

A Silly Liberal Solution

David Hayford is exactly right. Dan Rylance's call for a constitutional Voting Rights Amendment is just a silly liberal solution to a non-problem, part of the ongoing liberal conspiracy to ruin America.

A little history: prior to the American Revolution, voting both in England and in the colonies was limited to "freeholders" – landowners with a free and clear title to their land. In England, mostly just well-to-do aristocrats could vote, which I'm sure David would agree is as it should be. Here in the colonies though, land was readily available. So unfortunately, often even poor settlers were allowed to vote.

But that wasn't good enough for the liberals. In 1776, at the urging of Thomas Paine, they put pretty much universal male voting into the Pennsylvania constitution. Their argument was that the men fighting the war should have the right to vote, whether they owned land or not. But just because you served doesn't mean you should vote, right, David? You should of course also have to show proper ID!

The conservatives tried to strike back in 1787. They proposed a 50 acre voting requirement at the Constitutional Convention, which liberal Ben Franklin was able to get defeated. But they did put that 50 acre requirement into the Northwest Ordinance. And rightly so.

But then in 1800, the liberal Jeffersonian Democrats seized power. In state after state, voting requirements were liberalized, letting any white man who paid taxes vote. That meant that even working men had the right to vote, not just the job creators that God had rightly deigned to rule above them. Oh horror of horrors!

And it's gotten even worse. First the liberal Fifteenth Amendment of 1870 prohibited race-based voting requirements. That let you-know-who vote. Then the liberal Nineteenth Amendment of 1920. That let even women vote. Women! Then the liberal Twenty-fourth Amendment of 1964 prohibited tax-based voting requirements, eliminating all those wonderful poll taxes. And finally the liberal Twenty-sixth Amendment of 1971 lowered the voting age to 18. Again that old-enough-to-serve, old-enough-to-vote foolishness! Like as if we want our country's leaders chosen by mere cannon fodder. Balderdash!

But are those liberals satisfied? I should say not! They want people to be able to vote on weekends! Do we really want voting to be convenient to the kind of people who should be falling on their knees and thanking some job creator for taking pity on their worthless selves by giving them a job? The rabble! They want people to be able to vote, even if they lack the simple foresight to get themselves registered at the city hall or county courthouse, a mere four to six months ahead of time! And they want people to be able to vote, even if they wantonly fail to carry a hologram-embossed government issued form of identification, that exactly matches their current residential address! Utter claptrap!

David, you're exactly correct. It's high time we stop this liberal nonsense, this throwing open our voting booths to those who are patently unworthy of the privilege. It's time to restore our voting laws to the way God intended to be. The way they would still be, if not for all those liberal solutions to non-problems. It's time to limit the vote to white male Christians with six figure stock portfolios and at least one three car garage.

Because that stuff about governments being "instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed" is, once again, just liberal Jeffersonian folderol. As David and I well know, it's only the consent of the job creators that should matter.