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Letters to the Editor

Term-limit Troubles

Term limits continue to come up in political discussions and have good points pro and con. But limiting time in political office to force compliance to the Constitution is like taping up your shirt sleeve to stop your arm from bleeding. We would still have the vast government bureaucracies to contend with, which endure long after the elections, as witnessed by the passage of the ACA and the congressional workers exempting themselves from this plan because they had crafted a better one for themselves. They were serving themselves and exploiting the citizens.

Government workers refusing to honor "citizen sovereignty" is the main issue facing our Republic. On July 4, 1776, our Founders declared the citizens of the U.S. as the sovereigns of the country and the government as the servant — a first since the early stages of the Roman Empire. All other nations in this world have government sovereignty and the citizens as subjects, with different levels of socialism all the way up to totalitarianism. This and only this is what makes America politically different. You either have citizen sovereignty or government sovereignty; there are no half measures.

What has a switch to "government sovereignty" in this country meant? The American private sector income has flatlined at about \$56,000 per year for the past 15 years while government workers have enjoyed annual raises and pension increases.

The socialist state of California is the gold standard for citizen exploitation, where state government workers have declared themselves as more equal than their fellow citizens with generous salaries, healthcare, paid days off, and massive lifetime incomes (pensions).

When California passed term limits for the legislature and politicians were termed out before they could vest a legislative pension, they simply legislated themselves into Calpers — the state retirement system — making this underfunded program extremely difficult to repair. A Stanford pension study found this program to be \$1.4 trillion underfunded. Judges also have their pension administered by Calpers, and to change this program would be like taking a side of beef away from a pack of hungry Rottweilers. Good luck with an objective opinion from California courts.

If the people who serve us are forced to live by the same laws, rules, and regulations they impose on the general public, then and only then will we return to a representative government.

The income and benefits of our public servants should be based on the income and benefits of the people they serve, the private sector. Then we would see a tremendous difference in laws and regulations and the exportation of production and environmental mandates from the EPA, which means Export Productive America.

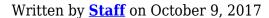
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Different Divisions

In the past our government leaders were divided as Democrats or Republicans. Now the division is globalists or nationalists.







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Globalists do not worry about our national debt, as we spend billions on other countries while neglecting our national needs. Globalists worry about limited open immigration, while our middle class lowers its standard of living and more taxes are added to aid the immigrants. Nationalists worry about the future of the United States. Globalists worry about the future of the UN. The public must choose one or the other.

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Junking Judicial Activism?

There's only one problem with C. Mitchell Shaw's proposal that Congress dissolve any court that practices judicial activism ("Junking Judicial Activism," June 19 issue). The Supreme Court would undoubtedly find it unconstitutional. Then when Congress follows up by restricting the court's jurisdiction, the Supreme Court would no doubt find that unconstitutional, as well. And so on ad infinitum.

Sadly, we no longer have a federal government of three co-equal branches; we have only one branch: the Supreme Court.

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