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It is widespread public apathy that is the single biggest threat to individual liberty. By remaining silent, people condone what government does and as such are part of the problem.

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*We the People – Alabama will work with and support those elected servants of the People who honor their Oath of Office to “support and defend the Constitution for the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic” and will hold accountable to their constituents those who do not.*

## All of Alabama’s County Sheriffs Were Invited - None Came!

Sybillie Matievich

[Richard Mack](#), former sheriff of Graham County, Arizona, spoke at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntsville Saturday, January 21, 2012. At the invitation of [We the People - Alabama](#) and [Oath Keepers](#), Mack addressed the crucial role our county sheriffs are empowered to fill under Amendment 10 of the U.S. Constitution.

It is a generally little known fact that county sheriffs are, under Amendment 10, empowered to act ABOVE, and in spite of, the laws passed down by Washington. In other words, they can legally and constitutionally tell the feds where to go. With a view toward the recently passed NDAA bill, county sheriffs can thus refuse orders by the feds to have our guns confiscated and American citizens detained without any cause whatsoever, without a jury trial, and for however long the feds deem us to be “terrorists.”

This refusal to follow the feds’ orders applies IF our sheriffs abide by the Constitution, which they swore an oath to uphold when they accepted their positions. Yes, IF they abide, and that part is most critical here.

About 150 patriots, who each had paid \$20 for their tickets, attended the conference. The first three rows of seats in the church auditorium had been reserved for the county sheriffs and county attorneys from the entire States of Alabama and Tennessee, who had each been personally invited to attend at no cost to them.

Those first three rows in the auditorium remained essentially vacant! Not a single Sheriff attended the event. Only one attorney (constitutional), Larry Becraft, of Huntsville, was present.

Is it really possible that each and every Alabama County Sheriff had other plans for that day? Really? What other explanation for their conspicuous absence might there be? And what does that tell you?

Given the extremely grave political situation we are facing under the current regime in Washington, how are we, the people, to rest assured that our Constitutional rights are being preserved when our law enforcement officers, who are paid with our tax dollars to look out for us, cannot be bothered to attend such a vital conference?

This is really scary, folks! The way this looks, when (not if) Washington decides to have our guns confiscated; we cannot expect any help from our own law enforcement officers. The way it looks, they can turn against us at any moment, and do exactly as Washington, under the NDAA bill, orders them to do. And when that happens, we are licked, fellow patriots! We’re on our own.

What are we going to do about this? Suck our thumbs and wait for the elections which may come too late? Or never? We, you, and I, are paying the salaries of people who can and will turn on us at the drop of a hat and leave us totally powerless. They can yank us out of our homes in the middle of the night and take us to Gitmo or any place they want to, and there’s nothing we can do about it because nobody stands up for us. This is serious. Deadly serious stuff. If we don’t do anything about this now, then when would be a good time? Think about it.

## What has America become?

Editor,

Has America become the land of the special interest and home of the double standard?

Lets see: if we lie to the Congress, it’s a felony and if the congress lies to us its just politics; if we dislike a black person, we’re racist and if a black dislikes whites, it’s their 1st Amendment right; the government spends millions to rehabilitate criminals and they do almost nothing for the victims; in public schools you can teach that homosexuality is OK, but you better not use the word God in the process; you can kill an unborn child, but its wrong to execute a mass murderer; we don’t burn books in America, we now rewrite them; we got rid of the communist and socialist threat by renaming them progressives; we are unable

to close our border with Mexico, but have no problem protecting the 38th parallel in Korea; if you protest against Président Obama’s policies you’re a terrorist, but if you burned an American flag or George Bush in effigy it was your 1st Amendment right.

You can have pornography on TV or the internet, but you better not put a nativity scene in a public park during Christmas; we have eliminated all criminals in America, they are now called sick people; we can use a human fetus for medical research, but it’s wrong to use an animal.

