

President Trump is inciting violence, returning America to a State of Nature; a “war of all against all” exemplified by the violence of ICE in America today and Mr. Trump acts of war in Iran and piracy in the Caribbean.

I am an Infantry veteran. For half a century I have studied paths to wars that built into perpetual oil wars since 1990. Winston Churchill summarized how these paths develop in 1935, *“Want of foresight, unwillingness to act when action would be simple and effective, lack of clear thinking, confusion of counsel until the emergency comes, until self-preservation strikes its jarring gong - these are the features which constitute the endless repetition of history.”*

President Trump replacing the Rule of Law with violence in the State of Nature has set America on a path to war and energy crisis by about 2030. To get off this path to war, We the People must enforce the Declaration of Independence and Constitution before the “jarring gong.”

Actions:

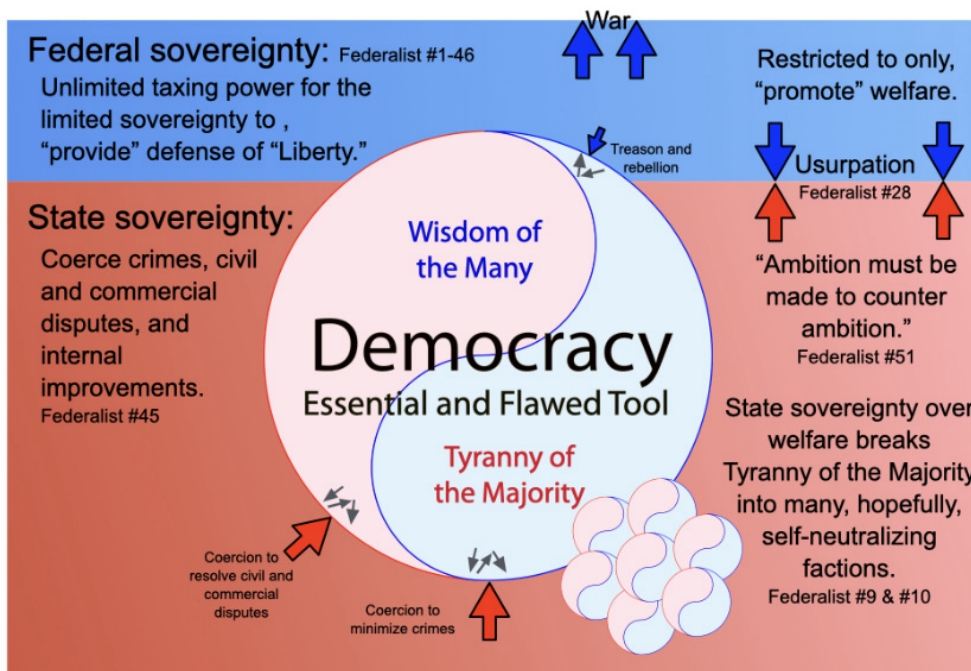
1. States can implement a 10th Amendment Council and circular letters to coordinate actions to preempt the continued violence in violation of the Constitution.
2. We the People can implement a 9th Amendment Council to rally support for our will. We can use the Internet to propose and refine Article 5 Amendments to be considered by a Constitutional Convention each year ending in “9.” We can support the No Kings rallies and support NoKings.org
3. Courts should continue to find President Trump in violation of the Constitution, but they have no force of action. We the People can initiate civil lawsuits for harms against unconstitutional actions of Federal agents. There is no sovereign immunity when Federal agents are violating the Constitution.
4. States can pass laws mandating ICE agents not wear masks or military equipment. ICE agents must have warrants. Federal actions must be forced to comply with due process of law and the Constitution. Article 6, “***This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof....shall be the supreme Law of the Land.***”
 - Hamilton, Federalist #33: *“EXPRESSLY confines this supremacy to laws made PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION.”*
 - Madison, Federalist #45: *“The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.”*
 - Hamilton, Federalist #78: *“No legislative act, therefore, contrary to the Constitution, can be valid.”*
5. In the State of Nature, States must refuse to federalize their National Guard. Article 1, Section 8, “***the Militia, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers.***”
6. States can deploy their National Guard to meet any deployment of federal troops within that state. This may seem extreme, but is it better to deter military use of violence using

trained soldiers than trying to restore order once Federal troops re-enacting the Boston Massacre or Kent State.

