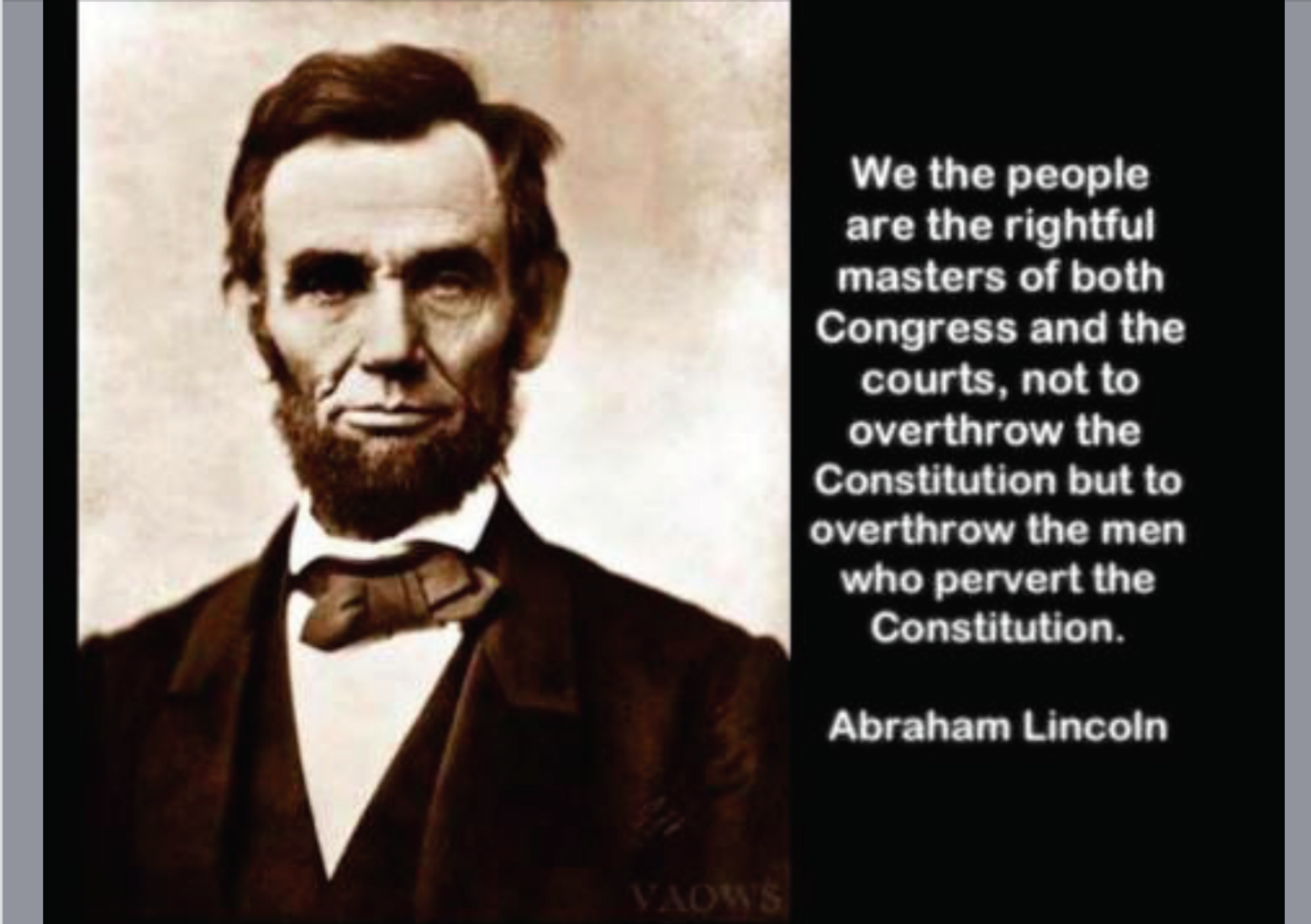


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Funny he would say that, considering how much he trashed it himself.



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Richard Strube
AMEN !!!!

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Pablo Sánchez
He one of the founders of the GOP

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Larry Pittman
Yes, Pablo. But the Republican Party is not the same as it was in those days. They did not believe in States' rights back then. In case you are not aware of it, the Southern States would never have ratified the US Constitution if they had not been assured at the time that they could secede from the union later if they found it necessary to do so. Everyone in those days understood this, including Lincoln when he came along. However, Lincoln was intent on fundamentally changing America from the union of "free and independent States" we were originally intended to be into a union of mere provinces. The war he caused was not truly a civil war. The Southern States were within their rights to secede. They had, in fact, become a separate nation of free and independent States. So, rather than a true civil war, Lincoln's War Against the States was actually a war of aggression against a separate nation. Lincoln had no constitutional right to force us into subjugation to the federal government. He acted by executive order, when Congress was in recess, to begin his actions against the Confederacy. The Congress simply did not have the nerve to overturn his actions once they reconvened. He suspended Habeus Corpus, and did many other things that were unconstitutional in his pursuit of establishing a federal empire controlled from Washington, DC, in place of the free union of free and independent States we were meant to be. This is what that war was really all about, not slavery. Slavery was later promoted as the supposed real issue of the war only to gain support for the war in northern States where the war was not popular because even they realized we had the right to secede, and to convince England and France to withdraw their support for the Confederacy. In fact, the Emancipation Proclamation was not worth the paper on which it was written, because it only claimed to free slaves in the States and territories within the Confederacy, where Lincoln actually had no legitimate jurisdiction. It did not declare any slaves in union States and territories free, such as those held by General Grant and his wife until after the war. It's only real purpose, in which it succeeded, was to get England finally to withdraw their support from the Confederacy. This war was unwarranted and bloody and unjustifiable. Lincoln is guilty of oppression and the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Americans who need not have died. When the South lost, all the States lost their status as States and became mere provinces. When I join others in the pledge of allegiance, I leave out the word "indivisible," and pledge my allegiance to the United States as originally intended, not as Lincoln perverted it. As I'm sure you can tell, I am a Republican, not because of Lincoln, but in spite of him. I am a Republican because of the principles for which the GOP stands today. While I do not advocate secession, I do advocate upholding the rights of the States as acknowledged in the Ninth and Tenth Amendments to the US Constitution. We need to reassert our Statehood, and refuse to remain effectively mere provinces of a federal empire.

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