



A Patriot Primer

Big Government

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Introduction

We talk about the continued expansion of the federal government, and the overreach that touches us back at home. You have no idea. The feds are beyond bloated. There is an endless list of federal departments and entities, spending your money on pet projects and extracurricular activities. Worse even, is the alarming presence of American-critical individuals who occupy and expand these concrete wastelands. In addition to the three primary branches of government, there exist seven sub-offices within the office of the President alone—three councils and four supporting offices. Falling directly under the parent Executive, are the fifteen primary agencies whose heads are members of the presidential cabinet. Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, the list goes on. Most people can grasp this. Try to perceive a swamp which makes the wetlands of Washington DC look like a mud puddle. How? Because we must add to these, a breathtaking two-hundred and sixty three additional sub-agencies and bureaus. But it doesn't stop there.

Next are the independent agencies which are not represented in the cabinet, and deal with operations, economics and regulatory oversight. You might recognize a handful—the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Trade Commission or the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Post Office, the Peace Corps and the Indoor Air Quality folks all fall under this umbrella of sixty six additional groups. Yes, sixty six more—the Office of Special Counsel, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, the Railroad Retirement Board; the African Development Foundation, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. For every book in the bible, there exists a somewhat purposeful or utterly worthless independent band of parasites that think they are inexpugnable—they spend money and do things. Like what? Like pretending to have a mission. Not only are there insane amounts of redundancy across them all, but some have grown into separate branches of government it seems—like the intelligence community, the largest unelected branch of government, of which the CIA is the most notorious and unanswerable to the public.

So the president, the vice president (2), councils and offices (7), plus the fifteen main agencies and their heads (30), plus two hundred and sixty three sub agencies, plus sixty six independent groups; it all equals three hundred and sixty eight total heads, departments and agencies. But since those few and proud are too busy keeping air clean,

mammals safe or Wall Street honest, the president and congress can, when the need arises, establish even more. And we have! We created forty three additional monsters to supplement our great and growing society. The Endangered Species Program. The National Park Foundation. Multiple scholarship foundations. Banks, commissions, boards and committees to occupy space, spend tons of money, and accomplish, for the greater good, absolutely what? What are they doing? The Marine Mammal Commission, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission and the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board. Aren't we considerate! But our math is not complete. We must add yet eleven more groups, which are categorized under Quasi-Official Agencies. We add to our three hundred and sixty eight, forty three and eleven, for a grand total of four hundred and twenty two total heads, departments and agencies. Hold that thought. We have yet to tally in the legislative and the judicial branches of government.

The legislative branch is the United States Congress. It is made up of one hundred senators and four hundred and thirty five representatives. Now, we add the twenty agencies which fall directly beneath them. The Architect of the Capital. The Copyright Office. The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the Botanic Garden to name a few. So we add these twenty for a running total of four hundred and forty two. But let not your heart be troubled, before we aggregate our last remaining branch, the judicial branch. The judicial branch is comprised of the Supreme Court, the federal courts and the judicial agencies. The Supreme Court has one chief justice and eight associate justices. There are fourteen federal courts presiding over different categories, like bankruptcy, trade, state and federal litigation, constitutional matters, taxes and military. Finally we add the Senate Judiciary Committee which is the group entrusted with the task of confirming Judges and Justices to these many courts. So one, plus eight, plus fourteen, plus one (24). The judicial branch of government is therefore made of nine primary heads, fourteen court systems and agencies along with the group that confirms them. Across all three branches, we have tallied a total of four hundred and sixty-six heads of state and their associated groups.

Let's put this into perspective now: the house of representatives is the largest voting body in Washington DC, with four hundred and thirty five members. Now contrast that to the four hundred and sixty-six chiefs, bureaucrats and their associated departments and agencies. That produces a ratio, greater than one to one (1.07). *Translated: we have more heads and agencies than we have members of the house. But if you exclude the distinguished members, like the president, vice president, the cabinet and the Supreme Court justices, you are still looking at four hundred and forty total organizations, totaling five more departments or agencies than we have house members.* Heavy and useless dead limbs that are not supporting, but pulling down our three branches of government. And we talk about draining the swamp. A slowly bubbling swamp; a quagmire of bureaucracy—a gigantic list of wasteful and purposeless special projects and special people—an endless list of councils, boards, committees, commissions and research groups

who do not make significant or clear contributions to our country. And if they do, we never hear about it; and if they have, then they failed to demonstrate their impact. Just research them on your own—are you convinced they make us freer, safer, more benevolent or competitive in the world?

