

MAY 2: ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION OPENS WITH: “ALL POLITICAL POWER IS INHERENT IN THE PEOPLE”—OHIOANS SHOULD NOT TOLERATE POLITICIANS WHO DISREGARD THE CONSTITUTION AND AS ONE POLITICIAN RECENTLY SAID, “WE KIND OF DO WHAT WE WANT.”

The Senate President says, “We kind of do what we want.” Some state officials have used their power and influence to implement and expand the EdChoice voucher program, continue the gerrymandered legislative district boundaries, and transfer the functions of the State Board of Education to the Governor’s office, each of which violate the Ohio Constitution.

It appears that the folks of Ohio serve the politicians rather than the politicians serving the folks.

Legislators that control the Statehouse essentially decide which bills will be enacted before hearings are held. Many citizens have concluded that providing testimony during legislative hearings is of no consequence.

Article 1, section 2 of the Ohio Constitution protects the folks from state officials that abuse the power of their office.

A form of this protection was included in Ohio’s 1802 Constitution (Article VIII, section 1). Ohioans need to re-engage in government and hold state officials accountable. The folks must start holding public officials accountable in spite of their tendency to ignore the plain language of the Constitution and their proclivity to “do what we (the politicians) want.”