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Liberal law professor: Obama is the danger

Chairman Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., asked him (Turley): "Professor Turley, the Constitution, the system of separated powers is not simply about stopping one branch of government from usurping another. It's about protecting the liberty of Americans from the dangers of concentrated government power. How does the president's unilateral modification of act[s] of Congress affect both the balance of power between the political branches and the liberty interests of the American people?"

Turley replied: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The danger is quite severe. The problem with what the president is doing is that he's not simply posing a danger to the constitutional system. He's becoming the very danger the Constitution was designed to avoid. That is the concentration of power."

Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2013/12/liberal-law-professor-obama-is-the-danger/#XqqGKJTHydQul8ol.99>

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The problem is not the "number" of Executive Orders when compared to other presidents but their nature.

He decided unilaterally, in direct violation of the spirit and the letter of the Immigration and Nationality Act, that said law does not apply to a whole class of illegal immigrants, the so called "Dreamers". It is one thing to make a priority the prosecution of illegal immigrants who are criminals, quite another to say to those who are spared from prosecution, BTW, here comes an EAD card (<http://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-processes-and-procedures/employment-authorization-documen...>) that lets you work for any employer while you are put indefinitely in "deferred action". Legal, H1B visa holders do not have that privilege!!

What prevents Obama from doing the same to all illegal immigrants who would be admissible save for the fact that they are illegal immigrants?

He has set a precedent that will be used by future presidents (or even himself) for all kinds of nefarious purposes.

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Lori A Decker · a month ago

When one party loses an election, the civil thing to do is regroup and try to figure out why you lost and where you went wrong and hope to fix it next time. Meanwhile, try to find common ground where you can agree and keep the government's business going.

This stonewalling and infighting and calling each other evil is just pissing the rest of us off. Stop being a sore loser. Some people like Obama, others don't, that certainly doesn't make him evil or a danger to society. He'll be gone soon. With any luck, you won't be a candidate. Go take your medicine, dear.

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Anonymous · a month ago

Not a question of being a sore loser but of whether the precedent Obama is creating is a good thing for the nation. Also whether if some other president were to be doing what he is doing he/she would get the pass he is getting from the media.

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My guess this only works one way ... Bush was challenged by the media for exceeding the constitution but not so with Obama. A president hillary clinton will get the same leeway as obama and if you say anything you will be anti-woman (now you are anti-black if you question obama).

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The popularity of Obamacare is maybe 35% of the population (those who get something for nothing).

Ted Cruz made Republicans unpopular when he tried to defund Obamacare by filibuster and then the Republicans turned around and bouncy back when Obamacare may be possibly the worst law ever passed in the history of the country.

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D.Smalls · a month ago 🔒

I am confused. Bush with Congress created the Patriot Act and people were fine. The NSA only had eyes on their common practices because Edward Snowden decided to blow the whistle. Executive orders are used by the President and are of discretion. I wish an executive order was used during the government shutdown. We have more than forty agencies working with the TSA. In addition ICE has more than six agencies under its wing. We have more than a million people walking around with government clearance higher than G20. Drones are flying in air space. Drones are being used to kill Americans as well. The last thing on my mind is executive orders. Congress has an agenda. As long as the big picture is distracted the plans can move forward. The powers of government has increased in the last ten years. ENEMY OF THE STATE with WILL SMITH told a real story. Here we are ten or more years later living in the big brother world that was detailed in this movie. Bush allowed torture on his watch among other things. If Congress can't agree or come to a consensus than the President needs to step in.

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May I refer you to Article V. of the Constitution, which allows the several states to call a Constitutional Convention to propose Amendments to the Constitution. This returns the power to We, the People, through actions of our individual state legislatures to amend the actions of our Federal Government, including decisions made by the Judiciary and Supreme Court. It is a very complicated process, but worth the effort and the support of the majority, who too often remains silent when injustice and corruption prevails against our beliefs and our Constitution. I hope this course will cover it; but in the meantime, you may get a better understanding of how it works by reading *THE LIBERTY AMENDMENTS*, by Dr. Mark R. Levine. Even if this Constitutional Convention fails, it would at least demonstrate the power of the people of the USA, and our concern that our beloved Constitution is being abused, mutilated, ignored, and is in danger. I'm writing my State Legislators to encourage a rally to use this Article V., and at least make people aware that they still have the power to restore our rule of law and pure constitutional rights.

