

THE CONSTITUTION

“STATES ARE RISING”

Yes, this is a political calendar and now that the reality of Thanksgiving is behind us, we can still be thankful for all that we have been given as we consider what lays ahead. **We have choices.** *In our pursuit of Truth, we need to determine if we should stay on the pathway of Capitalism or make room for Socialism.*

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Biblically speaking, Capitalism teaches one how to fish, so that they can improve life for themselves and perhaps teach others to do the same. Socialism teaches one how to consume, giving no thought or justified reasoning for how to do anything but consume. In the long term, Socialism does not justify the highest and best use of one's raw resources, encouraging a depletion instead.

Perhaps the answer to our woes as a nation is not in finding a bridge to Socialism, or even Bigger Government, but maybe the answer lies in our past, in our learning to understand our own **Republic form of Government** as outlined in the Constitution, Bill of Rights and our Declaration of Independence.

To be sure, there are other Founding Documents that will shed light on what our Founders agreed to and envisioned. At the center of this Federal Government was the recognition that "The States" are the only parties to the agreements that can modify the terms of the Constitutional Agreement. The Federal Government has "limited" "Enumerated Rights". A close examination of history will show how The Federal Government has been allowed to grow by taking on powers that have never been enumerated or granted by the States. Think on this for a moment and let your mind find curiosity in what might happen if the States regained what they have lost. The security in your Rights and Freedoms would be significant, the positive fiscal impact on State and Local governments might be profound.

What will you do?

AF Branco depicts the tradeoff between Socialism and Capitalism in a very simplified and yet clear manner. The American dream has been about having the Freedom to choose, to enjoy personal property rights, to recognize that as an individual has been blessed, one can in turn bless others. Capitalism grows, building on itself, while Socialism, consumes and depletes the resources available.

