

is between democracy and absolutism. The very patriotism which when it is given to aid in democratic advance is the noblest unselfishness of which human nature is capable becomes when given to autocratic reaction hideous and dangerous. This difference has always been felt even if it has not been reasoned out and analysed, and every great patriot of history will always be found to have been on the side of the mass of the people and against those who sought to enslave them. Patriotism is the love of country, and country is the people who make it, and the world of which it is a part, not the dictator who rules it. And when a nation among nations seeks to play the rôle of dictator and despot, that nation is no more entitled to the sacred patriotism of its people than would be an Attila or a Nero.

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