

Words Poorly Used #27 — Constitutional

If Lysander Spooner wrote, “But whether the Constitution really be one thing, or another, this much is certain — that it has either authorized such a government as we have had, or has been powerless to prevent it. In either case, it is unfit to exist,” in the middle of the 19th century, then how long have we continued with a dreadful and ineffective constitution? The tragedy is that we haven’t just continued down the path about which Spooner cautioned us, we have devalued the Constitution even more than the crippled, fiat dollar. Every amendment of our Constitution has been trampled in the mud by the crony oligarchs who siphon off the life force of the finest place the Earth has to offer. Politicians think of the Constitution as a checklist of ways for a state to subjugate the people who gave it its existence. Take any freedom, supposedly held inviolable by the Constitution, then spend a good portion of a career cataloging the ways in which the exact opposite has eventuated. For instance, the Constitution says that government cannot take away your free speech, yet every President and bureaucrat schemes to silence you by nibbling around the definitional edges of that freedom, yet every congress schemes to play “now you see it, now you don’t” by perverting the function of legislation, and yet every judge and officer of the court seeks to please the oligarchy through rulings about a freedom that should never be litigated — the natural freedom of expression.

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