## **A Balanced Government**

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Our forefathers created an extraordinary document that has guided our nation for over 200 years. That document is the **Constitution of the United States**. It was brilliantly written to cover many situations including the balance of power between the three branches of government, the succession line of governing should a president, et.al, die in office, and for the continuing improvement of the government and our nation.

Our forefathers rightfully believed that those leaders of government would have the welfare of our nation utmost in their minds and actions. They realized that the power of government must be balanced as Lord Acton would state 100 years later: *"Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."* 

It was inconceivable in 1787 that:

- the people would elect a mentally incapacitated president and an airhead for vice president, or
- that a single party would be in charge of the power grid called government, or
- that the government would be weaponized against the people and other political parties.

For many decades we has been moving toward increasing socialism in our lives and consequently how we are governed. While the ideas of socialism sound promising to many, the reality is that socialistic governments quickly become tyrannical governments imposing draconian edicts upon the people.

Democracy is when the political machine hears the collective voice of the people and then acts accordingly. If democracy is driven by the few then the people lose their freedoms.

It has become necessary for Americans to restore the balance of power to our government and to insure that no single political party will ever be able to control the direction and workings of our nation and its government.