ALTERNATIVES TO THE RULE OF LAW

THE RULE OF LAW:	
1. There are laws!	2. There is one set of laws!
3. Those laws are obviously derivative!	4. Those laws are well- known to all!
5. Those laws are <u>established</u> prior to their enforcement!	6. Those laws are agreed upon prior to their enforcement!
7. Those laws are enforced fairly & equally	

7. Rule of the Minority / Laws for Minorites

America is weird! We believe strongly in democracy – that everyone votes.

But we also believe in protecting the rights of minorities!

- > Self-evident in 1776
- ➤ Slowly understood & implemented...very slowly in some places
- > 1950s-1960s the lights started coming on
- ➤ 1963 & 1964 the removal of Bible reading & prayer from the public schools

Why?

Intentions were very good Unintended consequences were horrible

Part of the majority protecting the minorities & rightly so!

The USA has a foundation & a long history to protect by our laws. Much of this is assumed.

Massive mistakes under George W & later Obama: Iraq → democracy

Arab Spring → became the Arab Winter!

Few countries have a history of truly protecting minorities.

Thoughts concerning the right & wrong ways of protecting minorities:

- > There are laws
- > Laws that are good & right
- > Laws to protect our God-given rights
- **Laws that are obviously <u>derived</u> / <u>derivative</u>...from:**

The Bible Natural law The Constitution
English Common Law
Not identical to any of them <u>but</u> applications of all of them.

One set of laws for all people

<u>Numbers 15:14</u> And <u>if</u> a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever be among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; **as ye do, so he shall do.** <u>Numbers 15:15</u> **One ordinance shall be <u>both</u> for you of the congregation, and <u>also</u> for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.** <u>Numbers 15:16</u> **One law and one manner shall be <u>for you, and for</u> the stranger that sojourneth with you.**

<u>Numbers 15:29</u> Ye shall have **one law** for him that sinneth through ignorance, <u>both for</u> him that is born among the children of Israel, <u>and for</u> the stranger that sojourneth among them.

<u>Numbers 9:14</u> And <u>if</u> a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: **ye shall have one ordinance**, <u>both for</u> the stranger, <u>and for</u> him that was born in the land.

<u>Leviticus 16:29</u> And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, <u>whether</u> it be one of your own country, <u>or</u> a stranger that sojourneth among you:

Exodus 12:49 One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

<u>Leviticus 24:22</u> Ye shall have **one manner of law**, <u>as</u> well <u>for</u> the stranger, <u>as for</u> one of your own country: **for I am the LORD your God.**

Laws that apply to all equally & fairly

Things split off at this point:

> Laws to protect the rights of minorities???

What is the obvious problem?

- > Laws to remove discrimination
- > Laws to redress past wrongs

What questions should we have about this?

> Laws to create a utopia!

These laws inevitably create a dystopia, resentment, distrust, & hatred

There also becomes laws that would fill a Library of Congress