

In Search of Mr Jefferson's Liberty Rightful Liberty and Common Law

(1) In Search of Mr Jefferson's Liberty

5 years ago I wrote an essay by this title

I concluded a return to common law was necessary to restore liberty
Since, I have found no evidence that contradicts that conclusion

I have no illusion that I will persuade all of you to my point of view today
... startle some a bit and perhaps annoy others
... hopefully challenge assumptions
... and induce you to think outside your comfort zone

Remember, as we've learned from most unsettling events over the last decade,
... "It's all David's fault"

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This talk has four parts

Part 1 - Conflict in Society	... what's wrong
Part 2 - Liberty and Common Law	... what we need
Part 3 - Social Change	... how to get there
Part 4 - Closing Comments	

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(2) 1. Conflict in Society

cop spraying pepper is the iconic image of our modern police state

imagine a boot stamping on a human face — forever ~ 1984, George Orwell

(controversial paleo-conservative ... Sam Francis ...)

it's now said we live in a state of "anarcho-tyranny"

we refuse to control real criminals (the anarchy)

so we control the innocent (the tyranny)."

speed cameras, red-light cameras and

other surveillance equipment to tax motorists

yet if your car is stolen, the cops cannot be bothered to look for it

the chaos of our age just feels normal

so does the shrinking freedom of the surveillance state

our situation is actually "chaotic-tyranny" ... not "anarcho"

a central State exists

and it is being used to actively suppress liberty

(3) Cognitive Dissonance

The cheerleaders for Statism

are not simply misguided with "good intentions"

they adhere to two or more beliefs

that are fundamentally in conflict

collectivism will deliver a higher standard of living

despite all evidence to the contrary

... Soviet Union, China, Cuba, Cambodia, Venezuela ...

Regan: "The trouble with our Liberal friends

is not that they're ignorant;

it's just that they know so much that isn't so."

they appear to value emotion over reason

and demonstrate an absence of critical thinking

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(4) Over The Source Of "Rights"

their confusion over the source of Rights is evident

are rights NATURAL RIGHTS - endowed
not dependent on the laws or customs
of any particular culture or government,
universal and un-alienable
(they cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws).

or are they LEGAL RIGHTS - granted
based on political actions of legislatures...
can be modified

Legal Right = Privilege
a special favor that imposes an obligation
on the people providing it

(5) Over The Meaning of "Rights"

Rather than embrace Natural Rights
where man is free of restraint or obligation

a sanction of independent action
where exercise requires no permission
and can be violated only by force

they think only of "positive" rights, or "obligations"
legal, social, or ethical principles of entitlement

normative rules about what is allowed of people or owed to people,

but owed ... by whom ?

A 'legal right' is nothing more or less
than the co-opting of the concept of Rights
to make the control and theft socially acceptable

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(6) In a Social System

Where society recognizes Natural Rights
in some of its laws but not in others

... society is not functioning;
... it is merely disintegrating.
... disintegration takes time.
... nothing falls to pieces immediately
... not a human body nor a human society.
Ayn Rand – Textbook of Americanism 1946

(7) Civil Government was a Solution

quote and image: Frederic Douglass

The primary functions of governments are to act as a mechanism
to take wealth from some and transfer it to others
and discriminate among groups on the basis of their relative power
in order to determine who gains and who loses (Enterprise of Law)

we're told by Government and educational institutions
to be more tolerant

not tolerance for differences between us,
but tolerance of wrongdoing

Over time we have been taught to tolerate
perpetual war
political corruption
personal surveillance

... all as "normal" parts of our society.

<https://wakeup-world.com/2016/03/25/oligarchical-collectivism-the-institutional-ism-that-threatens-our-very-biology/>

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(8) "We" Embraced Political Solutions

What more needs be said ???

evidence suggests that charitable giving
would have been much higher
in the absence of the welfare state.

studies, some dating as far back as the 1870s,
show private giving increases
as government programs decrease, and conversely

private charity is more likely to be effective
in giving poor people the tools they need
to get out of poverty.

"War on Poverty" has failed
to make the poor independent
or increase economic mobility

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2014/08/less-welfare-more-charity-michael-tanner/>

(9) "We" Embraced Democracy

we defied the warning of our Founders
... the rule of the few by the many is tyranny also
"You shall do as we will, and not as you will"

we live under a mistaken belief that
the merit of a democratic form of government
consists solely in that it trespasses against the smallest number
- Herbert Spencer

De Tocqueville warns in "Democracy in America" 1840

democracy weakens and isolates individuals
degrades men rather than destroys their bodies
inhibits free will and limits the capacity to think and act

resulting in "a herd of timid and industrious animals
of which the government is the shepherd."

