

Individual Freedom

The young male primate has just forfeited the right to be in his mother's pack strides past countless trees in the humid condition. He has rightfully left the pack, in order to tackle chance and start his own pack. When he is by himself, he can do whatever he wants to. If he fails to join to start a pack, then he has to take any option needed to survive, even if it means to join another pack. Otherwise, shall he be successful, he can keep his complete freedom. This primate living in the jungle can be seen as an adult human living in this world. As there may be many natural and constitutional freedoms for the freshly bred adult, he still has to live in the world, a place incoherent to the needs of its citizens. Luckily there is something called Government to help the young adult find his path. However, external forces act upon his choices that do not allow him to choose his own path. These external forces forge a new path for him. Unfortunately, the source of this unnecessary force comes from the interior of Government: the very tool that is supposed to help the young adult find his path. His individual freedom is chained down from this effect. But, there is a catch.

The suppression of freedom that comes from the interior Government is no one's or no specific group's fault. It is not my fault, not your fault, not Congress's fault, and not the President's fault. It is no one's. It is everyone's fault. Yes, people themselves limit their own freedom. As I said before, Government is merely a tool that acts *only* to protect and help *its* citizens. It is up to the people to use this privileged tool correctly. There is no such thing as Government Control in a democratic country, especially in a free market enterprise. It all depends on an individual's *freedom*, or will, to determine his/her standards he/she is going to live to. If the people request for more limit on individual's freedom, such as voting for mandated Health Insurance, then so be it. Assuming legislators listen to their constituents, the deed shall be done and the majority of people who voted for it will get what they want. The other group that disagrees with this will just have to try harder to get their say in the law. If the other side wins and votes against something such as mandated Health Insurance, then they have just increased their personal freedom. In the United States this can be made possible, but elsewhere this theory does not apply.

I understand that democratic theory will simply not work for some countries. Especially in controversial areas such as North Korea where the Government is autocratic, personal freedom is extremely limited. It is limited to the point where the only choice is to listen to what the Government has to say, thus created complete Government Control. In this case, the level of Government Control needs to be maintained in order to provide for its people. Converting North Korea into a democratic country could have devastating effects on its people. The citizens would not know what to do with their newly acquired freedom.

In the end, Individual Freedom is not caused by Government Control, but rather caused by itself. The primate had its choice to leave his pack, thus using his limited freedom to increase his own freedom. This idea is the same with our Government. If its citizens choose to have more freedom, then they will fight for their own freedom in whatever form possible: voting, protesting, or even revolting. And in the end, if people want less Government Control, they have the ability to do so. It is contained within themselves, their Individual Freedom.