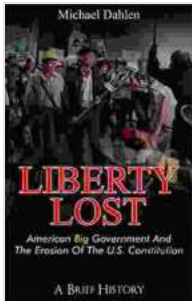


# The Erosion of the Constitution: How Big Government Is Undermining Our Freedoms



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The Constitution is the supreme law of the land, but it is under attack from big government. In recent years, the federal government has expanded its power and reach, eroding the rights and freedoms of Americans. This article will explore the ways in which big government is undermining the Constitution and what we can do to stop it.

## The Growth of Big Government

The federal government has been growing in size and scope for decades. This growth has been fueled by a number of factors, including the rise of the welfare state, the expansion of the military-industrial complex, and the increasing power of the executive branch. As the federal government has

grown, it has encroached on the powers of the states and the rights of individuals.

The growth of big government has been accompanied by a decline in individual liberty. This is because big government requires more control over the lives of its citizens in order to maintain its power. As a result, we have seen a steady erosion of our constitutional rights.

## **How Big Government Is Undermining the Constitution**

Big government is undermining the Constitution in a number of ways.

These include:

- **The erosion of due process.** Due process is the right to a fair trial. It is guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution. However, big government has been eroding due process through the use of plea bargains, asset forfeiture, and civil asset forfeiture.
- **The erosion of equal protection.** Equal protection is the right to be treated equally under the law. It is guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution. However, big government has been eroding equal protection through the use of affirmative action and other forms of preferential treatment.
- **The erosion of free speech.** Free speech is the right to express oneself without fear of government reprisal. It is guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution. However, big government has been eroding free speech through the use of hate speech laws, campus speech codes, and other forms of censorship.

- **The erosion of religious freedom.** Religious freedom is the right to practice one's religion without government interference. It is guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution. However, big government has been eroding religious freedom through the use of religious freedom restoration acts and other forms of government coercion.
- **The erosion of gun rights.** Gun rights are the right to keep and bear arms. It is guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution. However, big government has been eroding gun rights through the use of gun control laws and other forms of government regulation.

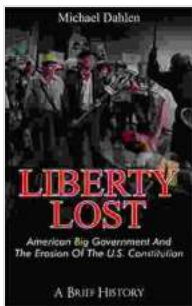
## **What We Can Do to Stop the Erosion of the Constitution**

The erosion of the Constitution is a serious threat to our freedom. We must take action to stop it. Here are a few things we can do:

- **Support organizations that are fighting to protect the Constitution.** There are a number of organizations that are working to protect the Constitution from big government. These organizations need our support.
- **Educate yourself about the Constitution.** The more you know about the Constitution, the better equipped you will be to defend it. Read the Constitution and learn about its history and principles.
- **Get involved in the political process.** The best way to protect the Constitution is to get involved in the political process. Vote for candidates who support the Constitution and who will fight to protect our freedoms.

- **Be an example for others.** The best way to promote the Constitution is to live by its principles. Be a responsible citizen and respect the rights of others.

The Constitution is the foundation of our freedom. We must protect it from big government. By supporting organizations that are fighting to protect the Constitution, educating ourselves about the Constitution, getting involved in the political process, and being an example for others, we can help to ensure that the Constitution remains the supreme law of the land.



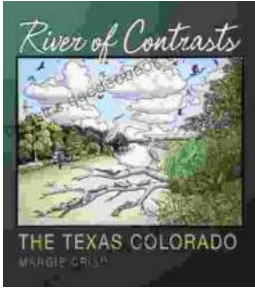
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