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a perfect description of our modern "tax farm"

(10) **And, The Outcome ... ???**

You hear the rhetoric from the left '**preserve our democracy**'
Now the RINO 'right' is beginning to echo the same language ...

According to R.T. Erdogan (dictator ... ahem, current president of Turkey)
"Democracy is a train that you get off once you reach your destination."

DEMOCRACY IS COMMUNISM by another name
... demanding obedience to the "majority voice"
... creating slavery to a "common good"

The successive expansion of the franchise and finally the establishment of
universal adult suffrage set in motion a seemingly permanent tendency toward
wealth and income redistribution.

every person and his personal property comes within reach of and is up for grabs
by everyone else ... majorities of "have-nots" will relentlessly try to enrich
themselves at the expense of minorities of "haves"

... criteria define what makes one person a "have" (deserving to be looted) and
another a "have-not" (deserving to receive the loot) will change with each election

"The democratic tendency
leads men unceasingly to multiply the privileges of the state
to circumscribe the rights of private persons

men who are impatient with the slowness of persuasion
anxious to use the power of the state to achieve their ends
confident of their own ability to do so
- Milton Friedman

and men become less and less attached to private rights
just when it is most necessary to retain and defend
what little remains of them."
- Alexis de Tocqueville

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(11) **The Republic Failed**

as a result of our transition to "democracy"
the desires of some are satisfied
by sacrificing the desires and rights of others

property rights provide incentives that condition behavior
a change in rights is likely to change behavior
authoritarian law implies restrictions
on private property and individual rights

in pursuit of their happiness the majority inflict
a certain amount of unhappiness on the minority
(and in so doing)
it is impossible for government to dissociate itself from evil
- Herbert Spencer

(12) **Rule of Law Failed**

the Bill of Rights was designed to prohibit forever
two of the favorite crimes of all known governments:
the seizure of private property without adequate compensation and
the invasion of the citizen's liberty without justifiable cause

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/lawrencehunter/2012/04/19/the-american-experiment-in-liberty-has-failed/#4a30b2f04e2d>

we like to think our government officials are bound by law
what does this really mean
when government officials decree nearly every statute and regulation ?

<https://acton.org/pub/religion-liberty/volume-9-number-4/common-law-and-free-society>

throughout history, the government gets its' judicial profit
whether the accused was found guilty or innocent

the idea that law should rule and be obeyed
is only conditionally valuable ...
valuable only where law is produced by a just process

Being ruled by the law can be a positive evil

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when one lives under an unjust or oppressive system.

- John Hasnas

why has "law" become a "positive evil" ??

(13) WHY? Because "We" Used the Wrong 'Law'

"Government legislation provides us with rules that exploit the politically powerless by the politically dominant

"... not only is government not necessary to create the basic rules of social order

it is precisely the rules that the government does create that tend to undermine that order"

- John Hasnas (Obviousness of Anarchy)

"The un-enacted common law provides us with rules that facilitate peace and cooperative activities

(14) 2. Liberty and Common Law

common-law is not something 'decreed'
it is something that emerges spontaneously
through the interaction of the members of a society

from the customs and habits of communities
it is not imposed by government command

created through the trial and error of ordinary people
to cope with the challenges of life
and deal with each other in peaceful ways

common-law judges based their verdicts on these unwritten customs

customary law was discovered in precedents
of judicial decisions rendered in prior cases
resembling the case currently before the court

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precedents were usually the best evidence
of what the relevant customs were
and customs defined the essence of 'civil society'

(15) **Threshold Issue for Civil Society**

While I am opposed to the concept of a "social Justice" movement
prominent leaders have made valid statements

MLK paraphrased Frederic Bastiat (The Law)
"The purpose of the law is to prevent injustice from reigning."
In fact, it is injustice, instead of justice that has existence of its own
Justice is achieved only when injustice is absent

The absence of injustice is crucial (latin "jus" - root of: justice, rights, law)
it is a demonstration of respect for the rights of men

prior to our Civil War
slavery was a clear injustice
against the lives, liberty and property of specific individuals

yet it persisted in both the north and south
with legislative approval
so much for any argument that government law achieves justice

... we need the right kind of "law" to tackle injustice

(16) **But What Constitutes Injustice ?**

If we're to battle 'injustice', we need a clear understanding of what it is

Evidence of real crimes "malum in se" (slide ... robbery)

existence of Laws "malum prohibitum" (prohibition on concealed weapons)
that criminalize otherwise peaceful behavior
a declaration that certain actions are bad just because we say so

injustice is also the establishment by legislation of "positive duties" (healthcare)
demands that one man is obligated to provide something for another (freetuition)

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So reflect upon the Threshold Issue ... to prevent injustice

(17) What Do "We" I Want ?

