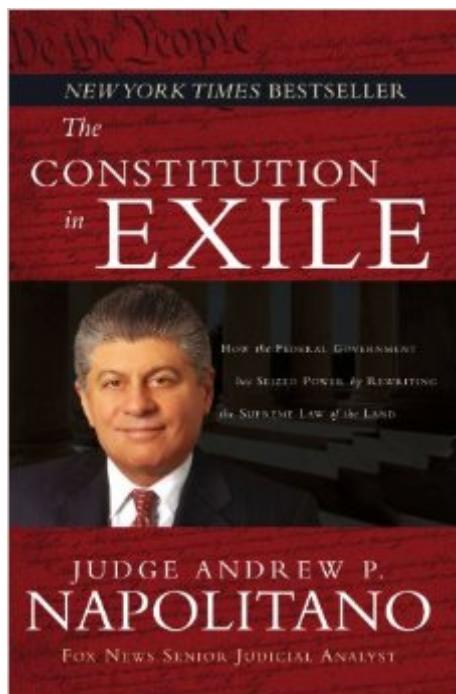


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The Constitution In Exile: How The Federal Government Has Seized Power By Rewriting The Supreme Law Of The Land



Synopsis

What ever happened to our inalienable rights? The Constitution was once the bedrock of our country, an unpretentious parchment that boldly established the God-given rights and freedoms of America. Today that parchment has been shred to ribbons, explains Fox News senior judicial analyst Judge Andrew P. Napolitano, as the federal government trounces state and individual rights and expands its reach far beyond what the Framers intended. An important follow-up to Judge Napolitano's best-selling *Constitutional Chaos*, this book shows with no-nonsense clarity how Congress has "purchased" regulations by bribing states and explains how the Supreme Court has devised historically inaccurate, logically inconsistent, and even laughable justifications to approve what Congress has done. It's an exciting excursion into the dark corners of the law, showing how do-gooders, busybodies, and control freaks in government disregard the limitations imposed upon Congress by the Constitution and enact laws, illegal and unnatural, in virtually every area of human endeavor. Praise for *The Constitution in Exile* from Left, Right, and Center "Does anyone understand the vision of America's founding fathers? The courts and Congress apparently don't have a clue. But Judge Andrew P. Napolitano does, and so will you, if you read *The Constitution in Exile*."-BILL O'REILLY "Whatever happened to states rights, limited government, and natural law? Judge Napolitano, in his own inimitable style, takes us on a fascinating tour of the destruction of constitutional government. If you want to know how the federal government got so big and fat, read this book. Agree or disagree, this book will make you think."-SEAN HANNITY "In all of the American media, Judge Andrew P. Napolitano is the most persistent, uncompromising guardian of both the letter and the spirit of the Constitution, very much including the Bill of Rights. Increasingly, our Constitution is in clear and present danger. Judge Napolitano--in *The Constitution in Exile*--has challenged all Americans across party lines to learn the extent of this constitutional crisis." -NAT HENTOFF "Judge Napolitano engages here in what I do every day on my program--make you think. There's no question that potential Supreme Court nominees and what our Constitution says and doesn't say played a major role for many voters in our last couple of elections. What the judge does here is detail why the federal government claims it can regulate as well as tax everything in sight as it grows and grows. Agree or disagree with him--you need to read his latest book, think, and begin to arm yourself as you enter this important debate." -RUSH LIMBAUGH "At a time when we are, in Benjamin Franklin's words, sacrificing essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, here comes the judge with what should be mandatory reading for the executive branch cronies who are busy stealing power while they think we're not watching. Thank goodness the judge is watching and speaking truth to power. More than a book, this is an emergency call to philosophical arms, one we

must heed before it's too late." -ALAN COLMES

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Customer Reviews

When one sees Judge Napolitano on the Fox News Channel or hear him on the radio providing excellent analysis of the law and issues of the day, one would be forgiven for not suspecting him to hold such radical notions about our Constitution, history, or his own preferences for changes in our society. No doubt about it, he is a radical and it is a refreshing sort of radicalism because what he is after is the Constitution and form of government framed by our Founders. This book lays out his views on how our nation went off the path we started down with the Constitution in 1789. It is easy to beat the drum for getting back to the Constitution, as many conservatives do, but it is another to be as clear and forthright about what it means. The Constitution is in Exile because its original intent and its governing power in our laws has been banished through legislative power grabs that went unchecked by the judiciary and then by a judiciary that grabbed power from the legislative and executive branches. The author is also concerned about abuses of power by the executive branch, as Napolitano sees them, during the Lincoln administration and in our present administration with the USA PATRIOT act. First, let's get rid of one phony argument about the Constitution and slavery and its moral invalidation of the Constitution. Yes, the Founders compromised on slavery, but that doesn't mean that everyone supported it or that it wasn't a monstrous institution that was at odds with our founding principles. It was. However, the compromise does not mean the Constitution is invalid or should be ignored. It is still our founding document and unless its stated process of

amendment is followed, the document should bind the very government it authorizes to its stated principles and powers.

Judge Andrew Napolitano cares about the US Constitution. A lot. And he is concerned that both individual and state rights which have been eroded already, and are being abridged more, will not come back. This concern comes through loud and clear in each and every chapter. To Judge Napolitano, the US Constitution is not a "living" thing; rather, it is a document which is unassailable and incontrovertible in its protection of basic human rights, rights which are immutable and which do not change from day to day nor from Century to Century. Napolitano begins the book with a primer on the Constitution and the events surrounding its drafting. And early on, we see that the Founding Fathers were very cognizant of the threats faced by the union, yet they did not enact laws which went against the Natural Rights of man. Often in difficult or scary times it can be all too easy to enact laws which seemingly protect us, but which do so at the expense of our fundamental rights (and State rights) put forth in the Constitution....and some people take advantage of this to the people's detriment. This book will enlighten most people I think. I follow politics quite closely, and yet was unaware of many of the rights which were slowly eroding from right under our feet, (even though I knew there were many!)....I just was not aware of the scope and size. I was not even aware Lincoln suspended habeas corpus; I was always taught what a great President he was as he was behind the freeing of the slaves with the Emancipation Proclamation! Yet in a direct quote of Lincoln, he stated that he would have done **anything** to protect the union, if it meant freeing all of the slaves or even if it meant freeing none!

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