

Chapter Two

WE WERE NEVER MEANT TO LIVE LIKE THIS

“The best way to take control over a people and control them utterly is to take a little of their freedom at a time, to erode rights by a thousand tiny and almost imperceptible reductions. In this way, the people will not see those rights and freedoms being removed until past the point at which these changes cannot be reversed.”

— Author Unknown

Look around. Look at the headlines in the paper and online. Do you feel it in your gut? Do you feel like something is off? Do you just *know* deep down inside that something is wrong but you can't quite put your finger on it?

By holding this book in your hand, you're about to not only put your finger on it, you're going to be shocked when you realize how far off track we really are and you're probably going to ask yourself why previous generations, who had the chance to stop this slippery slope, did nothing. You're going to wonder *why* they failed at taking a stand.

My goal is to not only inform you of what happened and how, but I will also provide hope and inspiration when you hear what some have courageously done in their communities to turn the tide.

I find it sad that most people won't actually take a stand and speak out until something affects them directly. Most, in fact, don't even notice there's something wrong until it either enters their front door or affects their wallet. By then, as history has shown, it'll be too late.

Please think about that last paragraph for a moment and do a quick self-analysis. Are you one of those people that doesn't get involved in issues that don't affect you personally?

When you hear stories when local governments take someone's land and sells it to a developer so they can increase tax revenue, do you shrug it off since it doesn't really affect you directly? Or do you get frustrated, investigate the matter further and tell your family and friends about the theft and injustice?

Do you get upset when you see stories in the news about the IRS stealing over \$940,000 from a small business owner's bank account *before* ever charging him with a crime? And when the IRS finally sends a letter months later admitting they were wrong while only offering to return a portion of the money, does your blood boil or do you dismiss it feeling relieved it wasn't you?

The only thing that will save this country is for all of us to get involved in some way. Apathy is what got us here, but action, now more than ever, is needed and we all have a part to play.

As I tell audiences, "Preserving Liberty is not a spectator sport. Are you in the game?"

As for me, not only does my heart and prayers go out to those that have been wrongly accused of crimes or had their property stolen by the government or had some level of injustice committed against them by an overreaching and seemingly all-powerful government, but I feel the need to get up off the couch and take action in some way.

Even though I know my day will come when the IRS targets me for my political beliefs, I still think its important and worth it to stand up and fight.

Can you believe I just said that? In America, "Land of the free."

Breaks my heart, actually.

The fact is, and we all know it deep within our humanity, that we were never meant to live this way. We were never meant to live with a behemoth federal government acting outside the limits imposed upon them by the Constitution.

Politicians were never meant to begin their careers in congress with very limited wealth to their name and retire two decades later worth tens of millions of dollars.

State governments were never meant to just sit back and let the central government dictate and demand how they operate.

Local governments were never meant to take people's property and give it to for-profit developers to generate more tax "revenue."

Your neighbors were never meant to be charged with crimes as their constitutionally protected rights are trampled upon.

The justice system is supposed to be blind, right? Today, though, it only looks to determine legal versus illegal without regard to right and wrong while it blindly follows unconstitutional statutes and oftentimes helps facilitate evil wealth redistribution schemes.

Congress was never meant to pass laws repugnant to the Constitution and we were never meant to be voiceless, drowning in a sea of bureaucratic red tape requiring us to follow thousands of pages of rules, regulations, dictates and mandates.

We were never meant to abide by a tax code whose very design steers behavior, manipulates businesses, intimidates families, steals and redistributes wealth.

We were never meant to put off starting a business for fear of breaking some statute or misinterpreting some confusing and onerous tax code.

We were never meant to go to jail for collecting rainwater on our own property.

We were never meant to be targeted by federal agencies because of our political beliefs.

We were never meant to allow the government to tell us what to purchase or face jail time.

We were never meant to live like this!

Meanwhile, the powers-that-be of Wisconsin have some explaining to do.

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