To be free from coercion by others
so long as I respect their lives, liberty and property

to be free to pursue the tangible and intangible things I value
so long as my pursuit does no harm to others or their property,
or create an immediate danger to others

an example: Vices (... are not crimes - Spooner)
those acts by which a man might harm himself or his property

Vices are simply the errors which a man makes
in his search after his own happiness.

Unlike crimes, vices imply no malice toward others,
and no interference with their persons or property.

Unless a clear distinction between vices and crimes
is made and recognized by the law,
there can be no such thing as the right of one man
to the control of his own person and property

(18) Maximize Our My Liberty

I have found no better explanation for the Liberty I seek
than Jeffersons' description of "Rightful Liberty"

Webster 1828

RIGHTFUL adjective ... just; consonant to justice (as a rightful cause)

LIBERTY noun ... acting as one thinks fit, without restraint or control,

Rightful Liberty captures the complementary aspects
a stubborn claim of ones' Natural Rights
and emphatic rejection of "positive law"

It is a state of exemption from the control of others,
and from the obligations of legislation

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To maximize my liberty, I must minimize the tyrants' will

(19) To Minimize the Tyrants' Will

Rightful Liberty is almost universally
abridged by the establishment of government

Government is a positive-feedback-loop
a run-away process that can never be controlled
once set in motion
it always proceeds to the destruction of Liberty
and social order (eventual regime collapse)

law imposed from the top - authoritarian law
typically requires the support of a powerful minority
law developed from the bottom up - customary law
requires wide-spread acceptance (Enterprise of Law)

Liberty and Common Law are
complementary aspects
of a functional society

(20) To Return to Common Law

Webster 1828 - COMMON LAW

rules of action
which derive authority from long usage
immemorially recognized
by judicial tribunals.

traced to no positive statutes
rules or principles are to be found only in the records of courts
and in the reports of judicial decisions

(emphasize last bullet on slide ... modern legislator aka "law-maker")

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(21) At Liberty Under Common Law

crimes are only actions that are moral wrongs
not just behavior deemed undesirable by those in social power

common-law evolved
to protect men's estates
and their right to earn a living

liberty is achieved through compliance with common law
not outside it or despite it

(22) At Liberty Under Common Law

No legislator, bureaucrat, officer of the court or member of a police force
would agree or permit such action

only a minimal tolerance exists for individual action to address injustice
for 'citizens arrest' and less for acts of vigilantism
even when initiated to address real crime "malum in se"

in the legislative domain
law consists of "a written body of rules of binding legal force
prescribed, recognized, and enforced by a controlling authority"

Keyword: "Controlling Authority"
a State operated monopoly prohibited to the individual

DIGRESSION AND CAUTION:

expect retaliation by the "controlling authority"
when men 'take the law into their own hands'

around 1994, the Montana Freemen established common-law courts
and issued arrest warrants for municipal judges and prosecutors
over land foreclosures and tax disputes

the Garfield County, Montana, prosecutor
charged members of a common-law court with criminal syndicalism,
for advocating violence against public officials

They provoked a direct confrontation

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with the "controlling authority" and its' superior firepower

To operate effectively under common law
there must be a broad base of support
where the community at-large embraces the basics

(23) Maxims - Basis of Common Law

What are the basics ??
What is this "stuff" that so scares the government bureaucrat ?

A Maxim is a principle of law
universally admitted as being just
like axioms in geometry
grounded in logic and truth

part of the general customs of the land
foundational principles which cannot be lawfully violated
... but are un-lawfully violated with alarming regularity

(24) Maxims - Basis of Common Law

[[subornation of perjury is the crime of persuading a person to commit perjury,
the swearing of a false oath to tell the truth in a legal proceeding]]

rules that have proven over time to be successful in resolving disputes
... intelligible to the ordinary person ... corresponding to a sense of fairness

these are different from "legislation, even libertarian legislation
will either reproduce the common law
or depart from it to gratify a political interest or goal
- John Hasnas (Obviousness of Anarchy)

skill is required to apply the maxim to the case before a court

part of the method is to ascertain how the maxim arose
consider whether the case to which it is applied
is of the same character, or whether it is an exception
to an apparently general rule

attempts to alter Maxims are dangerous - unknown and unintended consequences

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(25) **Compilations are Available**

