



The Forgotten Limits of Federal Power

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Our divinely-inspired (and inspiring) Declaration of Independence boldly proclaims America's founding principles to be *self-evident* truths—truths so fundamental, they don't require further support. The greatest of these undeniable truths is that all men are created (equal) and accordingly endowed by our Creator with certain *unalienable* rights (among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness).

The practical application of our God-given rights in everyday life is but a minor step down in importance, thus it's proper that the Declaration next details that men instituted American government for the express purpose of securing our rights, before informing us that legitimate governing authority is derived *from the consent of the governed*.

The necessary result of these inseparable truths is that no man-made American government may legitimately take-away *that which God gives* (absent first our individual transgression of rights).

Since government practices beyond overt delegation undermine the foundation of legitimate government, the greater the transgression, the more precarious and unstable will be any edifice built upon that illegitimacy (meaning invalid federal actions plant seeds for their own destruction).

To secure our rights in a time when the greatest threat is government itself, one must first learn what are the allowable federal actions—which means a study of the government's rulebook (the U.S. Constitution).

But, scores of Americans have been doing just that, for centuries, to precious little avail. Therefore, it's just as important to follow the indelible trail left by unscrupulous opportunists, who explicitly seek to deny government's true purpose, for illegitimate personal gain.

This isn't a quest to discover the conspiratorial actors—whom may be dealt with later (or to correct the history books [for those already deceased]), *after* we regain our freedom. It's foremost the search to discover the devious means which may serve as an inappropriate cover for dishonest federal action, so we may finally end the evil charade. Adequately-expose the constitutional work-around process, and it prevents the opportunity to use the apparatus of government to work against our fundamental principles.

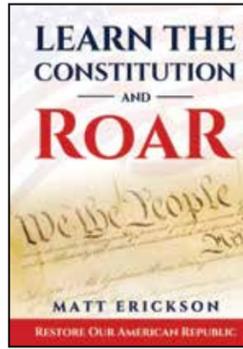
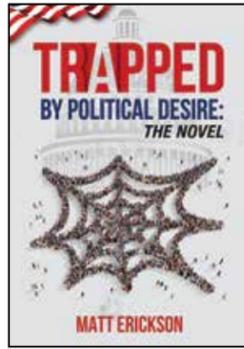
Federal servants may successfully act as our political masters, *only if We The People* allow them—if we fail to turn over every rock and examine every crevice, in an incessant search to follow every morsel of evidence, to discover what's going on, behind the curtain.

It's up to each of us, individually, to learn to make sense out of two hundred years of escalating federal nonsense, espoused by people who baldly-proclaim themselves to be all-powerful wizards and magical genies (which would be comical, if they weren't so successful). These scoundrels, of course, don't have any magic—instead only deceit, covered by treachery.

American freedom isn't centered upon voting and elections—Democracy—which proves to be but an unquenched search for angels to elect to positions of unlimited power, in hopes that fount will be exercised benevolently. Thankfully, instead, these United States of America are a Union of Constitutional Republics, *based upon a foundation of inviolable principles secured by government charter which grants but named powers, that may be directly exercised throughout that Union, using necessary and proper means*.

If something's necessary but improper, even though it's a named power, it can't be directly implemented throughout the country. If it's proper, but unnecessary, neither is it directly allowed, even though it's otherwise a listed power, otherwise expressly given to members of Congress. Certainly, if something's not even a named power, then it has no direct authority, throughout the whole country.

So, the pertinent question becomes, how did vile malefactors ever succeed doing what they pleased, despite their sworn oaths (which necessarily bind them to the Constitution's



terms [meaning they can't actually ignore or bypass the Constitution {hint: except as the Constitution allows itself to be ignored or bypassed}]).

Again, the answer doesn't center upon voting or elections (Democracy). The answer revolves around knowing what are the allowable federal powers, *and then learning how members of Congress and federal officers were ever able to go far, far beyond that delegation*, so we may permanently rein them in, no matter who happens to be elected or appointed, to end their false reign.

It's imperative to realize that those who are by the Constitution given express governing powers—because they were elected or appointed—*may never change the Constitution themselves*, which is the only way that their direct powers may actually be changed.

Don't be deceived by your own eyes and ears, if false appearances seem contrary to this unchangeable truth, simply because dastardly villains have gotten away with it, for centuries. Instead, learn to see past the lies and through the deceit. Learn to make sense of the nonsense espoused by those who wish to rule untouchably from on high, because we're so far beyond legitimate federal powers, that the smallest measure of truth adequately-exposed to the bright light of day may end some 90% or 95% of all current federal action.

Realize that *We The People* may permanently cast off illegitimate federal action, even as those who currently-appear all-powerful, will be forced to stand helplessly by the wayside, only to effectually shout out "Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain." Rest assured, that will be precisely where one must cast all one's attention, to understand it all.

