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Executive Orders Part 2

Last time, I provided background information about the use of Executive orders. I strongly feel that they subvert the will of the Congress, and therefore the desire of at least half the people. The various administrations certainly have a process they go through, hopefully vetting the issue, using well-researched data to draft it, hopefully gaining an opinion on the legality of it, and then publishing it. But there is a key component of the democratic process missing. It is glaring, looking at us in the eye, wondering if anyone will notice...they aren't debated by those elected representatives, hearings held, referred to Committees and Sub-Committees, sent for reconciliation between the Houses of Congress, and then forwarded to the President for signature or veto. I can still recall the jingle from How a Bill Becomes a Law. We watched it in grade school. Someone, actually nearly every President did not get the message. Now to their defense, the How a Bill Becomes a Law video didn't exist when the Republic began. But the process did. There were three Presidents (John Adams, James Madison, and James Monroe) who only had one Executive Order each, and William Henry Harrison had none (though he died a month into his term).

One of the other things that concerns me is that the first Executive Orders issued by an incoming President include those that "undo" previous orders, more often than not, by the President preceding the new guy, usually from the opposing party, and seldom without any thought of the ramifications. More often than not, there seems to be a rush to just take the oath of office, give the Inaugural Address, and the undo as much as possible leaving programs, constituents, and employees uncertain of what's next. Plus, you know, bypassing Congress! How do we fix this? I would propose that we start by making it alright again to reach across the aisle and...wait for it...allow compromise on issues. Our nation was founded on the principle of more than one idea, and that one side doesn't get shut out solely because their party is in the minority. And both parties are guilty of it, make no mistake. We must get back to a place where we, as Americans, are not defined by who we voted for the last election, and instead, be Americans again, where we are not primaried just because we signed on for bipartisan legislation. Our nation was founded on the alter of compromise, consideration given to the opposing side, with an understanding that we wouldn't get 100% of what we wanted, and neither did the other side. I cannot understand the idea that our elected leaders seem to hate half of America, yet claim to love our great nation! Nobody likes to have mandates shoved down our throat, and lately, actually for some time now, the first to offer a path forward is shunned by the hardliners, primaried out of office, and the only real loser is the American public. I want to help change that. Now. This election!

I'm running, not to take a purity test and be a hardliner against half of America. Instead, I want to take a voice to Washington that permeates through the halls of Congress. A voice that says, "I remember how we got here." The men and women who came before us weren't perfect, but they believed in a more perfect union. They took an oath and found common interests that both sides could see as reasonable. And they built a nation, conceived on the ideals of life liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Please visit me at Staceyforwisconsin and join up with the campaign. As I meet with more and more Wisconsinites, I am reminded of how our next US Senator should reflect those values and ideals. Representatives who are from the people, who serve in Washington for a period of time, and then returns home to continue their most important role, that of a citizen, a mom, a dad, but nonetheless, an American.



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