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TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO REDRAFT THE CONSTITUTION?



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Here's what provoked me:

We hear more and more about the irrelevancy of our form of government. I think this is ridiculous when we look at where we are in America. While far from perfect, even terribly flawed, we are the most compassionate, powerful and inclusive country "on God's green earth." Prove differently to me! I know you can't. So I found it very interesting to read a series of ideas about how we should redraft our Constitution.

Here's my response:

Are You Sure You Want to Redraft the Constitution?

Edgar M. Morsman Jr. suggested a redraft of the U.S. Constitution (The U.S. Constitution – If We Were Willing to Redraft....." – June 17, Opinion Exchange). He even provided examples of corrections he would make. This was followed by interesting letters also suggesting changes to the Constitution and tweaks to Morsman's draft.

One of the things these writers desire is to make governing the U.S. relatively easy. Their proposals tend to be "greasing the skids" in effect. Yes, times have changed since the Constitution was written, and while there are probably glimpses of relevancy in these commentaries, it's clear these writers don't understand the intent of our government structure.

These suggestions are about getting things done easily, and ignore concepts of God-given rights, freedom, liberty, human nature, discouraging impetuous action, and preventing tyranny – all of which are woven into the fabric of our Constitution.

These suggestions ignore the insight into human nature our founders applied while forming our government. Human nature is flawed, government checks and balances give us protection against tyranny of a thin majority, transformational change shouldn't be easy, and concentrated power in any person or branch of government is undesirable. Those ideas represent the original theory of our Founders and of many who continue to carry that torch forward.

These "re-drafters" would, at best, give us an activist government with no counterbalance or "loyal opposition." I can imagine their creation giving us each day a new idea, and unexpected surprise, and often disappointment. Let's call it a "whiplash" government!