The United Nations'

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

vs.

The United States'

Republican Party

(note: I have skipped some of the 30 articles

because they were either redundant or uninteresting)

*Article 1.*

*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.*

That may describe some planet out there, but it certainly does not describe ours. Those born with a "Silver Spoon" will have lives nearly guaranteed to be free from the struggle to survive, while the vast majority of those around them, born to less wealthy parents, will starve to death, die of curable medical problems, or suffer horribly as they struggle to eek out a meager existence. The deck is stacked against them from the moment they are born.

Republicans work hard to maintain this inequitable situation by using tactics such as slashing estate and inheritance taxes, with their goal being the total removal of those impediments to their accumulation of unlimited wealth.

*Article 3.*

*Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.*

You might think that no one could dispute that statement ...

but you would be wrong.

Christian Apologists dispute it, using the argument that their God creates life and therefore, has the right to take it. And Christians have been taking life, in the name of God, for centuries.

"Thou Shalt Not Kill?"

That Commandment means nothing to Christians, who have ignored it since the day it was written.

Conservative Christians are the strongest supporters of the Death Penalty. They are also, by far, the most hawkish of all Americans as they goosestep with their American flags at Republican conventions and parades before finding an excuse to invade some unfortunate, overmatched, third world country where the world's greatest military machine introduces them to the latest in American killing technology.

America is the largest Christian nation on Earth, and also happens to be the only nation on Earth in a constant state of war:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_wars_involving_the_United_States>

Jesus must be so proud.

But it gets worse. When Republican governors refused the Medicaid Expansion in 2014, they signed the death warrants of thousands of ... THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

Why? For religious belief?

No. They left their own people to die in the streets by the thousands for nothing more than ... political gain.

So that U.N. article

*"Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person"*

needs to be appended with the words:

"except for those designated by Republicans."

*Article 4.*

*No one shall be held in slavery or servitude;*

*slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.*

Most of the world was outlawing slavery in the 19th century (though it persisted legally in some nations into the 20th).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abolition\_of\_slavery\_timeline#1900.E2.80.931949](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abolition_of_slavery_timeline%231900.E2.80.931949)

The last great bastion of slavery on Earth where people rationalized this inhuman institution was in the Southern United States; aka "The Bible Belt."

Texas refused to join modern civilization when Mexico outlawed slavery in 1829, and fought for their right to join the United States so they could keep their slaves. Unfortunately for them, only a few decades later the Civil War forced them to give up their slaves anyway. So Texas was dragged, kicking and screaming, into the modern world; a world they are still resisting to this day. It took the deaths of hundreds of thousands of American soldiers to put an end to that very profitable institution and to prevent the slave owners from stealing half of America's land.

The South was a Democratic stronghold for a century after the War until a Democratic president from Texas named Lyndon Johnson betrayed them by signing the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act in 1965. Johnson correctly predicted that the Democrats would lose the South. Within a few decades most of the racists had switched political allegiance to the Republican party where they remain entrenched to this day. The election of Trump in 2016 saw the South rise again as racists regained much of the power they had lost.

Believe it or not, there still are Americans who defend slavery. I have debated them. They are Conservative Christians who are defending the horror of slavery because their Bible forces them to.

If you ever needed an example of how religion utterly corrupts otherwise decent human beings ... use that one.

*Article 5.*

*No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.*

Guess which group in America is the strongest supporter of torture?

Okay, that one was too easy for anyone who watches the news.

Let's move along.

*Article 7.*

*All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law.*

The United States even added the 14th Amendment to its Constitution in an effort to codify that human right.

But there is one faction in America which constantly fights against that Constitutional Amendment and this U.N. Article. Any guesses as to which faction that might be?

(Hint: Their symbol is an elephant)

Both the U.N. and the U.S. have attempted to grant equality to all humans. But equality and democracy are the mortal enemies of all Plutocrats. In America, Plutocrats work mainly through the Republican party to strip Americans of those rights in order to protect their profits and domination.

One tactic they use is called "State's Rights" which allows local bullies to continue to discriminate and dominate the less powerful for the purpose of enriching themselves.

However, they only scream "State's Rights" when they want to deprive others of their rights. But Republicans abandon the "State's Rights" ploy when they try to deny State's Rights to those states who attempt to grant equality or social benefits.

The best recent example of that is the Medicaid Expansion. Republicans used State's Rights to deny coverage to those in their states. But did they support the rights of other states to grant coverage?

Nooooooooooo.

