DOES THE GOVERNMENT EXIST TO SERVE US OR TO MASTER US?

If the government exists to serve us, and if freedom is part of our humanity, how can the government take freedom from us? Is human freedom in America a myth, or is it reality? The United States of America was born out of a bloody revolt against tyranny. Yet almost from its inception, the government here has suppressed liberty. Within the pages of It Is Dangerous To Be Right When The Government Is Wrong, New York Times best-selling author Judge Andrew P. Napolitano lays out the case that the U.S. government, whose first obligation is to protect and preserve individual freedoms, actually does neither.

The judge offers eye-opening, sometimes frightening examples of how, time and again, the human liberties we are guaranteed in the Constitution are vanishing before our eyes. He asks: where does freedom come from? How can government in America exercise power that the people have not given to it? What forces have collaborated to destroy personal freedom? This back-to-basics on freedom addresses hard questions:

What is a Constitution, and do we still have one? What are the limits to government power in a free society? Why does the government attack, rather than defend, our rights? If our rights are inalienable, how can the government take them away? Do we really own any private property? America is at a fundamental crossroads. There are stirrings in the land and a cry that enough is enough. The stories within these pages are told to help reawaken the natural human thirst for freedom—to point out government interference with natural order and the disastrous consequences that follow.
Before reading the book, I was not familiar with Judge Napolitanos ideas about government. I didnt even get to the first chapter when I suddenly had an inkling of what this book might entail. This happened the precise moment when I read that the book was dedicated to Ron Paul, the man known for wanting to limit government control and protect our constitutional rights.

Judge Napolitano brings up great points and references showing how our constitutional rights are being trampled repeatedly. He doesnt hold back on anyone. He criticizes Republican and Democrat presidents equally.

He makes some great points and backs it up with references. It was scary to learn how big the government has grown in its quest to protect each and every one of us equally while encroaching on our constitutional rights.

Judge Napolitano has some very controversial views. Lets just start with a few of them. Organs (the kind tucked away in human bodies) should be bought and sold legally, gay marriages should be legal, drugs should be legal, prostitution should be legal. His logic is sound as far as measuring these laws against constitutional rights. Unfortunately his views are not very mainstream and may be alarming to some people.

After reading this book, I felt disturbed that the government disregards our constitutional rights, and at the same time, I was left with a helpless feeling. I think a book like this would be great for students learning about history, but I doubt any school would allow a book in the classroom that promotes legalizing drugs and prostitution. A quote straight out of the book If you want to ingest drugs, the government should not stop you.

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