- Faced with a similar Federal violation of free speech in 1798, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson stated in the Virginia Resolutions of 1798: *"In case of a deliberate, palpable, and dangerous exercise of other powers, not granted by the said compact, the states... have the right, and are in duty bound, to interpose for arresting the progress of the evil."*
 - As Madison affirmed, the federal government's powers **"are few and defined,"** making Mr. Trump's usurpation of state, legislative, and judicial authority an unconstitutional overreach that the states are *"in duty bound"* to oppose.
 - Might does not make right, but in the State of Nature it often determines who eats lunch and who is lunch. Mr. Trump's use of violence must be constrained by the authorities granted in the Constitution by other agents of We the People.
7. Repeal the 17th Amendment. Undeclared wars in Korea, VietNam, Iraq, and Afghanistan illustrate the defect of Federal war powers unconstrained by Divided Sovereignty. President Trump's DOGE cuts to welfare would not have happened if states collected and managed welfare taxes. The Constitution limits the federal government to only "promote the general welfare," not to tax to provide it.
- Madison, Federalist #51: "Ambition must be made to counter ambition."
 - Hamilton, Federalist #26: *"The state legislatures will always be not only vigilant but suspicious and jealous guardians of the rights of the citizens against encroachments from the federal government."*

Divided Sovereignty

"We the People" Divided Sovereignty between ourselves and two types of government to constrain two types of violence: Federal for war, States for crimes.



Mr. Trump's violations of our Constitution:

1. Liberty: Opening paragraph of the Constitution is the Federal mission statement: ***We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.***
 - We the People are the sovereigns.
 - We Divided Sovereignty in the Constitution of the United States of America between ourselves for all powers not enumerated as sacrificed. The Federal government to “***provide for the common defence***” to “***secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.***” State governments to coerce crimes, resolve civil disputes, and other actions enumerated in the State Constitutions.
 - The American definition of ***Liberty*** is provided in the Declaration of Independence:
 - ***“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”***
 - January 20, 2025 President Trump issued Executive Order “Ending Radical And Wasteful Government DEI Programs And Preferencing” directly attacked ***Liberty*** with its component aspects of tolerance for the diversity of individuals, equity of opportunity, and inclusive institutions.
 - While some DEI policies were poorly conceived, they were harmless compared to Jim Crow policies they intended to correct. Mr. Trump's Executive Order erases history and contributions of many. For example, a search of [West Point's library](#) and [DOD](#) for [Sergeant Isaac Woodard](#) returned zero responses on October 27, 2025. [Link to Truman Library.](#)
2. Divided Sovereignty, Article 4, Section 4: ***“The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government”***

President Trump has made clear he is using the military to overthrow state and city governments elected under a republican form:

- President Trump to the Generals and Admirals, Sept 30, 2025: *“The Democrats run most of the cities that are in bad shape... It seems that the ones that are run by the radical left Democrats, what they have done to San Francisco, Chicago,*

New York, Los Angeles. They're very unsafe places, and we're going to straighten them out one by one, and this is going to be a major part for some of the people in this room. That's a war too. Its a war from within... we should use some these dangerous cities as training grounds for our military, National Guard, but military. Because we're going into Chicago very soon. That's a big city with an incompetent governor, stupid governor, stupid."

- Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem: *"We will continue to sustain and increase our operations in this city. We are not going away. We are staying here to liberate this city from the socialist and burdensome leadership that this governor (Newsom) and this mayor (Bass) have placed on this country and what they have tried to insert in this city."* As a side note, at this event, Secretary Noem staff forced [US Senator Padilla to the ground and handcuffed him](#).
- 3. Elections, Article 1, Section 4: ***"The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of chusing Senators."***
 - Elections are controlled by the States, with some adjustments by Congress. There is zero Presidential authority over elections.
 - Mr. Trump issued an Executive Order, "[PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF AMERICAN ELECTIONS](#)," on March 25, 2025 claiming police powers enumerated in the Constitution as belonging to the states, and "may" be Congress.
 - Treating citizens not as sovereigns, but as ignorant pawns, Mr. Trump called on Texas, Missouri, and North Carolina, Indiana, Ohio, and Kansas to implement racist Gerrymandering so he can control the outcome of the 2026 elections.
- 4. Separated Powers, Article 1, Section 8: ***"The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises"***
 - Tariffs are a tax on the American people.
 - Tariffs imposed by President Trump without a vote from Congress violates the Separated Power we assigned only to Congress. Mr. Trump's tariffs rebuild the path to war of "Taxation without Representation"
 - Mr. Trump's tariffs destroyed the US soybean market, will likely drive many farmers into bankruptcy, and will likely cause a future US food crisis.
- 5. Separated Powers, Article 1, Section 8: ***"The Congress shall have Power To coin Money"***
 - Mr. Trump's cryptocurrency efforts use the Office of the President to ***coin Money***, a separated power of Congress.

- Chief Justice John Roberts, *Trump v. United States* (2024): *"The President is not above the law."*
 - Alexander Hamilton, *Federalist #30*: *"Money is, with propriety, considered as the vital principle of the body politic."*
6. Separated Powers, Article 1, Section 8: ***The Congress shall have Power To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States***
- *"One Big Beautiful Bill"* [mandates money printing \(counterfeiting\) of about \\$3.4 trillion](#).
 - Inflation and deficit spending rebuild the path to war of the French Revolution, transferring wealth from the many to the few. The wealthy, those holding assets, see the value of their assets appreciate. The young and the poor, those who must trade their labor to buy assets see the value of their labor debased.
7. Separated Powers, Article 1, Section 8: ***The Congress shall have Power To declare War*** and Article 1, Section 8: ***The Congress shall have Power To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations;***
- James Madison: *"The power to declare war, including the power of judging the causes of war, is fully and exclusively vested in the legislatur. The executive has no right, in any case to decide the question, whether there is or is not cause for declaring war"*. This is Madison's separation of the sword and the purse.
 - Without a vote in Congress bombing Iran is an act of war, piracy, or offences against the Law of Nations. Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA), June 24, 2025: *"The president cannot unilaterally bomb Iran or deploy troops domestically without Congress—this is a dangerous overreach."*
 - Assaulting the sovereignty of Canada and Denmark are lesser offenses against the Law of Nations.
 - Bombing boats in the Caribbean under the guise of combating fentanyl as a threat to national security is an act of piracy. I am saddened by lives end by taking fentanyl, but that is a personal tragedy, not national security threat. These are personal tragedies but not national security threats. The Constitution is an enumerated powers document that limits Federal policing of individual Americans to 4 crimes: piracy, counterfeiting, crimes against the laws of nations, and treason. The 18th Amendment empowered Federal policing of personal consumption, but that was repealed by the 21st Amendment. The Constitution does not enumerate a power for Federal policing or waging of war over fentanyl as President Trump claims for his use of violence.
 - Gustavo Petro, Colombian President (October 22, 2025): *"The U.S. hides its greed for Venezuelan oil behind the fentanyl fight—murdering our fishermen in the process."*