With the destruction of Obamacare, other states will have to foot the bill on their own, as no more government assistance will be allowed for Medicaid to ANY state. So much for "State's Rights."

Republicans use slogans like that one, the same way Conservative Christians use the Bible when they cherry pick verses they need to support their horrid morality, while ignoring contradictory verses.

*Article 10.*

*Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.*

Have you ever heard of Guantanamo?

Do you know who are the biggest supporters of Guantanamo?

Let's move on.

*Article 14.*

*(1) Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.*

That was one of America's proudest claims ... until now. If you fly by one of our greatest symbols, The Statue of Liberty, you might see tears steaming down her cheeks, as Plutocrats seek to close off the nation with walls and laws.

*Article 16.*

*(1) Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.*

*(2) Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.*

This goes against many verses in the Old Testament, and if there is one thing that guides Republican morality, it is the literal interpretation of The Old Testament ...

except when they need it *not* to be taken literally.

*Article 17.*

*(1) Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.*

*(2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.*

You may have the right to own property, but that right has little meaning if Plutocrats decimate the wealth of the masses to the point where they cannot purchase property.

Here in America, that is the situation we now find ourselves in. Health care will soon be available only for the wealthy; same for education; same for housing.

What once was a shining beacon of prosperity for the masses has dimmed to a flicker, which soon will have no appeal to anyone. The Golden Age of American Socialism (1933-1979) has come to a crashing end; not because of the failure of Socialism - but because of the success of the Plutocracy in regaining control and returning America back to pre-Depression levels of economic inequality.

So Republicans have violated this article as well ... by legalizing theft; which happens to be the sole purpose of Republican lawmakers.

They now own half of all wealth and they are working on the other half; that would be the half that the other 99% have to divide among themselves.

*Article 18.*

*Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.*

This goes against everything Republicans stand for. Our Constitution gave us freedom of religion. But their 10 Commandments ordered the death penalty for those who dared to worship other gods.

Not all Republicans are Conservative Christians ... but nearly all Conservative Christians are Republicans. The same is true of white supremists: not all Republicans are racists ... but nearly all white supremists are Republicans.

Even though Christians only make up about 70% of the U.S. population, they control nearly 100% of all government positions, completely disenfranchising the other 30% of Americans from participation and representation in the U.S. government.

Fortunately, Progressive Christians dominate the Democratic party. Those are Christians who are guided by the New Testament and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

They are the ones who have been defending the Wall of Separation between Church and State against the Conservative Christians in the Republican party. Conservative Christians fight for everything that Jesus stood against: accumulating riches, public prayer, and spitting on the sick, elderly, and just about everyone else who isn't an overweight, wealthy, white male.

*Article 19.*

*Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression;*

We already have this in our Constitution. Unfortunately, many people constantly fight against this freedom, and they don't just come from the Conservative side. Conservatives used to rely on blasphemy laws to shut up dissenters. Now Liberals have introduced the newest attack on freedom of speech - the concept of "Hate Speech."

When you disagree with someone, in their eyes you are engaging in hate speech. And if you don't think that is true, you must have missed the last election.

The concept of "Hate Speech" needs to be chucked into the dustbin of history right alongside Blasphemy laws.

*Article 20.*

*(2) No one may be compelled to belong to an association.*

This could be applied to unions. Here is a word about unions.

Conservatives, because they work only for the rich, hate them. Liberals, because they work for the masses, love them.

I see them as a necessary evil. I agree that no one should be compelled to belong to an association. However, in the case of unions, those who don't belong would still reap the benefits of those who do, which is obviously unfair.

My position is that unions should not be necessary in the first place. The masses have been brainwashed into believing that the government is their enemy, not realizing that in a democracy, they ARE the government. They should be working to make a strong government that works for the best interests of the many rather than the few.

However, now that our democracy has been sold to the rich by the 5 conservative members of the Supreme Court in the 2010 Citizens United case, it is fair to conclude that government is now our enemy. How could it not be, when it is controlled by the ... Plutocracy.

In a Democracy, it is the people who are ultimately responsible. If a majority of them possessed the rational thinking skills necessary to choose leaders who represented the interests of the people rather than the rich, then unions would be unnecessary, and we would stand a chance of regaining our democracy.

*Article 21.*

*(1) Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.*

The problem with that was pointed out earlier. Nonbelievers have been disenfranchised from participation in the government of America. We get to choose from whichever Ghost Worshiper, we think will hurt us the least. Fortunately, that choice is easy. In today's America, stay as far away as you can from Republican candidates unless you are in the top 1% (the top 1% financially - not mentally).