We take money from those who work hard for it and give it to those who don’t want to work; we all support the Constitution, but only when it supports our political ideology; we still have freedom of

speech, but only if we are being politically correct; parenting has been replaced with Ritalin and video games; the land of opportunity is now the land of hand outs; the similarity between Hurricane Katrina and the gulf oil spill is that neither president did anything to help.

And how do we handle a major crisis today? The government appoints a committee to determine who’s at fault, then threatens them, passes a law, raises our taxes; tells us the problem is solved so they can get back to their reelection campaign.

What has happened to the land of the free and home of the brave?

– Ken Huber  
Tawas City

"Find out just what people will submit to, and you have found out the exact amount of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them; and these will continue until they are resisted with either words or blows, or both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress."

Frederick Douglass

## If There is No Constitution, There is No Federal Government

JB Williams

Are Washington DC politicians absolutely sure that they want to make the U.S. Constitution null and void? If the U.S. Constitution is null and void, then so is the union of states that created it, as that fragile union of sovereign states was very carefully ratified via a very specific and carefully crafted balance of power between the federal government and the states.

If the federal government continues to breach that compact without remedy, the union of states expires with the Constitution itself and it is every man for himself at that point. Are DC elitists ready for what comes with the decimation of the US Constitution and the union of states it created?

***“We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”***

This is the sole purpose of the U.S. Constitution. No constitution, no union...

***“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”***

The United States of America is a union of fifty sovereign states. That union is established by, and conditioned upon, the Law of the Land, the terms and conditions of the US Constitution. Without the U.S. Constitution, there is no union of fifty sovereign states – there can be no United States of America. The people and the states have the right and the duty to protect and preserve liberty at all costs, and to force the Federal Government if necessary, to live within Constitutional boundaries, or abolish this runaway government and start all over again.

Are corrupt DC elitists certain that they want to toy with the American people and the U.S. Constitution, rendering the document nothing more than a relic from history and placing at risk, the union of states it establishes?

The Federal commitment to Global Governance and UN Agenda 21 taken under the Clinton Administration in September of 2000 and followed by every administration since, is a direct violation of everything the U.S. Constitution and fifty state constitutions stand for... it cannot be allowed to continue.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Amendment gives the people the right to reject unconstitutional acts by the Federal Government and the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment gives the states the same power.

The notion that the Federal Government can make up the Law of the Land at will via executive, judicial or legislative fiat, is insane on its face. The idea that the people are limited to the voting booth or a federal courtroom as their only remedy for a runaway federal government is equally insane.

If the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Amendments no longer stand, then the entire Constitution is null and void and the union of fifty sovereign states is also instantly voided. Before we dissolve this union and institute new government, laying its foundations upon that which will guarantee every citizen and state freedom and liberty, sovereignty and security, we must make every effort to save this union by re-establishing the balance of power at the foundation of the Constitution.

We shall not allow the US Constitution and the union it forms to perish without a fight.

Global Governance my eye! The United States of America is ONE NATION, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for ALL. It is so, because the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights say so. Destroy that at the expense of the union itself!

Who are Bill Clinton and Barack Hussein Obama to say otherwise? Temporary residents of the people's White House come and go. Freedom and Liberty are forever, because the American people say so and the American people are the final word on the subject.

State governments can stop the next Civil War by standing up and keeping their oath to respect, protect and preserve the US Constitution and force the Federal Government to live within the confines of that compact. They can do this by simply passing the Balance of Powers Act in their state and rejecting all “unconstitutional acts” of the federal government at the state line.

Or, they can sit on their hands, remain part of the problem and wait for the next Civil War to begin.

***“The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the members of the several state legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states, shall be bound by oath or affirmation, to support this Constitution;”*** - Article VI

According to Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, every elected lawmaker and law enforcement officer in this country has the power and the duty to support, protect and defend the US Constitution and the Representative Republic it forms. No excuse from federal or state lawmakers or employees is good enough. It is time for true patriots to stand and be counted.