Ancient Legal Maxims and Human Rights (Campbell Law School)

<https://scholarship.law.campbell.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1297&context=clr>

Maxims of Law (Republic Keepers)

<http://republickeepers.squarespace.com/maxims-of-law/>

A Collection of Legal Maxims – Peloubet 1880

http://www.mindserpent.com/American_History/reference/maxims/1880_peloubet_a_collection_of_legal_maxims_in_law_and_equity.pdf

(Francis) Bacon's Maxims of Common Law

<https://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/llj77&div=61&id=&page=>

Supreme Court Maxims

https://www.governmentattic.org/5docs/SupremeCourtMaxims_1993-1998.pdf

(26) **Where “We” Went Wrong**

“law” was interpreted by government
to accommodate political goals
rather than resolve disputes between men

original intent:

The rightful use of one's own property
cannot be a legal wrong to another

without malice or negligence
an unavoidable loss to a neighbor
it is damage without any legal wrong

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/1271721.pdf?refreqid=excelsior%3A8c352cbf637d7d4dcdf525600d2689b5>

where a defendant had been doing something on his own property
which the courts held might prove injurious to the property of others,
the Maxim grew in scope to apply to the prevention of ‘potential harm’

rather than to address occurrences of actual harm
“sic utere” began to be used as a form of malum “prohibitum”
to infringe upon otherwise lawful use of property

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it was ultimately used by the Supreme Court of the United States
Federal right of review over the police powers of the States.

“Sic utere” became a principle of legislation
rather than a Maxim of common law

<https://scholarship.law.cornell.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2418&context=clr>

another type of “scope creep” was employed by governments

(27) **Perversion of Meaning**

Cass Sunstein: “Nudge: Improving Decisions about Health, Wealth, and
Happiness” (with Richard H. Thaler, 2008) – ObamaCare era ... Overton Window

The change in “salus populi” established a greater evil
than the change just described in “sic utere”

“From the good of a set of individuals
salus populi was interpreted to mean
the future prospects of a national people,

the nation, a corporate entity, possessed a collective will
and a collective future that superseded any individual interests

the legal function of salus populi in court changed
from a definition of the outer boundary of private property rights
... a limit on the regulatory authority of local government
salus populi became the starting point
for the definition of public obligations and duties.”

contemporary snowflake example:
a public duty to not offend others
restricts the private Right to free speech

(28) **We Must Restore Primacy of Rights**

Sic utere and Salus populi were historically in harmony
and complementary towards one another.

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'safety and security' addressed Rights of individuals
and protected people and their property

'well-being / welfare' as 'supreme law'
created a duty to accommodate technological progress of society

the alterations resulted in a gross expansion of social control
against the interests of every holder of property

Each change initiated by government
created problems that required additional change
there will always be undesirable manifestations
the designers did not anticipate (Enterprise of Law)

The state ... expanded compulsory powers
to infringe and narrow common law Rights
beyond the prohibition of wrongful acts

(29) **And Recover Spontaneous Order**

... where a man is able
to directly exercise the same powers
that he may delegate to a government ...

the origin, process and ultimate formation
of all social institutions, including the law,
is essentially the same spontaneous order
Adam Smith described for Markets

When the Maxims of law are followed,
truth, justice and fairness prevail
in a high percentage of cases

It is virtually impossible to manipulate Maxims of law
to create fraud or injustice
in the way an attorney can manipulate statute, ordinance and regulation
AND ... most importantly

**Common-law does not presume to hold any authority or power over
individuals when they conduct their daily business in a peaceful manner**

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So how do we make a return to Common Law happen ?

(30) **3. Social Change**

Well, not the way the Montana Freemen tried ...