*Article 21.*

*(2) Everyone has the right of equal access to public service in his country.*

I take it that you've never been to Texas?

*(3) The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.*

The will of the people is not important to a government controlled by the rich.

But we aren't alone. Russia's brief fling with democracy under Yeltsin has been replaced by a brutal dictator who famously said that democracy had failed in Russia. Well yeah ... it failed because Putin destroyed it. That's like dynamiting a bridge and then saying "Looky there, the bridge failed."

All over the world Democracy is in retreat. It's been 2,500 years since humans first experimented with democracy in Greece. That gives you an idea how savagely the Plutocrats have been fighting back against their greatest enemy.

By the end of the 20th century, about half the nations had become democracies; though many, in name only. The most hilarious example is North Korea. Go ahead and google that one for yourselves and find out the legal name of North Korea. But first, make sure you have a tissue handy; you'll need it to wipe away the tears you'll shed from laughing so hard.

*Article 22.*

*Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security ....*

Plutocrats have been dedicated to the destruction of Social Security since FDR first granted it to the American people in 1935. Most advanced nations already had it in the 1930's. The Great Depression forced Americans to join modern countries in adding the program for the protection of their elderly.

Yet nearly a century after most of the world fixed this problem and the United Nations declared it a human right, Republicans are trying to drag America back into the past where it was every dog for himself.

Republicans aren't just greedy ... they are evil.

*Article 23.*

*(1) Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.*

The Republicans never got the memo. They fight against work conditions and regulations with everything they've got. They are currently (in 2017) in the process of stripping America of every corporate and banking regulation they can, leaving Americans unable to defend themselves, while they squeeze every penny they can out of the masses.

They ship most of our well-paying tech jobs overseas where they pay foreign employees pennies on the dollar, increasing profits spectacularly.

But for the greedy, that isn't enough. On top of that, these foreign operations are able to deny desperately needed tax dollars to Americans through numerous loopholes created by their lobbyists.

Today's Republican party is the enemy of the people, but they are the best friend that the rich have ever had.

*Article 23.*

*(2) Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.*

Guess which side fights against that one?

Yep, you got it.

*Article 23.*

*(3) Everyone who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.*

I'm afraid I've got some rather bad news for your human dignity:

Republicans would eliminate the minimum wage in a heartbeat if they could; and from what I've seen, they may not be very far away from achieving that goal. Likewise for your social benefits.

But look on the bright side: just think how much more sociable and happy we'll all be when we are all forced to shack up together under one roof.

It'll be like summer camp.

*Article 24.*

*Everyone has the right to reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.*

I don't really have to tell you who is fighting that, do I?

Apparently, Republicans have a slightly different idea of what constitutes "human rights." And their human rights apply ...

only to the wealthy.

*Article 25.*

*(1) Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.*

*(2) Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.*

I know I'm repeating myself. But there is one party that fights for all those things and another party that does everything in their power to deny those rights.

Guess which party, the people of America, gave complete governmental control to in 2016?

*Article 26.*

*(1) Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.*

America is in the process of switching over from a public education system to a private education system. Soon, all our children will be getting their education in private religious schools (under the code names "Voucher" and "Charter" schools).

Republicans don't want an educated populace. They do poorly in elections among those with higher education but very well among the poorly educated and the terminally ignorant.

*Article 26.*

*(2) Education ... shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.*

The success of that article would do irreparable harm to the very lucrative arms industry. Republicans simply won't allow that.

You don't seem to understand that Republicans kill people. It is what they do. Whether Americans (their primary victims) or foreigners, killing has been one of their most profitable industries, right alongside gold and oil.

*Article 26.*

*(3) Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.*

You made the mistake of assuming that parents know, and will do, what is best for their children. But that is not true, especially in a country like America which is overrun with dumbasses.

Science is already taking a back seat to "Faith." News is already being replaced by "Fake News." And "Alternative Facts," which are now accepted by tens of millions of Americans, are considered as being equal to, or greater than, reality and truth.

We are in deep, deep shit ... and this article does not help.

*Article 27.*

*(1) Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.*

Not any more. Republicans are drastically cutting funding for the arts and science in favor of those old Conservative favorites ...

Bibles and Guns.

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Summary

If you are not already under Conservative control, then you should have learned that the evidence is overwhelming, that the Republican Party of the United States actively works against humanity. Why?

Because they work for the rich ... and ONLY for the rich.

21st century Republicans are the greatest enemy that America has ever faced ... and ... they are winning.

<http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>