

# I'll Keep My Loopholes, Thank You

In those moments when my skepticism falters, the recent midterm elections threaten to give me a little hope. It doesn't last long.

A Congress divided between Republicans and Democrats brings the promise of sweet gridlock, but they always seem to find a way to work together more than is healthy.

I am naturally skeptical of those using theft and aggression against the individuals who comprise society — even when they call the theft and aggression “government” or “the law.”

As bad as partisanship's reputation may be, bipartisanship is far worse. When working together, the old, fossilized political parties make it clear it isn't “The Right” vs. “The Left;” it's government colluding against the rest of us.

Back in 1866 Judge Gideon J. Tucker observed: “No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session.” It has only gotten worse since then.

The best hope for the survival of your liberty is eternal gridlock preventing Congress from doing anything. While they are fighting each other they may not be paying as much attention to you.

Those who want government to “do something” are calling for your liberty to be crushed bit by bit until none is left. They consider any remaining islands of liberty in a rising ocean of government to be “loopholes,” which they want closed. In spite of everything they might claim, this is never for your benefit.

I don't want Congress, or any branch of government, to get things done. There is nothing legitimate for Congress to do.

Laws were discovered; legislation is invented. All real laws were discovered centuries ago; no new laws are needed or even possible. All the real crimes have always been crimes in any civilized society. All attacks on life, liberty, or property are wrong, whether laws criminalize them or not. They are still wrong when laws say they are OK if done by government employees “just doing their jobs.”

Anything Congress imposes on the population will be legislation; fake “law.” These counterfeit laws look like laws to most people. They use legal language and are treated as though they are laws, but they lack the ethical foundation, which distinguishes real law. In fact, they violate real law by endangering your life, liberty, or property.

The last thing I want or need is for the houses of Congress to work together, with the president, to impose more legislation. I'll keep my loopholes — my liberty — thank you very much.