**AMERICA'S GREATEST ENEMY**

**Comparing government systems**

**(from Dictionary.com)**

**Democracy (def #1)**

**"Government by the people; a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system."**

**Communism (with a capital 'C' - def #2)**

**"A system of social organization in which all economic and social activity is controlled by a totalitarian state dominated by a single and self-perpetuating political party."**

**Note: to compare economic systems you would use capitalism or socialism v. communism (small 'c').**

**Now that the terms have been defined, we can proceed.**

**Abraham Lincoln said:**

**"America will never be destroyed from outside.**

**If we falter and lose our freedoms,**

**it will be because we destroyed ourselves."**

**American Democracy is losing badly**

**to Communists in disguise**

* **Due mainly to gerrymandering, Republicans have been able to defeat the democratic process (rule by the majority) and gain control of the House of Representatives.**

[**http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2013/feb/19/steny-hoyer/steny-hoyer-house-democrats-won-majority-2012-popu/**](http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2013/feb/19/steny-hoyer/steny-hoyer-house-democrats-won-majority-2012-popu/)

* **Judicial nominations under Obama have been blocked by Republicans at a rate never before seen in our history.**

[**http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2013/nov/22/harry-reid/harry-reid-says-82-presidential-nominees-have-been/**](http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2013/nov/22/harry-reid/harry-reid-says-82-presidential-nominees-have-been/)

**It's naive to believe that all of these people were deeply flawed. So what do Republicans gain by blocking all judicial nominations?**

**If they can regain the White House and keep control of Congress, they can pack the courts with those who will "see the law in the proper light."**

**Examples:**

**If they need corporations to be people ... then corporations become people with free speech and religious rights just like individuals.**

[**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burwell\_v.\_Hobby\_Lobby**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burwell_v._Hobby_Lobby)

**If they need to remove restrictions on rich people buying congressmen ... then they remove those restrictions.**

[**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citizens\_united**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citizens_united)

**There is no law, that when viewed "properly," cannot be reinterpreted to provide the desired result.**

* **Voter suppression is about as anti-democratic as you can get. There are many tactics employed under the umbrella term of "voter suppression" including: enacting strict voter ID laws, restricting hours of voting, eliminating early voting, reducing voting locations or making them difficult to access, etc.**

[**https://www.aclu.org/blog/tag/voter-suppression**](https://www.aclu.org/blog/tag/voter-suppression)

[**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shelby\_County\_v.\_Holder**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shelby_County_v._Holder)

**When all the tactics listed above are being employed mainly by one party, you are witnessing an attempt by that party to defeat Democracy and ensure party rule.**

**What did our Founding Fathers say**

**about political parties?**

[**http://www.washingtonsblog.com/2011/07/the-founding-fathers-tried-to-warn-us-about-the-threat-from-a-two-party-system.html**](http://www.washingtonsblog.com/2011/07/the-founding-fathers-tried-to-warn-us-about-the-threat-from-a-two-party-system.html)

**They tried to warn us ... but we wouldn't listen. Now things are evolving exactly as they predicted.**

**So who is our greatest enemy?**

**In one respect, it is us; because we have the power - yet we surrendered that power to the Oligarchs who now control us through the Republican party.**

**If people are going to rule themselves (Democracy), then they must accept the burden of educating themselves so that they can make intelligent decisions when they vote. Specifically, they must educate themselves in rational thinking skills.**

**If you review the definitions near the beginning, and the actions of the Republican party, as listed above, you should be able to see the similarity between Communism and the Republican party ... unless you just don't want to.**

**So our greatest enemies are the Oligarchs within our own country.**

**And they will continue to rule us ... as long as we let them.**