

## EAE countries: What do they have in common? Lessons from Revolution.

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Eritreans, Americans and Ethiopians are linked by history, culture and geography. Sad to say, the majority of citizens of each country are not well aware of their history, their culture or their geography. Added to this lack of knowledge, their respective Revolutions are blurred to the core.

The Eritrean Revolution started on September 1, 1960. The American Revolution took place in 1776. The Ethiopian Revolution happened on 1974. This means that while Eritreans are on a waiting game for 56 years, Americans are living peacefully for 240 years (unless D. Trump initiates a new Revolution!). Ethiopians on the other hand, are still struggling for 42 years to achieve the desired goals.

All the above years, with no logic or significance attached, should sum up to 338 years.

Many gullible citizens from each nation may have believed that the dates of the said Revolutions are authentic and relevant. True Revolutions do not start on a specific date as that of Eritrea and may not be classified as true Revolutions for true revolutions are meant not only to change lives for good end but also the means used to achieve success should depend on persuasion not coercion. In other words, the **means justifies the end** instead of the *end justifies the means* should have been the criteria for any success.

In order to debate or battle over these concepts, the issues and concepts must be spelled out.

The Eritrean one was modelled on the French Revolution and was dubbed as ELF to include the following three tenets:-

1. **E**quality
2. **L**iberty and
3. **F**raternity

The American Revolution was meant to incorporate the following values and principles:-

1. **L**ife
2. **L**iberty and
3. **P**ursuit of happiness

The Ethiopian Revolution are based on the following issues, values and principles i.e. ABR:-

1. Change the ancient regime by political party
2. Maintaining (God/Nature) given Liberty and
3. Keeping foreign powers at bay

As readers can see from the above, the common factor for all three nations is the word of Liberty. If we dissect this word and concept, there is a whole lot of divisions especially among Eritreans and Ethiopians. The proof can be observed in the current situations of Ethiopia as well as in Eritrea.

Since the American Revolution has a long history for 240 years, it has almost perfected the political system as we can observe the debates and battles between the Democratic Presidential candidate

Hillary Clinton and the Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump. Donald Trump is trying to redefine leadership using knowledge of rhetorical inherited from the Greeks while Hillary Clinton is trying to manipulate the managerial skill already intact in the American system.

In the American politics, there is an ongoing debate and battle. In debate, it is about argument and it means to win over an audience whether through television viewers, electorate or using other means. In battle or fight, it is about winning over the disputant. In such case, we are seeing the blame shifting she said he said battling, now and then. Let us wait and see who will win the debate or battle.

In the case of Eritrean or Ethiopian politics, why is it that battle or fight dominate the scene? Eliminating disputants seems the norm in both Eritrea and Ethiopia. Why is there not a debate? That is the question I want to address every time I scribble for an article. My primary reason is my passion for answering the question of HOW. To answer this question is tantamount to solving problems. CHG (culture-history-geography) is my forte. Here is why and how.

- I know some political history of EPRP both in Eritrea and Ethiopia
- I have visited and evaluated the physical and political geography from Karora-Moyalle-Assab-Kurmuk and
- I understand the cultural history of Nation, Nationalities and People

The Eritrean and the Ethiopian Revolution is known as the Eway Revolution to distinguish it from the Military DERG, the TPLF and the EPLF. It was and is an indigenous Revolution unlike the DERG's revolution borrowed from the Russians, or the ELF emulated from the French, the TPLF who copied from the Albanians and the EPLF whose model was the Chinese. Nevertheless, it does not mean that it was not influenced by these multiple Revolutions. All it means is that the Eway Eathioian Revolution of the 1974 was not a copycat as many writers attempt to ascribe.

The Eway Eathioian Revolution is still an ongoing Revolution based on persuading the majority of Eritreans and Ethiopians based on the true political history since 1960, on the geography of MAKK (Moyalle-Assab-Kurmuk-Karora) and on the true intent of nation-nationalities (B'Her and B'Hereseb).

The use of ethnic languages instead of political class struggle, the acceptance of Kilil as physical geography and the reference about kings as history of people is wrong and abusive. At least, EPRP both in Eritrea and Ethiopia have carried out their share of debates mindful of long cultural history of all Ethiopians. Theirs is about Liberty and Freedom combined. Liberty they had it since time immemorial, but freedom they need it now. More on this...

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