

Does the Rule of Law keep us free?

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As Theodore Roosevelt once said, "No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it." The rule of law applies to everybody. All men and women are subject to the laws, no matter their position in the government, their ethnicity, or their gender, it applies to everyone. "...no "legal" person shall enjoy privileges that are not extended to all and that no person shall be immune from legal sanctions." "Laws should be open and clear, general in form, universal in application, and knowable to all" Everyone should be able to follow the laws easily without having to give up their freedoms and rights.

Why is the rule of law important in a free society? "The clearest way to show what the rule of law means to us in everyday life is to recall what has happened when there is no rule of law." - Dwight D. Eisenhower, 38th President of the United States of America. Without the rule of law, many countries would have fallen to a point of chaos. Some examples of this in the real world are countries such as Venezuela. In Venezuela there is political corruption, a lot of violent crimes happen often, and it is not safe to be walking out on the street or even on a beach. By strictly following the rule of law, countries like Germany, Denmark, Norway, Finland, and Sweden have very low crime rates and are very safe to travel to.

How does following the rule of law help with crimes and making a country more free? Most of it is in fairness and proper execution of the law. With proper execution of the law, the citizens can have faith in the police and judges to uphold the law. This also makes criminals less likely to commit a crime because they know that the law system works and the justice system will make sure that if they commit a crime that will get charged for the crime. Fairness is another very important thing about why the rule of law works because of how it is fair. If the laws are not applied equally among all of the citizens, then the country is not free and equal. With the rule of law anyone is subject to the laws and if everyone commits the same exact crime know matter who they are. They would get the same sentence and have the same consequences.

Presidents take an oath and swear by something that they will hold their position as well as they can and will abide by the laws and the constitution. These oaths are carefully worded and the presidential oath was written in Article II of the constitution. The Presidential Oath is, "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." The framers of the constitution made this oath for the president because by swearing to protect the constitution and to carry out their duties. This means they will uphold the rule of law in order to keep the United States of America a free and lawful country and to keep it as safe as they are able to make it.

The Rule of Law does keep citizens free only if the country correctly follows and executes it properly. A country could still follow the rule of law but if they don't do it correctly it won't work the way it should and the citizens wouldn't get the freedoms and

rights that they should have. In properly run countries the rule of law will keep its citizens free. In conclusion the rule of law will only keep us free if the government implements it properly and takes in account it's citizens before itself.

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