The Constitution prohibits any form of *global governance*, national or international dictatorship, or socialist experiment, be it democratically elected or not. The states must act or the people will have no peaceful alternatives.

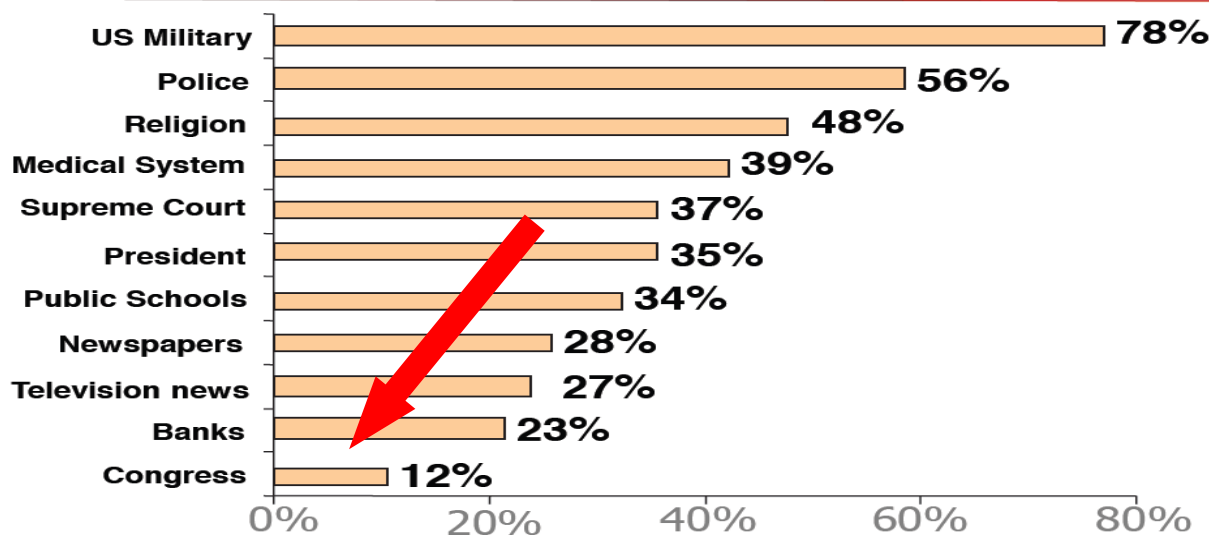
Either way, freedom and liberty will be protected and preserved. The States can do it peacefully or the people will do it by whatever means necessary. The Second Amendment exists for just such an occasion.

Over the last 237 years, more than a million brave American men and women have fought and died for the U.S. Constitution, our Representative Republic, freedom, liberty and justice for all. They did not die in vain.

The States can reassert proper constitutional balance of powers or the people will. It's not a threat; it's a prediction. Americans are the most peaceful and tolerant people on earth, until push becomes shove.

The clock is ticking... The States must act swiftly and decisively. Every patriotic American citizen must act as well, calling upon their state officials to take immediate measures to stop the runaway Federal government before we reach the point of no return.

### The American People: A Crisis of Confidence in Institutions



Source: The Gallup Organization, Poll dated June, 2011

# Centralized Government is a Freedom-Grabbing Black Hole

Ron Ewart

*"Those who have been once intoxicated with power, and have derived any kind of emolument from it, even though but for one year, never can willingly abandon it. They may be distressed in the midst of all their power; but they will never look to anything but power for their relief."*

*Edmund Burke*

Like political power, a massive black hole is an insatiable beast. It will literally absorb (eat) anything that gets too close. It eats surrounding gases, whole stars, star systems and planets. And as it eats, it grows and the more it eats the larger and more powerful it gets. Its power reaches out deeper and deeper into the heavens and warps the very fabric of space and time. A black hole is a whirlpool in the universe and its immense gravity powers entire galaxies while it clears the space around it like a giant vacuum cleaner, inside its event horizon. At its center is a point of infinite density where the laws of physics no longer apply. It is, in its growing sphere of influence, the epitome of absolute power. Not even light can escape it.

