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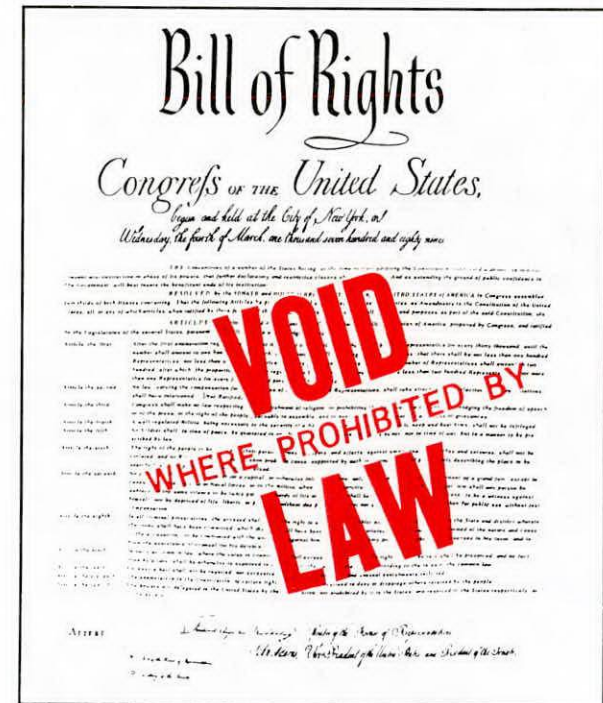
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# Is Your Freedom In Danger?



## THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS

By Jarret B. Wollstein

What defines the character of America and makes this country a good place to live? For over 200 years, we in the United States have been the envy of much of the world for our prosperity and our liberty. But prosperity is inseparably tied to liberty. Take away freedom of speech, religion and enterprise and this country will be neither free nor prosperous.

Today, 200 years after the enactment of the Bill of Rights -- the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution -- we are losing our heritage of liberty. Much has already been lost and what remains is rapidly disappearing. The International Society for Individual Liberty seeks to restore and strengthen America's tradition of freedom and justice for all. Here are some of the liberties we have already lost:

### **Amendment One . . .**

#### ***Freedom of speech, press, religion, and assembly***

In the name of "national security", government employees are being censored for life. To combat pornography, federal and state governments have imprisoned musicians, seized the entire contents of bookstores and video rental outlets, and have even prosecuted museums and art galleries. To fight drugs, a growing list of communities are enacting curfews and "anti-loitering" laws. To ensure government control of education, church schools have been padlocked. There are now over 350 "anti-obscenity" bills pending in 46 states. Freedom of speech, press, religion, and assembly are under siege.

### **Amendment Two . . .**

#### ***Right to keep and bear arms***

This right is gradually being destroyed as a growing number of states and communities enact ever more repressive gun control legislation. In the summer of 1990 New Jersey made criminals of over 200,000 of its citizens with the stroke of a pen by banning many popular sporting rifles. As violent crime grows, U.S. citizens need the means to defend themselves more than ever, yet we are being legally disarmed.

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### **Amendment Three . . .**

#### ***Quartering of troops in private homes.***

This is the only portion of the Bill of Rights not violated by government today.

### **Amendment Four . . .**

#### ***Protection from unreasonable search and seizure.***

Recent Supreme Court decisions have given the police nearly unlimited power to search houses, businesses and cars -- in many cases without a warrant. In Florida, courts have refused to stop police from boarding buses, blocking exits and searching passengers. RICO laws and "anti-drug" laws have given government the power to seize all of an individual's or company's assets without indictment or trial. Strip-searching persons arrested for even minor traffic violations is becoming routine. Courts and legislatures now consider virtually any government search and seizure "reasonable".

### **Amendment Five . . .**

#### ***Due Process and Grand Juries***

The Founding Fathers believed that no one should be indicted without a hearing. Today the IRS can seize your bank account, the Coast Guard can take your boat, and the welfare authorities can take away your children, without any hearing or indictment by a Grand Jury. Increasingly, fundamental legal restraints on the power of government agencies are being abandoned.

### **Amendment Six . . .**

#### ***Right to a speedy trial and court procedures***

Only two Western nations now have pre-trial detention. South Africa is one; the United States is the other. As a growing list of personal behavior and technical errors are criminalized, the court system is being impossibly overloaded. It now takes years before most serious cases ever get to trial. The growing power of prosecutors and government seizure of attorney fees, are destroying the ability of those accused to defend themselves.

### **Amendment Seven . . .**

#### ***Right to trial by jury***

Less than 3% of persons criminally indicted now get a trial. The threat of lengthy pre-trial detention and asset forfeiture force many innocent people to plead guilty. Legislation is now pending to substitute administrative judges controlled by the Executive Branch for most trials by jury.

### **Amendment Eight . . .**

#### ***Prohibition against excessive bail, fines and punishments***

By calling penalties "civil" rather than "criminal", government can seize all of your assets without trial or any other form of legal proceeding. Bail is being abolished for many crimes, including crimes that didn't even exist 10 years ago, such as "money-laundering". Punishments are becoming increasingly harsh. Teenagers are getting years or decades in prison for minor drug offenses. Businessmen are receiving long prison sentences for technical violations of incomprehensible tax laws and securities regulations. Ordinary citizens are being imprisoned for possession of banned literature, guns, and even medicines.

### **Amendment Nine . . .**

#### ***Rights reserved to the individual***

The Constitution and Bill of Rights were intended as strict restrictions on government power. Those powers not explicitly granted to government were retained by the individual. Today the Constitution has been stood on its head. Courts are now saying anything the government wants to do is permissible unless explicitly prohibited by the Constitution. Government now has nearly unlimited power, and the American people are losing control of their own property, life, and destiny.

### **Amendment Ten . . .**

#### ***Powers not granted Federal Gov't***

Power has shifted from the individual to the state, and from the states to the federal government. Federal aid to states has meant federal control of States. By including the entire economy under "interstate commerce", the Supreme Court has given the Federal Government control over every aspect of society.