One final perspective. The most powerful governing body on earth is the United States Congress. This body consists of five hundred and thirty five human beings who have taken the oath to uphold the supreme law—The United States Constitution. These are the individuals who have been selected by millions to represent them—an average of eleven representatives per state. The congress is indispensable, constituting the largest and most powerful organized branch of government. They were first, and foremost, and are quite fitting—before all those other wasteful groups aforementioned. They make the laws that govern us all. *Now, there are twenty six less influential spokespersons; for every letter in the alphabet, there is man or woman who do not make laws—the president, the vice president, the cabinet and the Supreme Court justices (26).* That should be taken quite seriously. They do not have the power to rule over us, or make laws. What I am trying to establish, is a good understanding of what is legitimate power, and what is illegitimate power.

The Origin of Power

Thomas Paine made the distinction clear in the introduction of Chapter IV “Of Constitutions” in his book *Rights of Man*:

“A constitution is not the act of a government, but of a people constituting a government; and government without a constitution, is power without a right.”

Explained: The United States constitution is not a list of rights that government officials gave us, or updates for us, or changes to “make people happy”. A constitution is something you don’t mess with. It is the sacred unchanging text of a sovereign nation. Nobody in office has the right to change the constitution, without the sole participation of *We the People*.

“All power exercised over a nation, must have some beginning. It must either be delegated or assumed. There are no other sources. All delegated power is trust, and all assumed power is usurpation. Time does not alter the nature and quality of either.”

Explained: Paine is making the distinction between powers which are rightfully given to people, versus power that is cleverly assumed. Delegated power is entirely the power given through the election process. By voting. And, at certain times, elected officials appoint people to assist them in their duties. For any power to be exercised in the United States, it must originate from an office which was electable; and, in certain cases, a group or office which was created by elected officials. It’s not ridiculous for the executive branch

to have unelected powers (the cabinet), since many of those members are prior elected, have a wealth of experience and knowledge. But power by “appointment” instead of “election” is the biggest danger—this is where things get out of control. Just how much power and influence is held by “appointment” versus “direct delegation” (votes)? I think you are getting the picture.

The Joke of the N.I.H

So what shall we do with these four hundred and forty illegitimate institutions? I’d like to commission a new agency of my own—the WAYDC (What Are You Doing Commission). This group will be dedicated to finding out if the American people themselves have done more for the nation and world, than say, for instance, the two hundred and sixty eight sub-agency cesspool that are likely unaware of each other’s existence. While they are at it, they could determine just how many people are paid to sit in these four hundred and forty federal silos. *But the 440 is just the tip of the iceberg.* We know that each office or agency has to have a director, middle management, staff and supporting offices. But just how far does the rabbit hole go? Well, I randomly picked one from the bunch—the National Institute of Mental Health. Of course, they have their own website. For a second, just imagine how many portals, logins and links are part of this mountain of spaghetti; and remember, you are seeing only what they choose to reveal over the web. Here is the verbatim text from the NIMH “about” section:

“The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is the lead federal agency for research on mental disorders. NIMH is one of the 27 Institutes and Centers that make up the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the largest biomedical research agency in the world. NIH is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).”

Oh good grief. So this random selection (NIMH) is just one of twenty seven child agencies? Merely a runt of the litter? Yet the parent, the NIH, is itself, both a child and a parent organization. The NIH declares to be the largest biomedical research agency in the world, made up of twenty seven unique agencies which specialize in everything human and health. Of course, these twenty seven institutes all have their own directors, including Anthony Fauci, who heads the NIAID (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases). Stop right there! Just what the hell do allergies have in common with Covid-19 or Aids? Remember, the NIH is still just a slave of the master, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which happens to be one of the fifteen monsters falling under the executive. So why can’t the twenty seven just report directly to the cabinet once they have cured Aids, breast cancer, Covid or my fall allergies? Because none of these twenty seven experts consulted their colleague Joshua A. Gordon, the mental health Tsar in charge of the NIMH. They were too afraid to discover the definition of retarded, while they were attempting to cure blindness and aging.

How many employees does the mental health Tsar have? Mr. Gordon is busy managing his staff of 1,420 federal employees. Do these agencies ever work together?

What about the LGBTQ friendly bureaucrats within this conglomerate? Don't these health wizards know, that their twenty seven are not the whole shebang? What about the CDC? Maybe the CDC has done some interesting research that intersects their efforts? Of these twenty seven institutes and their thousands of staff, has not one person gone out of network, to investigate the decades of consistent research the CDC has published? Considering that we have been following the CDC like Gandhi, Mohammed, the Pope or Jesus Christ, maybe we should check them out? Forgive my brash assertion here—what would the Center for Disease Control have in common with Anthony Fauci's Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases? I'm well over my pay grade as a stay at home father, to be asking "what would disease have in common with disease", or "why would anyone making all that money, tell their bosses, bosses, bosses voters that seventy to eighty percent of all HIV transmission cases were contracted through homosexual and related behavior"? These inconvenient facts has been reported by the CDC for decades. The States know it. The Feds know it. The gays know it. *Fauci is indeed good at his job. He knows, as well as anyone, that the LGBTQ community are as allergic to facts, as the majority of Americans are allergic to his face.*