Since the dawn of human civilization, the masses have been and still are, in a constant struggle against the ever-increasing power of centralized government. Whether it be kings, despots, dictators, or even democracies, centralized power grows and grows, like a black hole, until it envelops and consumes all those who would attempt to break it up, or destroy it. Even though the Founding Fathers went to great pains to inhibit the rise of the federal government by limiting its powers in the U. S. Constitution, every succeeding executive, legislative and judicial branch of government since George Washington, has wriggled and finagled around its constitutional restraints into ever-increasing political power. The jaws of absolute power are open wide and lie there in our not too distant future, if the people don't take it upon themselves to break up that centralized power and restore it to the states and to the people, as it was intended by those who gave birth to freedom over two centuries ago at great sacrifice.

Throughout history, when centralized power is broken up or destroyed, it usually comes from the people violently rising up, en masse and restoring political power in the people and dividing all such power into smaller jurisdictions, which was part of the core foundation of the U. S. Constitution. It was the states that created the federal government, not the other way around. It is the states and the people that are supposed to have the supreme power under our Constitutional Republic, not the federal government.

Fractionalized power, split up between many small centers of political power, (*i.e. states, counties and cities*) is freedom's only salvation. Centralized, concentrated authority in a single center of power, in the end, will be freedom's demise.

For over 100 years the power of the American federal government has grown to the point where it now is the beast whose only goal is to perpetuate itself by "eating" anyone or anything that gets in its way. Constitutional limitations or resistance from the states or the people are vigorously opposed by those who hold federal power. The federal government will sue in Federal court any state that tries to invoke its 10th Amendment rights, as Attorney General Eric Holder has done to several states over their attempts to control illegal immigration. The federal government will lie, dupe, or use propaganda and outright brainwashing to paint a rosy picture of what a good job it is doing for the people. Obama's entire campaign strategy for re-election will be and is, based on lies and propaganda, since he cannot run on his dismal record of failure.

As an example of this propaganda that government puts out, highly credible individuals have charged that the current un-employment numbers are a complete fraud because the government simply removes a million or so people from the total to make the rate look better by slight of hand. David Stockman, in an article in the Business Insider, makes the point that the Bureau of Labor Statistic's numbers on un-employment are an outright fabrication.

Ladies and gentlemen, if government will so blatantly lie about a national statistic, what else will they lie about? Just about anything! Truth is the first casualty of government hell bent on increasing its power.

The three branches of the federal government that were supposed to check the rise of each other's power through the Separation of Powers doctrine, now work in concert to support and enhance each other's power. But the greatest increase in power has risen within the confines of the Executive Branch. Since the days of Abraham Lincoln, each succeeding president has added power to the executive branch by increasing the size of the President's cabinet. Each cabinet secretary serves at the pleasure of the president and will do his bidding when directed. If the President wants to get around the Legislative Branch, he just gives a directive to one of his cabinet Secretaries to promulgate a "rule", a rule that has the force of law. Or he just writes an Executive Order. (*FDR, Obama's hero, wrote more than 3,600 Executive Orders*) If the president wants a better judicial outcome, he just packs the U. S. Supreme Court with appointments for justices-for-life ideologues, that will support his ideology or agenda.

The second way that the executive branch has increased its power is by the legislative branch abdicating its constitutional legislative power and granting more un-constitutional power to the president, or his cabinet bureaucracies. Around the time of Christ, the Roman Republic of almost 500 years became the Roman Empire when the Roman Senate abdicated all of its power and granted it to the new Emperor, Octavius (*Gaius Julius Caesar Augustus - 27 BC*). Could history be repeating itself again and man has learned nothing in 2,100 years? Could it be that in time, an American Republic could morph into the American Empire when the Congress abdicates all of its legislative power to the executive branch under his majesty, Caesar Obama, or some other equally narcissistic and arrogant "ruler"?

