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First, here is a definition of democracy: A system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives. This is not the democracy we in America follow and believe in. In America, as a whole, we believe we have the power to choose our president and other elected officials when it comes to voting. However, as a majority we do not have that large of an impact when it comes down to it. Half the people I knew, when it came to the last election, did not know what either side stood for, let alone know how the election process or Electoral College worked. People voted based on what they heard on television and their personal religious beliefs. How sad is that! When Barack Obama initially ran in 2008 against John McCain, he had staggering numbers of African America voters due to the color of his skin; also I am sure many voted against him due to the same reason.

As time progresses Americans are becoming more uniformed and less educated, benefiting the democratic ways we have. Where will it end, when will the majority wake up and realize what is being done? Sadly, by the time it reaches that point it will be passed the point of no return and we as a nation will fall. We have already gone to war on false pretenses and ruined nations, all while creating an enormous deficit that neither we nor our children may ever see the end of.

September 11, 2001 happened and people blindly disregarded the vast amounts of evidence that it was an inside job that government created to get what they wanted: mass chaos

and confusion! We were told that Osama Bin Laden was behind the attack and blindly followed our fearless leaders to a war that has cost us to this point near \$640,000,000! The body count and amount of military and civilians injured is even more staggering. For what, what did we gain from this war? Was it oil, minerals, precious metals? Things as a democratic nation probably will never learn unless we are on the inside and have that level of security clearance.

More examples of our broken democracy are separation of church and state and the issue of same sex marriage. The biggest argument most people hear when concerning this topic is that it states, "Blah blah blah" in the bible. This violates the First Amendment's Establishment Clause that requires that government "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." June 26, 2013 marked a great day in history! However, as an individual human right, how did it take this long to get where we are today?

It boggles my mind to see how there is such a double standard, as a country we will pick and choose what we want to enforce and how we want to interpret these documents written long ago. Yet, it is promising to see that other countries are beginning to following suit with the issue of same sex marriage, to include the UK and parts of Europe. It is an exciting time to live, one that sparks one's curiosity and wonder as to where it will all lead.