



The Founders clearly stated their intentions for a limited government, yet some amendments have been abused by congress to allow for the unrestrained growth of federal control and spending. No congress has been successful at reducing the size of government. Now is the time we must hold congress accountable to the Constitution by delegitimizing any spending that strays from original intent.

The federal government spent 84% more in 2009 than it did in 1988, while the population has only risen by 30%. In order to achieve a reduction in the size and scope of the federal Government, any future bill, existing law, policy or amendment that does not adhere to the principle and ideology of individual and states? rights must be terminated. Each state must be viewed as sovereign by the federal government and must not be compelled to sacrifice for the needs of another state -so that taxation is ?uniform throughout the United States?.

By eliminating the federal government's role in the re-distribution of citizen income through taxation we can start to achieve uniformity while decreasing the scope of the federal government. Government interference in personal endeavors must end.



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**Comment:** Government must be limited, otherwise it is tyranny. As I talk with voters, I use the analogy that we must stop increasing the size of the goldfish bowl and acting surprised that the goldfish keeps growing. We must ensure we never forget that the fight for limited government is just as important in Austin as it is in Washington D.C.

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### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

America is a social compact that acknowledges Natural Law; that the basic rights of all mankind derive from God. Government is to be limited to the bare minimum intrusion into the lives of the governed consistent with community safety and liberty. Upon our nation?s founding, these principles of self-government were unique and revolutionary. Today, they have withstood the test of time.

America's foundational premise is that each person must be left free to exercise his rights to the fullest extent possible without infringing upon the rights of others. In America, the framework exists for each person to succeed based upon his or her merits and efforts. Equality of opportunity is inherent to our system. Equality of outcome is not.



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**Comment:** Adherence to a sense of personal responsibility forms the bedrock of civil society.

#### 4 CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRUCTIONISM

Rightly fearing any government's tendency toward power, tyranny and oppression, the founders constructed a central government severely limited in its scope. It was to have specific and limited powers, be subordinate to the States and the People, and was to be subject to specific internal checks and balances. Time has proven the Founder's worst fears prescient. Our present federal government recognizes no boundaries to its scope, embraces no limits on its authority, demonstrates no restraint in its spending nor in its confiscation of citizen wealth through taxation.

Elected officials in State and National offices must recognize and acknowledge the historic and shameful shredding of our Constitution, and understand their duty and obligation to reverse this damage to our social compact. The primacy of States? Rights, individual liberty, property rights, and the rule of law must be recognized and enforced. The federal government must be reduced in size, scope, reach, and hubris; and must be returned to its original and limited place in the lives of Americans.

The Federal Government is OUR mutual compact as a people and a civilization to protect us in time of war, secure our borders, ensure an orderly society, and conduct relations with other nations. All other functions of Government are to be conducted at the local and state level.



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**Comment:** We must stop talking about State Sovereignty as a slogan, and start standing up for it. This manifests itself in issues like the TSA bill and VRA Sec 5 (2 examples of where we should be more assertive in standing up for our rights as Texans), as well as financial and tax policy -- our state Government receives ~40% of its budget from the fed. govt, and every dollar comes with many strings attached. To maintain our sovereignty, it is just as important to "not do" stuff as it is "to do" stuff.

#### 5 A VIRTUOUS AMERICA

We the People should endeavor to be a virtuous people. Virtue implies the possession or manifestation of moral excellence. This moral excellence governs our values concerning the sanctity of life from conception to end. Honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, charity, sacrifice, industriousness, courage and reverence for God and country are all founding and God given qualities that comprise our virtue. As a People we endeavor to elect and appoint those officials that exemplify these virtues.

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**Comment:** We must recognize that that the social and legal compact that founded this country was based upon is a

Judeo-Christian ethic. While we have freedom of conscience to approach our Creator in any way we see fit, we must understand that there are indeed bounds to allowable behavior and expectations and responsibilities that come with our participation as members of the community at large. Basic morals and virtue are often hard to live up to, but that should be no reason to quit striving for them.

**6 STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE**

**Defending the nation, providing for the common defense, is one of the few powers enumerated to the federal government by the Constitution. America must act proactively to defend itself, its citizens and its interest. We must seek peace through strength, serving as a deterrent to those who would seek to harm our way of life. Our military forces should only be used wisely and once deployed, their might unleashed to perform their task properly.**

**The safety of America?s people and her interests abroad are paramount to maintaining all other freedoms. A strong National defense, a prosperous economy and individual liberty are inextricably intertwined. One cannot exist without the others.**

**Our borders must be secured sufficient to prohibit terrorists and criminal gangs from entering our nation. The onslaught of illegal immigrants who overwhelm our infrastructure must be halted. Energy, the engine of our economy, must not be subjugated to political whim, nor control by our enemies.**

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**Comment:** Our nat sec interests do not end at the water's edge. We must recognize that bad actors on the world stage would love to see America bloodied, bruised, and toppled. This must not be allowed to occur - the gathering threat must be dispersed. We must reduce (not end) our overseas military involvement, and stop "nation building". We must insist that Congress declare war (per the Const.) before we send troops into conflict areas. Secure the border. Maintain a strong defense.

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