

What Makes You An American?

If you ask American citizens what it is that makes them an American, they may not know how to answer. They may incorrectly answer that it's because they were born in America but that would be wrong, -unless, that is, they were born to U.S. immigrants. In that case they would be right because the 14th Amendment declares them to be American citizens. But if your parents were not immigrants, then what is the source of your American citizenship? By what law, or constitutional amendment, or clause in the Constitution, or Attorney General Interpretation, or State Department policy are you an American?

No one will be able to answer you even if they are a lawyer, or a judge, or a professor of law. The reason they will have no answer is because there is no answer. They may not even realize that fact consciously. But they will be aware that they've never heard of any such law. So if you are not an immigrant, nor born to a foreign father or mother, but are simply an average American, born to American parents then there is no law that you can point to that makes you are an American citizen.

There are statutory statements in immigration law that declare the fact that any person who fits the criteria of natural and artificial citizenship is a U.S. Citizen, but declarations are not the same as grants, or permission. The reason there is no such law is because no authority was given by the founding fathers to pass any law impacting or regulating (or bestowing) the citizenship of natural natives of the United States.

They gave authority to Congress to pass a uniform naturalization law that covers foreigners, foreign spouses, foreign parents, and their children, but not to pass laws regarding natural citizens of the United States. Just as the First Amendment specifically forbids Congress from passing any law respecting an establishment of religion or anything that infringes on religion and the press, so Congress was similarly never authorized to legislate or regulate the citizenship of the American people who are the nation's natural members. Since that authority was not given in the Constitution it does not exist.

That leaves the matter of natural citizenship as something that only exists in the realm of natural law, -outside of government, beyond the right of men to legislate, beneath the foundation on which the government is built. It exists as an immutable principle derived from natural law and the unalienable rights bestowed by "Nature's God" to all mankind.

So while foreigners who are naturalized, and children born to foreign parents can point to specific statements in U.S. naturalization law, whether it be the 14th Amendment, or Supreme Court rulings, or federal government policy, natural citizens can point to nothing in any law ever passed. While government and its laws exist as the result of the agreement of a people to establish a civil order and structure to enforce the rules that will provide them a framework in which tranquility and prosperity will be possible due to the protection of the natural rights of every individual, that government does not exist as a natural construct but instead, as a man-made one.

Since natural membership is a natural right and is not granted by a man-made construct of human authority, it exists with or without that construct, and thus those who created the construct for Americans were conscious of that fact when they created it. Hence, they realized that they cannot codify that which is beyond human authority because that would create the false impression that it is something within the purview of human authority when, in fact, it is beyond the

realm of human authority to create or regulate . Instead, it is they who possess natural group membership who possess the authority to create and regulate their government. Any form of government that violates the natural order of things is a dictatorship and sits as a little Satan ruling over other human beings as if they are its property.

The American citizens who can trace their citizenship to anything that is the product of the human construct of government exercising the legal authority of the government, -they can be described as “legal” citizens. Anyone who is a natural citizen is not among them because their citizenship is not derived from government, and so they could be described as not being “legal” citizens. They are instead natural citizens, and it was their forefathers that created the system that determines what is legal and what is not, -who is legal and who is not. No one can determine the legality of natural national members because their kind was the creator of the system that does the determining. The creation cannot determine that the creator is illegitimate within the creator’s own system. So most Americans, perhaps 95%+ of us, can say that in that sense, we are not “legal” citizens since no legal authority exists that makes us what we already are and were born as, namely, natural born citizens.

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