

Without Palpatine, would the Republic still fallen?

Sitting in the cockpit watching asteroids float by, Ric Hunter had plenty of time to ponder. He enjoyed slow times like this, he could think about anything and his mind usually went down a rabbit hole, much like his PorgTube account. It was a vid he actually saw on there that caused his thought to wander.

He had watched a vid by Jed1H4t3r! That had gone in depth to the question of would the Republic still have fallen if Palpatine had never come along. Ric was a student of history and had studied many cultures over the years and had come to the conclusion that, yes... it would have still come crashing down even without Palpatine to give its final nudge.

With any large government structure over time it begins to decay. Sometimes it crumbles due to outside pressures and sometimes the pressure is internal. The Republic had survived thousands of years of turmoil, conflict, and events that would have swallowed smaller civilizations, but it would never survive the rot that had infested it at the deepest levels.

One of Rics favorite eras of Republic history was the last fifty years before the rise of the Empire. It showed the reasons better than anything else for the fall. The problems had begun long before Palpatine had been born but he was in the position to take advantage of the chaos and seize control of everything. Groups of people stopped caring about the good of the whole and only cared about what they could get for themselves. You had a very vocal minority that would stop at nothing to control the rest and this caused deep seated hatred of all others not of their group.

In the early days of the Republic, the senate was an effective group of people that built a great government that looked out for everyone in the best possible way. However, over time the senate changed to really only be concerned with being re-elected and building their own personal wealth. This caused a large swath of corruption that had allowed Palpatine to exploit and finally take control.

Ric felt the Republic could have held up for another few decades, but he was pretty certain it would have dissolved in a fiery heap of death and destruction if major changes had not been enacted. Ric had been born prior to the rise of the Empire and had seen it fall into the dustbin of history as well. There were things about the Empire that were vastly improved over the Republic, but those things were far outweighed by the evil and violence that the Empire lived on.

Ric remembered the Separatist drop ships landing on his homeworld and causing so much death and destruction. He sometimes could hear the clank of robot feet stomping down the alleys and would silently cringe inwardly from the sound. That had been the final fate of the Republic, not the slow inevitable death of the government but the mercy killing of a wounded, broken animal by a madman with too much ambition.