

POWER-HANDLE WITH CARE

Power without the fear consequence, perhaps, is and always would be the worst and most dangerous component of society. One which possesses the capability to reduce the free-thinking realm of humanity as we know it, to rubble.

When repeated irresponsible comments from people we have chosen as our representatives at the highest levels of government, become a daily affair, that is when the alarm of caution should be sound. Everything cannot be taken in jest all the time. Subordinates cannot be insulted and reprimanded for not agreeing with their bosses. Being okay with a professional difference in opinion is what that keeps the hounds of a totalitarian mindset, at bay.

The countless times that mankind has suffered at the hands of tyrants, traces back its origins to instances when a few Men consolidated their belief that come what may, they can push forward with their agenda, *come what may*. That they came down from a mountain one day, with *diktats* written in stone, passed onto them by God knows who, stating principles that they want others to abide by, indisputably. They had the confidence, that there would never be a check on them, and their legacy that they created through treachery and inflicting atrocity on the weak would thrive till the end of time, unhindered. Until, there was a check on them, many-a-times during their lifetime. But the damage was already done.

A large number of people, in today's day and age, of technology and social media tend to believe the first thing they see or hear. Hearsay is at its pinnacle today and the most terrifying thing about it is that people are okay with it. Making light of pressing issues can be detrimental. Turning a blind eye to a problem does not solve it as much as some would hope it does.

The concept of healthy argument and debate seems to be fading away. Drowning the oppositions' voice in mindless screams of noise is the new trend people are gravitating towards. Be it citizens or members of government or military, one thing that is common for everybody is that no one is above the law.

An educated society that reasons everything before believing it, is the only thing that prevents malicious, authoritarian forces from wreaking havoc. Those which seek to diminish, undermine and ultimately obliterate our hard-earned democracies, that we more-often-than-not, take for granted.