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There is some current questioning of the federal government's right to use eminent domain within the state boundaries. Should an attempt be made to establish these corridors, that could lead to a reversal of any actions taken along these lines. That is a question for the courts to decide.

In the past, these types of projects have always been accomplished in conjunction with the states, with the states using their power of eminent domain to obtain the land. If the federal government no longer needs the states, when did the federal government a dictatorship?

Furthermore, the federal use of eminent domain has always been for projects that are clearly in the best interest of America and were projects that could not be accomplished in any other way. Why does the federal government need these right-of-ways? Just who is going to own these right-of-ways? If the government does not need them for "government" purposes, then who is going to benefit from these corridors? If the government is going to turn these over to private enterprise, then I want to know when we became a fascist government?

So far I have not heard a **valid** argument for the federal government using eminent domain for these purposes.

It would appear that this is another over-reach and power grab by the very government that is supposed to serve the people.

Needless to say, I am opposed the application of eminent domain in this manner.