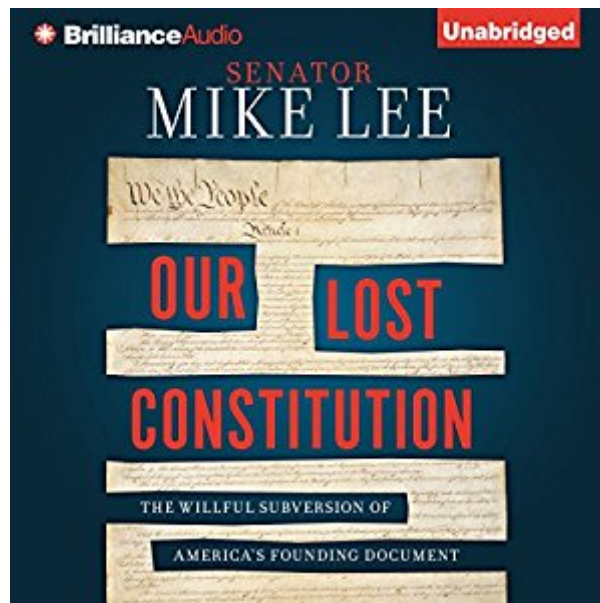




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Our Lost Constitution: The Willful Subversion Of America's Founding Document



Synopsis

The still-unfolding story of America's Constitution is a history of heroes and villains - the flawed visionaries who inspired and crafted liberty's safeguards, and the shortsighted opportunists who defied them. Those stories are known by few today. In *Our Lost Constitution*, Senator Mike Lee tells the dramatic, little-known stories behind six of the Constitution's most indispensable provisions. He shows their rise. He shows their fall. And he makes vividly clear how nearly every abuse of federal power today is rooted in neglect of this Lost Constitution. For example: The Origination Clause says that all bills to raise taxes must originate in the House of Representatives, but contempt for the clause ensured the passage of Obamacare. The Fourth Amendment protects us against unreasonable searches and seizures, but the NSA now collects our private data without a warrant. The Legislative Powers Clause means that only Congress can pass laws, but unelected agencies now produce 99 out of every 100 of legal rules imposed on the American people. Lee's cast of characters includes a former Ku Klux Klansman, who hijacked the Establishment Clause to strangle Catholic schools; the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who called the Second Amendment a fraud; and the revered president who began his first of four terms by threatening to shatter the balance of power between Congress and the president, and who began his second term by vowing to do the same to the Supreme Court. Fortunately, the Constitution has always had its defenders. Senator Lee tells the story of how Andrew Jackson, noted for his courage in duels and politics, stood firm against the unconstitutional expansion of federal powers. He brings to life Ben Franklin's genius for compromise at a deeply divided constitutional convention.

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If you want to know what has happened to our country and government then this book is a must read. Not only does it open your eyes to how the government has abused the Constitution of the United States of America and States right but it tells you how we as the people in charge of the government can get control back and save this country. This book should be required reading and studying in all High Schools in America. Thank you Senator Mike Lee for telling the truth about our government. Douglas R. Powell Glen Allen, Virginia

This is simply a wonderful book. I have studied the Constitution for many years, but have had no coherent way to explain how we have strayed from the principles in the Constitution. This book does that beautifully. The book is written from two perspectives. First you read about the Founding Fathers and why they felt it was so important to put certain points into the Constitution. You read about the drama involved in deciding those things, and why they felt it was so important. That's very interesting reading in itself. But then Senator Lee goes to the present. He shows you how our governmental agencies/leaders have ignored that very point, and why they chose to ignore it. Then it is absolutely obvious to the reader why that is harmful, and one can see exactly what the effects have been since that was ignored. It's absolutely amazing to see it so clearly. At the same time, the book gives hope, because one realizes that as soon as we can elect leaders who will obey the Constitution, who understand it, and who will rescind the laws/regulations that we have enabled, we will be able to return to the prosperity and promise that our Constitution really does promote. I can't think of a better book to share with family, friends, students, and every voter in America. Thank you, Senator Lee, for your clarity and insight.

Excellent book detailing how the Constitution has been eroded over time as a result of immoral elected officials elected by the public. The founders recognized that those who seek to rule over others are prone to exercise unrighteous dominion over them, and so they wrote the Constitution in a way that prevented any one branch of the government from having too much power. Instead of defending the Constitution from abuse, most in Congress put party above the principle of separation of power by supporting the President when he issues un-Constitutional executive orders that apply not only to the Executive Branch, but to all Americans, when he fails to do his Constitutional duty to enforce the laws passed by Congress, and when he writes law by creating regulations in executive

branch organizations like the EPA that are killing America's businesses, especially the coal industry. The only way this will change is if the public starts electing moral people to public office who will support and defend the Constitution.

Why is it that so many people try to answer the problems of life with an appeal to the Federal Government? Why do people believe that a strong centralized Federal Government will actually fix any problems. Buy this book, read it, then read it again. The Constitution of the United States was designed to preserve the freedom and liberty of the people of the United States. Senator Mike Lee gets that. He puts this into context through well reasoned and historical perspective in this book. Maybe it will feel a little revolutionary to find out that we are losing our freedoms and that the only way that we can get them back is to be accountable and to require accountability of those that we choose to represent us in this republic. Mike Lee writes in an easy to understand manner. This book is a "must read" and a "must live" if we intend to preserve the liberty that the Constitution is meant to provide to the citizens of the United States - regardless of political party.

This is a book that should be required reading for all citizens. It not only serves as a review of our Constitution and the purpose of its provisions, but is written much like a story and not just dry facts. I thought I was well versed in the Constitution, its protections and guarantees, but I found there was a lot I did not know. Also, it was good to be able to review what I did know. It is scary to realize how far our government has moved from this document that protects our lives, our liberty, and our way of life, and to realize we could easily lose them.

This book is a must read for every American and lover of the constitution abroad. Our lost Constitution beholds certain clauses and amendments that have been forgotten, abandoned, and abused, with the unfortunate consequences that have followed. Mike Lee dives into the historical creations of all these clauses and why they were created, then adds a more modern setting from where they have been left behind and forgotten. Lastly he writes about how they can be restored from how framers intended them. This book reassures that Senator Lee takes pride in the oath of office he was sworn into with his role as a Senator in Utah and his love for our founding document. The Clauses discussed in this book are: 1. Origination clause, 2. Legislative Powers Clause, 3. Establishment Clause, 4. The Fourth Amendment, 5. Commerce Clause and 6. The Tenth Amendment. Each chapter is discussed in absolute conjecture on in historical creation and the abuse that has brought into submission. Overall this is a must read book and is truly a fantastic

display of Constitutional integrity.

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