



Letters to the Editor

Welfare Is Forced Charity

Forced giving is nothing but charity as a tax. If you cut off welfare those people will go back to work. They'll go to the churches for pantry items and foodstuffs. Where would that place the taxpayer? All that money we've been spending to give government handouts would cease. We'd spend that money for better uses. Without being forced to pay for people to not work, we'd give voluntarily out of the goodness of our hearts. Welfare would have to come from those who want to support it.

The only reason to keep it going is because those who want to support it want those who *don't* want to support it to support it. They want to be the champion of social causes among society's marginalized. They would no long-er be the party of compassion if welfare were ended.

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Idiotic Utterances About the U.S. Constitution

1. "The Preamble of the U.S. Constitution proclaims that '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.'"

While there is nothing wrong with this declaration of unalienable rights, the fact is that this declaration does not appear in the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution nor anywhere within the text of the U.S. Constitution. It appears in the U.S. Constitution's antecedent document, the Declaration of Independence. This false attribution has occurred often.

2. "Commander in Chief of foreign policy and Commander in Chief of the economy."

While the president "shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties ... and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, ..." this hardly confers the status of Commander in Chief over foreign policy. And an essentially free-market economic system does not require someone to command its activities! Article II, Section 2, Clause 1 of the Constitution simply and clearly states in pertinent part, "The President shall be Commander in Chief *of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States.*" (Emphasis added.) That is it. That is only one part of the presidency. People often use the term "Commander in Chief" as a synonym for "President." It is *not* synonymous, as "Commander in Chief" is only one aspect of the presidency. Why over-emphasize the militaristic aspect?

3. "The U.S. government has delegated too much power to the States."

Someone does not understand the structure of government under the U.S. Constitution. It is, in fact, the People and the States who have delegated (few and enumerated) powers to the U.S. government, *not* the other way around! This structure is re-emphasized in Amendment 10. The fact is that the U.S. government has (unconstitutionally) *usurped* some powers *from* the states!

4. "The significance of the Supremacy Clause is that any and all statutes of the U.S. government supersede and take precedence over 'any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the



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Contrary, notwithstanding.”

However, because any statute, to be valid “Law,” must “be made in Pursuance” of the Constitution (and any statute repugnant to the Constitution is null and void *ab initio*), the true significance of the Supremacy Clause is that it enables “We the People” (and the States) to determine whether any given statute is valid “Law” or, in legal contemplation, null and void *ab initio* and, thus, whether the U.S. government is acting constitutionally (lawfully) or unconstitutionally (unlawfully) and to act accordingly, as in setting aside an unconstitutional statute through nullification and so on.

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