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Ameritopia: The Unmaking of America[\[edit\]](#)

Ameritopia: The Unmaking of America was released January 17, 2012. In *Ameritopia*, Levin discusses the origins and development of both the modern day conservative and liberal political philosophies through the works of some of the leading figures in American history. Levin uses the term "Ameritopia" to describe the United States as having become a "post-Constitutional" country.^[20] Included are commentaries on works by [Plato](#), [Sir Thomas More](#), [Thomas Hobbes](#), [Karl Marx](#), [John Locke](#), [Charles de Montesquieu](#) and [Alexis de Tocqueville](#).^[21]

You can see a smear job when person calls such a person a hack and this content is trash.

When Obama does not obey the law of the land (the border, Obamacare et al) it is truly a "post-Constitutional" country.

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>This returns the power to We, the People

Consider getting involved with state initiative to defeat federal power moves. For instance an initiative in Kentucky to turn coal into gasoline would defeat the EPA and Obama's war against coal that was never authorized by the law. Two state initiatives on energy barely missed in calif when big oil put 10 times as much money as the backers could come up with.

Consider people are leaving Ky because the industry is outgunned by the central government behemoth. Ky can fight back and the end product would be 2 buck per gallon gasoline at the pump and they could export gasoline around the country.

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Dara L. Grieger · a month ago

So when one's preferred candidate loses an election, one is then required to simply sit down and shut up?

As Professor Amar pointed out, originally US Presidents actually DID defend the Constitution, vetoing laws that they thought were unconstitutional. I long for the same action today.

When Bush created the Patriot Act, "people" weren't "Fine" with it. There was a huge uproar from the democrat/leftists. Now that Obama is expanding it, those people are largely silent. If a policy isn't OK and is unconstitutional when the guy you oppose does it, it's also not OK and is unconstitutional when the guy you support does it.

I'll admit to being one who didn't fully understand the implications of this under the Bush administration. Now, however, thanks to Obama, I am much more informed and educated. I am now able to recognize a tyrant regardless of what initial (R), (D) or other.. goes after their name.

It wasn't OK when Bush did it. It's not OK when Obama does it. It won't be OK when the next guy tries it.

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clinton mathews · a month ago

Perhaps your thanks to Obama is misplaced when O's revelations never would have happened without Snowden. What actions has Obama taken to make the situation better. Is NSA still doing everything it was always doing, or did I miss something?

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>Now that Obama is expanding it, those people are largely silent.

Reid will start saying that when he ended the 60% rule to pass a bill in the Senate it had limited application after they lose control of the Senate this fall ... and then if they ever gain control again it will revert to whatever he wants it to be whenever he wants it.

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That is why I love Snowden, he has caught Obama in all sorts of lies so Obama has to limit the lies he can use cause Snowden can tell the truth on him. Like if Bush or Obama said that they were making the FISA rulings made by judges 100% transparent ... would you believe you were getting the whole truth and they just didn't edit our stuff they don't want us to know.

The DEA is listening in on all the calls that drug pushers make and Bob Barr was upset that our government listened in to all wireless communication is europe out of Menwith Hills in England and then shared the info with American businesses. I was at Heathrow going out to a plane and the guy sitting next to me worked there and his face went funny when I told him I knew what he was doing.

Government and the people is a very them vs us deal. Their edge is that the democrats can buy votes and they can shake down business like the mafia does - protection racket known as lobbying.

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So you have arrived at the Tea Party position. Get rid of incumbents.

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>What actions has Obama taken to make the situation better.

Krauthammer says Hillary's time as Secretary of State produced one single result - she angered Canada against the USA.

>Is NSA still doing everything it was always doing, or did I miss something?

Your total loss of freedom and privacy is for your own safety. What is fun is that NSA doesn't know whether or not he still has access to their stuff.

1. "When governments fear the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny. [The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.](#)"
2. <http://www.monticello.org/site/jefferson/when-government-fears-people-there-libertyquotation>

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Thomas Jefferson said that the people of the U.S. would never need the second amendment (right to bear arms), until their government tried to take this right away from them. After all, that's why we have the 2nd Amendment: to protect ourselves from our government. Homeland security has been spending billions for the past few years to buy all the ammunition. Who are they planning to use all these bullets on? Us?

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Snowdon should be awarded a medal for exposing the NSA's activities. We still don't know what they are actually going to do with all the info they accumulate. Read Jules Verne's THE WORLD BRAIN. He was a true visionary, even though he was considered a science fiction author. Most of what he wrote has come to pass. Now Google is scanning and digitalizing every book ever written in the world, to further their artificial intelligence creations. They are being sued now for copyright infringements by some authors and publishers for 2 billion dollars. If their intentions are to share all of this knowledge with everyone for free, that sounds great; but what are their intentions, and why not follow international copyright treaties and laws?

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BTW ... these very same tool can create freedom from top down control and it is all not in the hands of a few. I play around in this territory as well.

What if it becomes vastly cheaper and easier to attack the establishment than defend it?

