**AMERICA AT THE BRINK**

**WE MUST ASSERT OUR RIGHTS!**

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The Bill of Rights are the first ten amendments to the Constitution. They limit the power of government, not the people. They do not give us our rights since our rights come from God, but they do contain many of our rights that all government officials take an oath to support and defend. The number one duty of those in government is to protect our rights.

The First Amendment covers five of our God-given rights, the first one being the right to freely exercise our religion which was presumably foremost in the minds of our founding fathers.

***1st Amendment***

***Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise therof; 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.***

Anytime a government official cites a statute, law, or ordinance that infringes on our God-given rights in order to justify their unconstitutional actions, they should be informed that any act or order contrary to the Constitu- tion of the United States of America is unlawful and therefore null and void.

***5th Amendment (Paragraph 3)***

***This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.***

Furthermore, no President, Governor, Mayor, Judge, Sheriff, or City Council Member can lawfully force We the People to comply with their demands unless they can point to a law that has been passed by Congress, signed by the President, and the law must be in agreement with the Constitution.

If any government officials try to enforce their demands upon us apart from this, they would in fact be making up their own laws which is unconstitutional.

***Article 1, Section 1 All Legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.***

No one in the Executive Branch or Judicial Branch of Federal or State governments has Constitutional authority to issue a directive, ordinance, executive order, or court decision that carries the force of law over We the People. The Legislative Branch makes the law, the Executive Branch enforces the law, and the Judicial Branch adjudicates cases brought before it.

This means that no President, Governor, Mayor, Judge, or City Council Member can lawfully lockdown a State or City or fine Citizens for not wearing a mask in public.

Since most Americans have not been educated about our Constitution, they think that the Federal Government is superior to the States and therefore have authority over them. That is incorrect. The chart below gives the Correct Order of Authority and the Incorrect Order of Authority.

**Correct Order of Incorrect Order of Authority Authority**

**GOD FEDERAL GOV.**

**PEOPLE STATES**

**STATES PEOPLE**

**FEDERAL GOV. GOD**

God made the People, the People made the States, and the States made the Federal Government. The creator is always superior to his creation and has authority over it.

***10th Amendment***

***The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.***

This means that the Federal Government can only do what the States have specifically granted to it by the Constitution. If it is not granted, that power is reserved to the States or to the People. Most of what our Federal Government does today was not granted to it by the Constitution and is therefore unconstitutional.

The best thing to do when government officials require you to do something that infringes on your God-given rights is to ask them what constitutional authority they have to require you to do something or to stop doing something.

They may point to their badge, cite a statute, code, ordinance, directive, order, regulation, or a decree from the President, Governor, Mayor, Judge, Sheriff, Police Chief, or City Council Member, but all of these are subordinate to the Federal and the State Constitutions and to our rights.

We should be respectful of our leaders, but if they go beyond their delegated authority and oppress us, then they have perjured themselves by breaking their Oath of Allegiance to the Constitution and therefore have committed a crime. Since they are no longer acting within the law, we are no longer required to submit to their dictatorial declarations.