... I've been talking to whoever will listen
... I attempt to persuade ... I fail ... repeatedly

many people who personally advocate for Liberty
are frightened by the radical nature of Rightful Liberty
... they cannot embrace the concept of spontaneous order
... with no "controlling authority"

under customary law spontaneous order arises
from each element balancing the various factors acting on it
and adjusting all its various actions to each other (Enterprise of Law)

People have been taught to fear "anarchy"
calling it chaos in the absence of government ... but it's a TRAP
... recall Slide
yet they hold the conflicting belief ... Cognitive Dissonance
that individualism and self-determination are good

Well, anarchism is merely self-determination taken seriously

explore self-determination
the ability or power to make decisions for yourself,
as an act of self-improvement and personal growth

(31) **One Cannot Legislate Morality**

Legislation is an application of force, or threat of force
to coerce a desired behavior ... is an immoral act

political coercion leads to
conflicts over moral priority

pro life ... to murder a human is morally wrong
pro choice ... to coerce a human is morally wrong

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pro gun ... to defend human life with tools of ones' choice is morally right
pro control ... to protect human life from dangerous objects is morally right

both "sides" of each issue have valid moral propositions

we argue over which propositions hold the higher authority
But man has no homogeneous culture
that spans globe, continent, nation, state, or county

and we have limited cross-culture agreement
on moral imperatives and priorities

beyond the universality of Natural Law, all else is "local" custom
a "one-size-fits-all" national or state legal system is folly

(on the slide) Robert Heinlein's statements is a fundamental truth:
"I alone am morally responsible for everything I do."

(32) Live As An Example To Others

a clue on how to act is in that same quote about moral responsibility
"... no matter what rules surround me
If I find them too obnoxious I break them"

With thoughtful disobedience, let others observe
Chaos does not happen because people violate written or positive law.

By thoughtful actions guided by the Maxims, let others conclude
Chaos only happens when people violate natural law. (Robert Hart)

thoughtful self-determination
with limited or no obedience to central authority
will not lead to 'chaos'

a good starting "position" for a life of liberty is Voluntaryism
proposition: all human interaction should be directly consensual

unlike Pacifism, voluntaryism does not prevent
a victim of coercion from responsible self-defense
... but it rejects any attempt to construe offense as defense

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<http://www.notbeinggoverned.com/introduction-to-voluntaryism/>

if you can achieve direct consent in all your activities
you'll find yourself aligned with the spirit of the Maxims

(33) Learn About The Maxims

common law developed and evolved in England
to protect the property and liberty of all men
... Saxons, Normans, Celts, Danes
... Catholics, Jews, pagans and Christians

The presence of many 'Christian sounding' Maxims
is a testament to the influence and universality of natural law
in formation of both the ecclesiastic law and common law

Dig deeper ...

(34) Train In Common Law

Learn to make a "lawful demand" for your Rights

this is a demand to remedy an injustice
... recall: "threshold issue in civil society ... prevent / remedy injustice

Historic training guides exist, much like the compilations of Maxims
... at least one modern training guide is available for purchase on-line

Common Law Practice Guide

Sovereignty Education and Defense Ministry

<https://sedm.org/product/common-law-practice-guide/>

\$80.00 - this book provides helpful guidance on the practice of common law in
civil courts at the state and federal level as a sui juris litigant

"A Concise History of the Common Law" (Theodore Plucknett)
documents the evolution from 600 ad to 1948 ... in 746 pages

"The Enterprise of Law - justice without the state" (Bruce Benson)

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(35) **Become A Common Lawyer**

The terms sound odd
procedures may seem arcane ... persevere

Assumpsit ... contract
Trespass ... criminal
Trover ... torte

a small number of "Actions" address the majority of conflicts

(36) **Endeavor To Banish Injustice**

Here, I confess personal difficulty in practice
I'm not part of a cohesive and tight-knit community

I have not convinced family, friends and neighbors
this path is necessary ...

I talk about Liberty and often get glazed stares
with sounds of crickets in the background

Most of my neighbors and some of my family
are either left-leaning, liberal, or simply
disengaged from philosophy and politics

They are comfortable in their current circumstances
... 'may their chains rest lightly' (apologies to Sam Adams)

(37) **Establish A Community Court**

If you have a well established "Tribe"
whose members know and respect each other
this should seem like a reasonable extension of dispute resolution
... far more difficult in a traditional "neighborhood

however, do this only after common law principles
have been introduced and accepted within your broader community
remember the Montana Freeman experience in Garfield County (slide 22)

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Eventually, a common law court SHOULD be able to prevail
against corrupt agents of the State and its' courts

but only if the community at large has already
committed to the restoration of Rightful Liberty

only then will they be ready to go back and rewrite the DoI:

"... when they recognize their government as destructive ...
it is their right to abolish it and establish new protections against injustice

(38) Above All, Be Tolerant

"We no longer believe in silly things
as the divine right of kings.

