

The U.S. Constitution is a rulebook of limitations that define what the Federal government, and by subsequent interpretation, most governments under Federal jurisdiction, may not legally do to the people.

As such, the U.S. Constitution is negative law. It does not grant general permissions to the government. It limits what the government can do.

Over centuries, under the color of numerous logical threads, tortured and extracted from constitutional phrases, to breath contemporary meanings into hypothetical original constitutional intentions, by judiciaries and ministers throughout all levels of governments, those governments have taken the power to give specific permissions to the people on pretty much any subject you can imagine.

What started as a constitutional republic of enumerated governmental powers granted by the people, has become a regulatory set of permissions bestowed on the people by governments, selectively, with ministerial discretion and immunity, that define what the people can legally do.

Our effective constitutional framework became, exactly, the opposite of what the Founders intended it to be. And it will remain so until the regulatory state, at all levels of government, is dismantled.

It is past time we updated our thinking about the U.S. Constitution. The free society it was intended to protect is an artifact of history.