## The Real Revolution

## WHEN THE HEAVY LIFTING WAS DONE

In 1917, many Russian political leaders believed theirs was a revolution to end all revolutions. They were right, in a sense. If the trend toward increasing centralization of world power continues, there will be no more revolutions because government will have become absolute. In a more important sense, they were wrong. The real political revolution began with Magna Carta in 1215. Though it was a struggle between the King of England and his barons, it also planted the seed of limited government.

This seed bore fruit in 1776 with the Declaration of Independence and in 1789 with ratification of the United States Constitution. It ironically turns out that the best way to promote the common good is to promote the individual good, as well over 200 years of American prosperity and world dominance has shown. A Constitutional Republic which extols and protects rights of the individual has achieved the the greatest revolution in recorded human history. The natural state of man in society seems to be that of slavery and tyranny, a state not unlike gravity. It took a few individuals in the eighteen century to begin the fight against it, and we must all do our part of the heavy lifting.