## Consent to be Governed

Many suggest Trump ignore the Supreme Court and lower courts when <u>they</u> will not defend or honor our constitution. It is maddening when the sole objective of the third branch of our government (judicial) is to uphold and protect the Constitution, and it is not occurring.

With that situation, we truly have a Constitutional crisis. The bedrock of our Constitution sits squarely on the concept of *Consent to be Governed*. What does that mean?

On its face, the concept says "we the people" agree to be governed by elected officials and by the laws of our land. Without that understanding and unchallenged commitment, we have no country. Be clear on that.

Most irritating is the brewing anger of law-abiding citizens who are forced to "put up" with dissenters to our law. By design, peaceful protests and the right to petition the government is enshrined within the  $1^{\rm st}$  amendment. Yet, we have few who will not honor that initial commitment to be governed.

The newest judicial chaos intentionally throws this concept aside, as if swatting a gnat. Sometimes that shameless act has consequences. Sometimes unintentional but too many times, intentional harm. There is the gravamen.

Contrary to most historical constitutions, the American constitution assigns very few rights to the Federal government. In contrast the bill of rights listed what the government cannot due. But it goes further. It specifies if a right is not explicitly given to the federal government, then that right is reserved to the people (the state).

To clarify, we have a Supremacy clause within our Constitution. It states federal laws are supreme over any other laws, including state laws. Here is a perfect example. Sanctuary cities. The Constitution specifically confers execution of immigration to the executive branch and within the constraints of congress. Ahh to backtrack a minute. Our republic has three branches of government. The legislature (congress), the executive (administrative) and the judiciary (SCOTUS). What states and judicial courts ignores is "who runs" the executive branch. Even though the Constitution is crystal clear on that very point \_ the president.

Sanctuary states and cities have passed laws directly in conflict of federal law. The President directs the execution of immigration laws, yet many, including judges tell the president he you cannot do that. Come full circle. This is a pure Constitutional question, and the Supreme Court is being complicit.