

Winner or loser: which are you?

Winners believe authority properly comes from government and they should submit to that authority because it has been placed there by God.

Losers believe that God is Sovereign on a person-to-person basis, and that government should be the servant of “We the People.”

Winners live well under Kings and potentates. They know the art of bowing and scraping. They delight in the taste of boot leather.

Losers refuse to bow, except to God.

Winners run well in high society.

Losers are content to live in peace with their neighbors.

Winners run governments.

Losers avoid government influence.

Winners can be seen in tuxedos at cocktail parties networking with other winners.

Losers, often so frustrated at their inability to find intelligent life on earth, can be found separated from society, lost as hermits, living alone in backwoods areas.

Winners do not ask questions. They do as they are told.

Losers ask questions and demand answers.

Winners believe that so long as a majority of people in a group believe a behavior is appropriate it is lawful for the group to do an act that would be a crime if done by an individual.

Losers believe that if it is unlawful for an individual to rob and steal, no group should be allowed to take property or kill people.

Winners do not inquire about the law; they simply do what government agents tell them to do.

Losers are too intelligent to be winners. They research. They dig into law books.

Winners who are professionals, such as attorneys and accountants, live in fear of the IRS.

Losers face off with the IRS and are often end up in prison for their efforts.

Winners who are judges are paid by the IRS on the side, for deciding in that agency's favor.

Losers, believing the scales of justice are well balanced, are surprised when those judges prevent them from presenting evidence supporting the defense.

Winners find a way to avoid serving on juries.

Losers consider it a privilege to sit on a jury in spite of the earnings they lose in the process.

Winners believe a proper foreign policy for government is “my big brother can lick your big brother”

Losers believe governments should act with the confidence of an only child, standing on their own two feet, not depending upon a mysterious corporate “big brother” to add muscle to their military resources.

Winners, knowing that there are both good and evil people in the world, support war. They believe it is the job of good governments to fight bad people.

Losers, knowing that there are both good and evil people in the world despise war. They are content to trust Almighty God to know which is which and to reward good, judging evil.

Winners salute the efforts of the Federal government to become the Imperial master of all nations of the

world.

Losers disdain the loss of life in unwarranted wars, wanting to bring home our troops from the 130 nations where they are now stationed.

Winners approve of government-sponsored torture, because they know that only “bad people” are arrested. Losers, suspecting that no human is perfect, and imperfect humans work for government, believe governments should treat accused people with respect, providing them with fair trials.

Winners seldom study history. They learn their trade, perform it well, and make lots of money. Losers care about the historic drift the United States has experienced, taking us far from our Constitutional values.

Winners don't care if the Fourth Amendment guarantees the privacy of their papers. They are happy to have the government come and take a look. They have nothing to hide. Losers complain about Homeland Security.

Winners happily pay income tax. They have plenty of money to spare. Losers complain about the IRS and live in poverty.

Winners file their 1040s under penalty of perjury without a thought. They know that nobody has ever filed a perfectly accurate tax return, but they trust the IRS not to prosecute them. Losers take the law seriously. They know that the Fifth Amendment protect them from being forced to sign any such form, and when they refuse to sign they are fined \$500 by the IRS.

Winners would happily be injected with an ID chip, and they gladly carry their driver licenses. When the national ID card is mandated they will sign up enthusiastically. Losers read the Bible. They take seriously the warning about the “mark of the Beast.”

Winners believe living in fear of injustice is a small but necessary price to pay for national security offered by a central government. Losers in futility believe the Founders of our nation established a government with limited powers, a government forced to respect individual liberty and to take action against individuals only under a protective and fair judicial system limited by due process.

Winners pledge allegiance to the “flag for which it stands.” Losers stand on the principle that we should pledge ourselves to God alone.

It is, thus, clear that the Founders of the United States were losers. Should we regret losing the vision and structure of the nation they died to give us?

Mark 10:31 -- “Many *that are* first shall be last; and the last first.” Matthew 20:16 -- “So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen. 1Corinthians 10:12 -- “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”

Ludwig von Mises, the Austrian economist wrote, “Everyone carries a part of society on his shoulders; no one is relieved of his share of responsibility by others. And no one can find a safe way out for himself if society is sweeping toward destruction. Therefore everyone, in his own interests, must thrust himself vigorously into the intellectual battle. None can stand aside with unconcern; the interests of everyone hang on the result. Whether he chooses or not, every man is drawn into the great historical struggle, the decisive battle into which our epoch has plunged us.”

-- Richard Palmquist
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