8. Separated Powers, Article 1, Section 8: ***The Congress shall have Power To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;***
 - Mr. Trump violates the Separated Power of Congress by declaring an insurrection, calling up the National Guards against the wishes of a state, and using Federal troops in US cities without a specific vote of approval by Congress. No Kings.
9. Separated Powers, Article 1, Section 8: ***The Congress shall have Power To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States,***
 - Mr. Trump deploying troops into Washington DC violates the Separated Power of Congress.
10. Bribes, Article 1, Section 9: ***And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.***
 - Without the prior vote of approval by Congress, Mr. Trump accepting at \$400 million aircraft from Qatar violates a separated power of Congress.
11. Divided Sovereignty, Article 1, Sections 8: “***post Roads***” and Article 1, Section 9: ***No Preference shall be given by any Regulation of Commerce or Revenue to the Ports of one State over those of another***
 - As specified in the Preamble, post Roads, No Preference, Amendments 9 and 10, and 21 Presidential veto messages, “internal improvements” are state sovereignty. Mr. Trump’s “Drill, Baby, Drill” policies mandate a Preference for oil producing states and undermine renewable energy efforts by states to exercise the self-discipline to be energy self-reliant.
 - [EIA and Dallas Federal Reserve](#) both warn of a coming energy crisis by 2030. [EIA](#), “Production to fall rapidly from 2030 through 2050.” Note that it normally requires 40 to 200 years to retool a major infrastructure.
 - “Drill, Baby, Drill” is a fiction. Oil drilling is down 6% from a year ago (Oct 2024) and down 70% from when the Fracking Boom was tapped.
12. Fidelity, Article 2, Section 1: ***“Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:—”I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”***
 - May 4th interview, President Trump responded “I don’t know” to the question, “don’t you need to uphold the Constitution of the United States as president?”
13. Freedom of speech, 1st Amendment: 1st Amendment: ***Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or***

abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

- In a clear attack on freedom of speech, on January 20, 2025 President Trump issued Executive Order “Ending Radical And Wasteful Government DEI Programs And Preferencing” that was used to purge libraries. [Example](#), “Almost 400 books purged from Naval Academy—deemed 'unfit' under Trump's DEI order, erasing histories of Tuskegee Airmen and Holocaust education.” Never, not even once, have those “burning books” been on the right side of history.
- On [October 19, 2025 President Trump released a video](#) meme of his using the military to dump excrements on Americans peaceably assembling.

14. Natural Rights, 14th Amendment: ***“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States.”***

- January 20, 2025 Mr. Trump issued Executive Order “PROTECTING THE MEANING AND VALUE OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP” ordering Federal agencies to use their police-powers of government to overturn the clear text of the 14th Amendment without an Article 5 Amendment and deny documents to native born Americans.
- Senator Jacob Howard (1866): *“Every person born within the limits of the United States... is by virtue of natural law and national law a citizen.”*

Without Article 5 Amendments and votes in Congress, President Trump is purposefully and violently violating the Constitution.

America’s founders experienced the harms of a tyrannical government and provided guidance for our actions today:

- Federalist #28: *“Power being almost always the rival of power, the general government will at all times stand ready to check the usurpations of the state governments, and these will have the same disposition towards the general government. The people, by throwing themselves into either scale, will infallibly make it preponderate. If their rights are invaded by either, they can make use of the other as the instrument of redress. How wise will it be in them by cherishing the union to preserve to themselves an advantage which can never be too highly prized!”*
- Federalist #51: *“Ambition must be made to counteract ambition.” “It is of great importance in a republic not only to guard the society against the oppression of its rulers but to guard one part of the society against the injustice of the other part. If a majority be united by a common interest, the rights of the minority will be insecure.”*
- Federalist #51: *“If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.”*

- Jefferson and Madison called on states to similarly act in the Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions, and the Report of 1800.

We the People are the sovereigns. It is our duty to correct Mr. Trump's violation by our actions and by demanding our agents at every level of government enforce our Constitution.

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Action	Description	Rationale
10th Amendment Council	States coordinate via circular letters	Preempt federal violence
9th Amendment Council	Citizen rallies, Article 5 every "9" year	Harness internet for will of the people
Civil Lawsuits	Sue for harms, no sovereign immunity	Enforce accountability
State Laws on ICE	No masks/gear, require warrants	Ensure due process
Refuse Federalization	Keep NG state-controlled	Prevent misuse

Deploy NG

Counter unconstitutional use of federal troops with trained state militias to deter violations of the Constitution and reduce risks of emotion triggered violence

Deter Boston Massacre repeat