Each year the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, coupled with an out-of-control federal bureaucracy, take more and more control of every aspect of our daily lives by passing law after law, or promulgating rule after rule. No area of human behavior is safe from the long arms of the law and rule makers that make up the black hole of centralized government.

From the top down, the federal government now controls public education, the money, the land, the water, the food, the energy and the health care of every American. America has reached the point where the government can do anything it pleases, but each American must ask permission from the government to do anything they want to do.

Much of this growing federal control has been done in cooperation with the hopelessly corrupt United Nations, along with the world ruling class and the moneychangers. Government can back up that control with the most powerful military on the planet, if they so choose. Even a totally armed population could not stop the onslaught of the combined forces of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and civilian law enforcement, that is if those in power could convince the military and civilian law enforcement to fire upon their own citizens. That is a big if we will admit, but the possibility still exists.

The more laws and rules that government passes results in higher taxes, more aggressive law enforcement, more law abiding citizens being turned into law breakers and more brainwashing of the entire population to convince them that all of the new laws are legal, "necessary and proper". To further government's hold on power they encourage neighbors to be snitches by ratting on their neighbors over real or unreal violations of too many laws. Instead of neighbors helping neighbors to work against government like we used to do when there was the fire of freedom in our bellies, the government now turns neighbor against neighbor and directs their attention away from government. Can a police state (*think the Third Reich*) be far behind if Americans don't wise up and soon?

But it isn't always government with an evil agenda that sends us reeling headlong into the black hole of corruption and enslavement. Sometimes it is just plain stupidity of and by government and it takes on all the appearances of a bunch of crazed inmates running an asylum.

In many of our columns we have struggled with why there seems to be no genuine solutions to our problems, even though many plausible solutions are proffered. Government passes a law and then moves onto another law without regard to the reasons for, or the consequences of, the previous law they just passed. (*Should we say Obamacare?*) It's as if someone who is not playing with all of his marbles was pulling the handle on a slot machine and garbage dumped in his lap with each pull. But instead of stopping and analyzing why the machine is malfunctioning, he just keeps pulling the handle until he is buried in garbage, a classic example of insanity.

Americans are being drawn in and sucked up into the black hole of growing government tyranny, ineptness ..... and stupidity. The trap has been set and there is "cheese" on the trigger. As more and more Americans are drawn to the sweet, enticing smell of the "cheese", each will succumb to the snap of the trap, as they tumble helplessly down and down into the black hole, finally consumed by absolute power resulting from their own greed. Man's short experiment with freedom will have become a side bar in some history book, as civilization rapidly decays into chaos and anarchy, where the world is run by an Oligarchy (*ruling class*) and martial law is the rule, rather than the exception. Complete enslavement of the masses will have become a reality if freedom in America dies.

But government could never set the trap with "cheese" and be successful, if it wasn't for the not-so-smart "mice" that are always looking for a free meal. In fact, the government has been so successful that 70% of the Federal budget is spent on those dependent "mice" that are always sniffing around the "cheese" in the trap. According to Investor.com, under Obama, the number of dependent "mice" has shot up 23% with 67 million "mice" now dependent on some form of government assistance. That translates into 67 million "mice" that won't "bite" the hand that feeds them and these "mice" get to vote. If you wonder whom they will vote for, you are naive.

In spite of the possibility of America's ultimate demise as a free and prosperous nation, there still may be reason to hope for a more positive outcome. There is the distinct aroma of determined resistance sweeping across America and that resistance is manifested in more and more people taking it upon themselves to start holding government accountable for what they are doing, or not doing, at the local, state and federal level. As a result, the left is growing more nervous and turning up the heat on the resisters ..... and "feeding" more propaganda to the naive and un-enlightened.

**"A government that does not trust its law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms is itself unworthy of trust"**

James Madison