Agent Orange

You know, if Trump was the tyrant they made him out to be, why he didn't fire at least half of these bureaucrats when they failed to at least develop a solution to my fall allergies, or a new treatment for ILTGW syndrome (I Like to Grab Women). Why did we need operation warp speed, when these twenty seven health giants have been around for decades? It didn't take the American public six months to determine that Donald Trump also suffered from JAJS (justly arising jackass syndrome), as he was habitually prone to firing shady people he never met, or insulting those who lied to the public. But the question now, is why haven't the health tsars put their heads together to determine what is plaguing the current administration? I would ask the mental health Tsar this: "Is Biden suffering from aging, blindness, retardation or a neurocognitive disorder?" It seems by now, that the hundreds of thousands of employees, clock punchers and representatives mentioned thus far, would be so allergic to Federal overreach, that they would have all lost their taste and smell for the bull crap coming out of Washington. It seems to me, that the Ivy League colleges, federal bureaucracies and health institutions have had Covid for decades—none of them can smell their own crap. In a million years, the super-state will never develop a vaccine for stupidity.

Comic Relief

Maybe the NIH's only purpose of existence is to regularly convince the Oval office or the HHS to not exterminate them like the cockroaches they are. Surely they just need a few more billion dollars and some extra time. I'm just a dad—I have not a clue what good the NIMH has done, but you'd have to be mentally ill to try and make sense of them all, or think they have improved our lives. In my research, some of the 27 weren't even

appearing on the reported agency lists, but still had a government web domain address. Do we need so many health institutes and agencies?

Why hire all that extra help with sickness and sociology, when certain presidents, vice presidents and members of congress are able to diagnose Americans at will, as racist and prejudiced? Why are the best doctors like Rand Paul the only ones fighting critical race or no knock warrants? Here is my conclusion. Had Fauci worked closer with the NIAMS (National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases), he might have been able to throw the first pitch in the 2020 baseball season, or rid us of the white skin disease. Or had he pulled some strings with NASA, the military or Elon Musk, he might possess a cybernetic arm—he might have been a ball player instead of a bureaucrat. I can imagine the look on Trump's face, when this dignified cabinet member—the director of Health and Human Services reports the collective findings of these twenty seven tsars. "Mr. President, the NIH and their associates are working hard to determine if America is dying from racism, or if there exists a strong relationship between Covid-19 and the color white. Also, our experts are requesting an extension; can you afford us just a few more centuries Mr. president; a few more agencies, bureaucrats and mask mandates to determine if this great nation of ours is sick, mentally ill or asleep?

You are Big Government

There is good news—we mustn't fear or hate the big and bad federal government. We the people are much bigger, and I am not talking about congress or our ability to protest or organize. We are already the most powerful group within this nation. Let me explain. The US Census bureau reported in 2017, a total of 90,075 state and local governing bodies. Try to absorb that for a moment. Why are we worried about the corruption plaguing a 535 member congress or the 440 associated departments and agencies, when we are the overwhelming majority?

There exist 38,779 general purpose governments, making up counties, cities, towns and townships. There are 51,296 special purpose governments, made up of school districts and special districts. This means that millions of Americans already able to govern themselves in every aspect of life. So why are things so out of control? Because the majority of these smaller governments are ruling over Americans who are indeed sick, stupid and sleeping. The local constituents are the problem—they have let the commissioners, school boards and councils become political entrepreneurs. As for me and my house, we are done with the corruption. We will not remain ignorant, or cower from engaging locally. We have awoken from own personal American Dream. The local officials that you thought were decent people, have taken federal funding and political bribes while you went about your day. Have you ever heard the phrase, "With the shekels come the shackles?" Federal funding is not a bad thing, but historically necessary—the problem is the rate at which we consume it, combined with the frequency we run for office or assert

ourselves. The ratio of what local governments take, to what they contribute is the reason for our suffering.

If we compare the Federal Government with the state and local authorities, we dwarf them. The feds employ two million people, most of whom do not make any decisions (like the park rangers or the paper pushers). But We the People, are three hundred and thirty million strong, and we are the rulers of the fifty states, representing 90,075 small and sovereign governments. If we take this responsibility seriously, it won't be impossible to clean up our cities and mitigate the waste and corruption in Washington. So stop saying that "Big government" is the problem. Big government is ironically the solution—the enormous network of small governments across America—We the People are the biggest factor on earth, and congress answers to us as long as we put on the pressure. It is both philosophically and historically true—the impotence of the federal government is just a reflection of our collective attitudes and sincerity.