, candour from a tyrant, or justice from a villain?***”

The people of colonial America kept appealing to and petitioning a monarch, the leader of an empire, expecting to be “given” liberty? Appealing to a MAN, whoever it may be at any particular time, because they claim to possess absolute authority over every one, does not make any sense. Such a person is a magnet for those ready and willing to give them “advice” in exchange for privilege and monetary gain. This individual is surrounded by those who may be trusted at one moment and killed at another, who all try to persuade this person, by any means available, whether its friendship, intimidation or force, to use their absolute authority to do what these “advisors” want him/her to do, for the advisors own reasons – perhaps on rare occasions it might be for the good of the subjects but it is far more likely that the advisor wishes to acquire their own gain in power and authority.

**“Who would expect discretion from a fool, candour from a tyrant, or justice from a villain?”**

It’s been said that nothing pleases a tyrant more than petitions. When a tyrant is petitioned, all it does is to validate, to recognize, that they have “supreme authority” over the lives of their subjects. Time and time again, the people of the American colonies would petition the king. Occasionally their petition would be granted but later on because the king or the advisors, had a change of heart, and the grant would be withdrawn and the colonists were right back where they started. When those who govern cannot be held responsible and accountable by the people they govern, they will be treated like slaves.

Isn’t the definition of insanity doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result? This is WHY the Founders of this country presented to and the PEOPLE accepted and established a foundation for our

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<sup>2</sup> Paine, Thomas, *Paine Collected Writings*, Literary Classics of the United States, New York N.Y, 1955, page 131

Republican governments that DID NOT CONTAIN the principle of “superiority”? We HAVE a foundation for our governments, based on five self-evident TRUTHS, that are the same today as when they were first discovered by men, that we can be guided by to prevent living under tyranny, and yet we’d STILL rather beg and petition someone who could care less about the suffering of their “subjects”?

AND the American people STILL believe this kind of behavior is valid? They believe that if they appeal to the RIGHT leader in the RIGHT way everything will be better? The people don’t see the importance of THEIR holding accountable, to themselves, those that are “acting” on behalf of all, because it’s too inconvenient and they have other things to do? Instead people would rather just beg and petition a tyrant?

People, ALL people, must be accountable for their words and actions – there are rights held by everyone AND with these rights come permanently attached duties. WE didn’t set it up that way, no MAN did, it’s just the way it is. There IS no leader, no ONE man/woman wearing a uniform, a black robe, or a \$1,000.00 suit that can change this fact. Either our foundation for government applies to all OR it applies to none. The people, all the people ARE the deciding factor. Which principle do you choose to guide your life by? Notice the question is not, which principle should everyone else choose, it is which do YOU choose. Would you rather accept the leadership of a “superior” with absolute power and authority over your life, or would you rather accept and defend the foundation YOU established for your governments of:

*We hold these truths to be self-evident,<sup>3</sup>*

- 1. that all men are created equal,*
- 2. that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights,*
- 3. that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*
- 4. That to secure these rights<sup>4</sup>, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.*

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<sup>3</sup> Declaration of Independence, The Pennsylvania Packet, July 8, 1776

<sup>4</sup> Unalienable Rights – God given rights that cannot be alienated, which means they cannot be lost, sold, or transferred – not to be confused with Government (man) conferred **civil rights**.

5. *That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, **laying its foundation on such principles** and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.*

*None are so hopelessly enslaved as those*

*who falsely believe they are free.*

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe **(1749 - 1832)**

