

OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IS ALMOST ALWAYS CALLED A DEMOCRACY...

IN OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, IT IS CRUCIAL THAT-

DEMOCRATIZING ACCESS TO POWER MUST BE OUR UNFLINCHING GOAL IF-

THE MISSION TO MAKE THE REST OF THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY IS-



...BUT IN FACT, IT IS NOT A DEMOCRACY. IT IS A REPUBLIC.

NO, THAT IS NOT JUST A TECHNICALITY.

YOU'RE KIDDING.

IN FACT, THE WORDS "DEMOCRACY" AND "DEMOCRATIC" DO NOT EVEN APPEAR IN THE CONSTITUTION. NOT ONCE!



IN A TRULY DIRECT DEMOCRACY, THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES WOULD WRITE THE LAWS, AND VOTE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM UP OR DOWN.

DIDN'T WE JUST VOTE YESTERDAY?

I KNOW. AND I STILL HAVEN'T READ THE FINE PRINT IN THAT ECONOMIC COOPERATION TREATY WITH SOUTH KOREA!



BUT IN A REPUBLIC THE PEOPLE CONSENT TO BE GOVERNED BY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.

IT WORKS THIS WAY IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS IN OUR 50 SEPARATE STATE LEGISLATURES.



IT IS THE JOB OF THESE ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SERVE FAITHFULLY THE PUBLIC'S BEST INTERESTS.



IF THEY DO NOT, IT IS THE PEOPLE'S DUTY TO VOTE THEM OUT OF OFFICE.