Indeed, as Article V of the U.S. Constitution clearly shows to anyone who refuses to ignore its vital words—that while members of Congress may *propose* constitutional amendments, only the *States* may *ratify* them into existence and make them operational. Since the *States* are the only principals to the constitutional compact, only the *States* working independently, but cumulatively together, may change the U.S. Constitution. Only the *States* get to change the allowed federal powers, period.

The necessary corollary to this truth is that *nothing* ever done by *any* member of Congress, American President, or Supreme Court justice—or *all of them together* (at any single moment in time, or at all points in time in the past)—has actually ever *changed* the Constitution or has actually increased their named federal powers, that federal servants may directly-exercise throughout the whole Union.

So, even today, *we yet have the Constitution that the Framers and Ratifiers gave us*, changed only by 27 ratified amendments!

Therefore, we Americans may permanently cast off—*outside* the election process—*everything* beyond the strictest construction of the whole Constitution, because *nothing* any federal servant *has ever done*, or may ever do, *has changed or may ever change, anything that matters*.

All that we face is a mountain of lies, expertly executed. For us to cast off lies, we must first understand them. Thankfully, in this case, we may cure what we can accurately diagnose, because it's only about learning to see through false apparitions.

At the federal level, we face but *one* political problem, even as it has a thousand or ten thousand irrelevant symptoms. And that single federal political problem *is how may federal servants ever ignore or bypass their normal constitutional parameters without consequence, despite their sworn oaths (which otherwise compel them to the contrary)*.

How a hundred (or thousand [or ten thousand]) irrelevant symptoms of that single disease differ from one another, doesn't much matter, once their common root is understood and appropriately severed. By turning the (false appearance of an unscalable) mountain into a molehill, we may realize that a complete restoration of our American Republic has always been just around the proverbial corner, just waiting to be discovered (thus, the urgency of our political opponents [who seek to destroy society, so we'll give up the Constitution that they aim to prove "isn't working"]).

It's imperative *never* to concede our Republic of named powers, that may be directly exercised throughout the Union, using but necessary and proper means. If one gives up our Republic, then one surrenders liberty and accept in its place tyranny, that we then foolishly try to reform. By failing to look behind the curtain, we waste our resources and assure our failure.

Please realize that federal actions performed throughout the whole country, beyond the powers expressly-delineated, implemented using necessary and proper means, are necessarily a *corruption* of lawful government, *which cannot in America ever be valid, given our ratified Constitution—the supreme Law of the Land* (that is purposefully made to look *impotent*, precisely because it is *omnipotent* against tyranny [when effectively supported {by closing their only loophole}]).

Therefore, *We The People* need primarily to learn the simple source of illegitimate federal action, so we may finally respond accordingly, and end their bypass-mechanism.

To begin down the honorable path of Restoring Our American Republic—holding federal servants to their sworn oaths—it's necessary to understand what are their available powers and then next learn how scoundrels successfully act far beyond it.

We need only learn to follow the lead of Toto in *The Wizard of Oz*—to stop listening to the absurd dictates of make-believe wizards whose directives even undermine their stated claims (if the wizards are so Great and Powerful, then why send Dorothy on a quest for *magic slippers?*).

We simply sniff out the source of the horrible stench that emanates from behind the curtain, and expose the fraud, because in the real world, *there isn't any magic*—only deceit and trickery. We expose the hidden panels, the sleights of hand, the trap doors, and the other illusory tricks, that make it appear that we're facing great power, *when we're only facing a grand illusion*.

What we'll find in-real-life aren't all-powerful beings, but ordinary men and women who merely use an allowed special power, beyond its true geographic boundaries, because no one is paying appropriate attention, to the only thing that matters, to stop them correctly.

Remember, we don't need to *change* government—for *it hasn't changed beyond the 27 ratified amendments*. Therefore, we don't need majorities; we don't need elections; and we don't need new laws. We simply learn to enforce the supreme law, and discover how to see through everything that's falsely masquerading today as binding law.

The most important factor in regaining liberty is to discover how we've been tricked into giving up our birthright, for freedom is far too valuable, to give up without a fight.

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servants) greater powers, available in hardback at \$40.00 or softcover at \$30.00.

For example, if the court (or Congress) may change the meaning of words found in the Constitution (as they've explicitly proclaimed, for over 200 years) *then there's nothing stopping them from changing the meaning of the word "Year"* (used in the Constitution [relating to term lengths and election intervals]), to mean a "decade" or "century"), and stay in power, *ten times or hundred times longer*. Sometimes, carrying a widely-proclaimed power to its absurd conclusion best exposes the underlying fallacy.

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We regain our American birthright, *by*

blasting apart lies and exposing them to the bright light of day. *We don't need to change government; we need only finally rediscover it.*

We may ask God to again bless these United States of America, and the Republic which they were founded, but I'm sure He wouldn't approve of us sitting on our hands. It's time to grab a shovel, and start digging for the truth, so we may regain individual liberty and limited government, and make America again worthy of her intentioned destiny.

Remember, government was purposefully instituted to secure your rights, not be their greatest transgressor. It's your birthright (or naturalized right), go out and grab it!

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