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We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution." – Abraham Lincoln

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Americans were once called a nation of "Rugged Individuals" to paraphrase President Teddy Roosevelt, now it can be argued we have traded our individualistic, pioneer spirit for safety and dependency on government programs for subsistence. This safety and security brought with it an insidious creeping cost that we are now seeing explode our tax requirements to feed the government's insatiable appetite for money to spend. All these government services come with a high price tag.

Despite the costs the dependency blinds rational thinking regarding the nation's fiscal situation. The real purchasing power of the US Dollar as plummeted in the last 100 years when deficit financing and carry huge state debt became standard policy. Comparing the 1913 dollar to the 2013 dollar at [usinflationcalculator.com](http://usinflationcalculator.com), it takes \$23.60 today to purchase what a single dollar could buy in 1913. As the Treasury needs more dollars, the printing presses make more paper money. Combine this with political policies that expand government spending and the result is out of control budget requirements.

Could our nation's political and fiscal situation get much worse? Federal spending is hopelessly out of control which causes a trickle-down effect into state and even local budgeting with unfunded mandates or enticements of matching federal funds to promote local spending. It is so bad that our federal government is not willing to create a constitutionally required budget since 2009. Instead, these political cronies choose to dupe the American people with periodic Continuing Resolutions in order to fund the government. That should not make anyone feel secure or bolster one's faith in government.

In the name of "security" the federal government is spying on citizens through unconstitutional, warrant less wiretapping while the IRS is punishing citizens for trying to form groups to exercise constitutional rights. Our enemies attack our embassies and kill our diplomats with impunity while the President, the State Department and Congress do nothing. The Congress has turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to the complaints of Americans while focusing on special interests and personal agendas.

The federal government is simply unresponsive and often criminal in its behavior. What can we, as American citizens, do?

We must restore the Rule of Law, specifically that of the US Constitution. Since Congress, the President and the Supreme Court will not comply with the Constitution, it is time for the People, acting through the States, to take matters in hand. Sections of the Constitution have been abused, ignored and in some cases, specific clauses have been reversed in their meaning. Those parts of the Constitution that require clarification and/or redefinition must be addressed by the States in order to force the federal government into compliance.

The fiscal irresponsibility of the federal government must be halted and reversed.

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