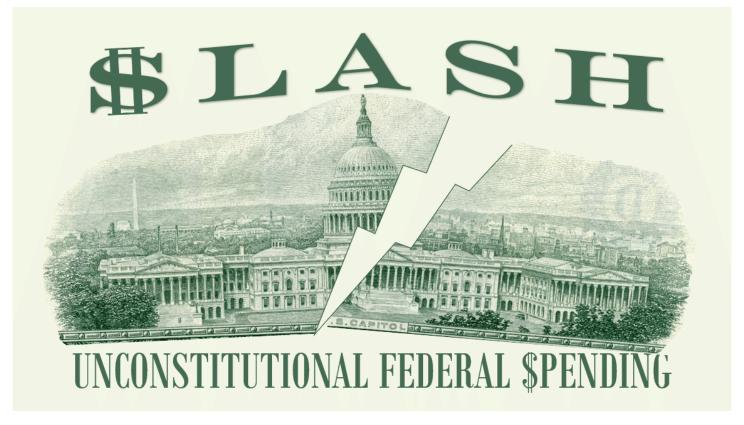
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Slash Unconstitutional Federal Spending

Federal spending is out of control — and the vast majority of it is blatantly unconstitutional. If not stopped, this fiscal recklessness will destroy our Republic. **Congress must act immediately to drastically reduce its bloated, unconstitutional spending spree.**

In November 2024, the U.S. national debt <u>surpassed \$36 trillion</u>, and it continues to quickly expand with <u>\$6 billion</u> being borrowed every day. The Congressional Budget Office has projected that <u>another \$22 trillion</u> will be added by 2033. Furthermore, spending levels continue to grow — for example, Congress used Covid-19 as an excuse to pass an additional <u>\$6 trillion</u> in spending, on top of already irresponsible spending levels.

This spending is going toward <u>wasteful</u> and destructive priorities, including funding the ever-growing federal bureaucracy, welfare programs, and foreign interventionism. Very little of it is actually going to activities authorized by the Constitution or that benefit the American people.

Furthermore, the federal government's massive spending — which encourages the Federal Reserve to expand the money supply — is <u>contributing</u> to the high inflation levels we're seeing. Ultimately, this overspending is <u>grossly unsustainable</u>, and is contributing to the erosion and decline of our constitutional republic.

The only federal spending that is appropriate is the small fraction that's constitutional — <u>specifically authorized</u> by <u>Article I, Section 8</u> of the Constitution. All other federal spending that falls outside Article I, Section 8 is unconstitutional — nor is it needed.

<u>About 80 percent</u> of the current federal government is unconstitutional — and it exists because Congress voted for it in direct violation of the Constitution. Congress has clearly strayed far from the Constitution, and it must immediately return to adherence. Rather than exceed its clearly defined limitations or proposing new constitutional amendments, such as a <u>balanced budget amendment</u> through an <u>Article V convention</u>, as some suggest, Congress needs to boldly enforce the Constitution as written.

Contact your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to take bold action to restore fiscal

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responsibility and slash all unconstitutional federal spending.