(yet) We believe that government is necessary
for an orderly peaceful society
and that it can be made to function
according to the rule of law

We believe this because we were taught to believe it
from infancy regardless of all evidence to the contrary
- John Hasnas (Obviousness of Anarchy)

The majority of people don't understand Natural Rights or Rightful Liberty

they are therefore incapable
of understanding the conditions that make Liberty possible

So long as they are not intentionally
working to maintain my enslavement,
I choose to treat them gently

despite the fact that I know
their acceptance of the State
enables the suppression of my Rights and Liberty

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(39) 4. Closing Thoughts

German philosopher - Goethe
"None are more hopelessly enslaved
than those who falsely believe they are free."

- Alexis de Tocqueville
"[People] think they have done enough
for the protection of individual freedom
when they have surrendered it
to the power of the nation at large

This does not satisfy me:
the nature of him I am to obey
signifies less to me
than the fact of extorted obedience

(40) Government Is Not the Solution

in consenting to government as a source of authority,
all we have done is agree whom to fear
and thus lull ourselves into a false security,
believing we don't have to fear the corruption that very government

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen,
one President, and nine Supreme Court justices
equates to 545 human beings out of the 300 million
directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible
for every domestic problem that plagues this country.

- Charlie Reece (on ZeroHedge)

If, in a few hundred years, the smallest possible government
has grown into the largest conceivable government

it is hard to imagine what kind of theoretical system
could control state growth in the future."

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/lawrencehunter/2012/04/19/the-american-experiment-in-liberty-has-failed/#4a30b2f04e2d>

the ballot box won't reverse the arrow of democratic politics,

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an Article V convention will likely make things worse
violent overthrow begets new tyrannies,

Power is not a means, it is an end.
One does not establish a dictatorship
in order to safeguard a revolution;
One makes the revolution in order
to establish the dictatorship. George Orwell

The fact that government law has taken over as much as it has
is not a reflection of the superior efficiency of representative government
in making or enforcing law that facilitates interaction
but rather a reflection on governments' general purpose
of transferring wealth to those with political power (Enterprise of Law)

no legislature ever confined its care of the public welfare
to the enforcement of the Maxims of common law

The key, therefore,
is not to think about replacing what we have
with something else
but rather to replace it with nothing,

freedom from government,
not enslavement to a new form of government.

(41) We Always Have A Choice

I recommend re-phrasing the quote from Bastiat ...
When legislation and morality contradict each other,
the free man has a duty to retain his moral sense
and ignore the legislation

In fact ...

I choose THE RIGHT TO IGNORE THE STATE

- Herbert Spencer (Social Statics, 1850)

If every man has freedom to do all that he wills,
provided he infringes not the equal freedom of any other man,
then he is free to drop connection with the State,
to relinquish its protection and to refuse paying towards its support.

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With regard to dealing with the legislative State ...
the best advice is from the end of the movie "WarGames" (1983)

Greetings professor Falken.

A strange game.

The only winning move is not to play.

(42) **Live Each day In Rightful Liberty**

A culture of liberty
will only be restored
when each of us,
individually,
lives our lives
as if Rightful Liberty had never disappeared.

Research the life of "Popcorn" Sutton ... moonshiner ...

(43) **Stand ...**

The question each of you should be asking yourself

"Given the American proposition
that sovereignty resides in people, as individuals,

from where did any legislature acquire the authority
to make laws that can force obligations
and violate Rights ? (Hologram of Liberty ???)

only a 'gang' imagined to be the "controlling authority"
can get away with long-term oppression and enslavement.

"government" (or the belief in it),
instead of being essential to the protection of individual rights,
is essential only for the prolonged and widespread violation of individual rights.

Those who can see the injustice committed by "government",
but who continue to believe that they must "obey the legislation"
and "work within the legal system" will never achieve justice.

In Search of Mr Jefferson's Liberty Rightful Liberty and Common Law

It's no longer prudent to just "think outside the box".
It's time to "live outside the box"

Only those who feel no shame at being labeled "criminals",
have any chance at all of achieving freedom. (Larkin Rose)

Our Republic failed because the people of former united States
embraced democracy and abandoned common law.

Do not make that mistake again after the Shit has Hit The Fan

(44) **Bonnie Blue Flag**

To steal a phrase from the left-activists:
BECOME "UNGOVERNABLE"

Become a voluntary outlaw ...

remove your personal Star from the flag of State

and live a life of Rightful Liberty under Common Law

Si vis libertatem, imperium esse delendam.

If you desire liberty, the power to command must be eliminated.

(If you desire liberty, the government must be destroyed.)