>Now Google is scanning and digitalizing every book ever written in the world, to further their artificial intelligence creations.

Google is heavily into deep thought. The idea is to use machines to emulate human thought,

Google Hires Brains that Helped Supercharge Machine Learning

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Geoffrey Hinton (right) Alex Krizhevsky, and Ilya Sutskever (left) will do machine learning work at Google. *Photo: U of T*

Google has hired the man who showed how to make computers learn much like the human brain.

His name is Geoffrey Hinton, and on Tuesday, Google said that it had hired him along with two of his University of Toronto graduate students — Alex Krizhevsky and Ilya Sutskever. Their job: to help Google make sense of the growing mountains of data it is indexing and to improve products that already use machine learning — products such as Android voice search.

Google paid an undisclosed sum to buy Hinton's company, DNNresearch. It's a bit of a [best-of-both-worlds deal for the researcher](#). He gets to stay in Toronto, splitting his time between Google and his teaching duties at the University of Toronto, while Krizhevsky and Sutskever fly south to work at Google's Mountain View, California campus.

Back in the 1980s, Hinton kicked off research into neural networks, a field of machine learning where programmers can build machine learning models that help them to sift through vast quantities of data and put together patterns, much like the human brain.

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[Beverly Sue Kottwitz](#) · a month ago

Have you read Ray Kurzweil's (head of Google's AI Research) THE SINGULARITY IS NEAR?
I agree with you that this massive digitalized data storage can be very good worldwide, or can be used for very bad...depending on who is using it and why. Thank you for your insight. It

confuses and scares me how fast our world is transforming.

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Anonymous · 25 days ago

The key is that people besides Obama have tools that promote freedom (in his hands we have no restraint on power at the top). Note also how many people don't mind if freedom is lost or otherwise don't want comments on how Obama and liberal actions are outside the constraints the constitution imposes. Geoff Hinton is much sharper in AI than Kurzweil (who popularizes AI but really doesn't contribute to the field ... smart in a lot of ways). Hinton's work in an area of tech called expectation maximization is why Google hired him and his team.

Consider the next generation iPad will be able to see in 3D (using the tech formerly owned by msft that powers their Kinect) and better expectation maximization beyond where Siri is today means an iPad and iPhone will be able to see you, listen to you with a good idea of what you meant when you asked a question and talk to you with answers. This means everyone can learn through the very best instruction therefore become resistant to the wannabe dictators of the future. Potential way to roll back control from the top. Way to lessen the pool of low information voters who are easily swayed by emotion.

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Rule of Law? Info from The Heritage Foundation: "Perhaps no law was more despised in Washington's time than the excise tax on whiskey. It fell especially hard on farmers on the frontier of Pennsylvania, for whom whiskey was the drink of choice and grain the most lucrative crop. Washington saw the farmers' violent resistance to the tax—the so-called Whiskey Rebellion—as a direct threat to the rule of law. If "the laws are to be so trampled upon with impunity," Washington [noted](#), "nothing but anarchy and confusion is to be expected hereafter." The President's response was therefore swift and forceful: He personally led more than 12,000 troops to western Pennsylvania and quashed the rebellion.

What a contrast to President Barack Obama's "I can do whatever I want" attitude toward the rule of law. In light of Washington's constitutional leadership, Obama's dereliction of duty when it comes to enforcing Obamacare—today's most unpopular law and the President's namesake—is especially clear. The President has unilaterally [made changes to the law](#) that was passed by Congress.

>>> **7 times Obama did "do whatever I want" during his presidency**

Other examples of the President's selective enforcement of laws duly passed by Congress abound. [Among those cited](#) by legal experts Elizabeth Slattery and Andrew Kloster:

- Abdicating the Administration's duty to defend and enforce federal laws.
- Gutting the work requirement from welfare reform.
- Implementing the DREAM Act granting amnesty to some illegal immigrants by executive fiat.

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"We are not just going to be waiting for legislation in order to make sure that we're providing Americans the kind of help that they need," [Obama announced last month](#).

It is inconceivable that such words would have ever come out of President Washington's mouth. The current occupant of the White House may want to take some time today to read up on how our first and greatest President understood his role.

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Consider that Hamilton sold the idea to Washington so George bought into the idea under his influence. Even Jefferson admitted he got fooled by Hamilton when it came to money.

Consider the whiskey tax is one group of people in DC wanting taxes and deciding to take it from a group of people in remote locations who have no political power to stop the tax. Tax the rich is the modern version of the same thing. Demonizing the rich and blaming them for poor people being poor is the political way to get people to stop thinking that they can be rich too.

All a form of taxation without representation. Reason for the original revolution from England.

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