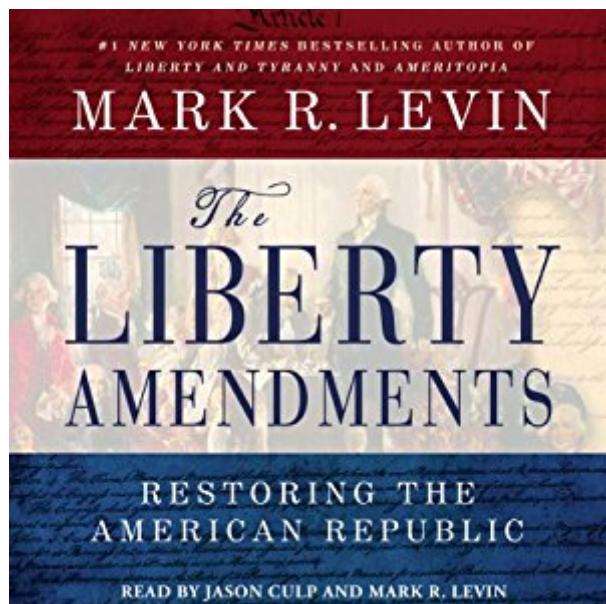


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The Liberty Amendments: Restoring The American Republic



Synopsis

Mark R. Levin has made the case, in numerous New York Times best-selling books - Men in Black, Liberty and Tyranny, and Ameritopia - that the principles undergirding our society and governmental system are unravelling. In *The Liberty Amendments*, he turns to the founding fathers and the constitution itself for guidance in restoring the American republic. For a century, the Statists have steadfastly constructed a federal Leviathan, distorting and evading our constitutional system in pursuit of an all-powerful, ubiquitous central government. The result is an ongoing and growing assault on individual liberty, state sovereignty, and the social compact. Levin argues that if we cherish our American heritage, it is time to embrace a constitutional revival. The delegates to the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia and the delegates to each state's ratification convention foresaw a time when - despite their best efforts to forestall it - the Federal government might breach the Constitution's limits and begin oppressing the people. Agencies such as the IRS and the EPA and programs such as Obamacare demonstrate that the Framers' fear was prescient. Therefore, the Framers provided two methods for amending the Constitution. The second was intended for our current circumstances - empowering the states to bypass Congress and call a convention for the purpose of amending the Constitution. Levin argues that we, the people, can avoid a perilous outcome by seeking recourse, using the method called for in the Constitution itself. The Framers adopted 10 constitutional amendments, called the Bill of Rights, that would preserve individual rights and state authority. Levin lays forth 11 specific prescriptions for restoring our founding principles, ones that are consistent with the Framers' design. His proposals - such as term limits for members of Congress and Supreme Court justices and limits on federal taxing and spending - are pure common sense, ideas shared by many. They draw on the wisdom of the Founding Fathers - including James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and numerous lesser-known but crucially important men - in their content and in the method for applying them to the current state of the nation. Now is the time for the American people to take the first step toward reclaiming what belongs to them. The task is daunting, but it is imperative if we are to be truly free.

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Customer Reviews

Mark Levin is a radio host and a Constitutional scholar. Invoking Article V of the Constitution, which sets out methods for amendments, Levin has proposed a number of changes to term limits, taxation, restoring states' power and more. Currently, states' powers have been almost completely overruled by Federal laws and mandates, debt is out of control, stretching past two generations of American's ability to pay it off. Government spending is a significant proportion of GDP and the GDP itself is stagnating; is this caused by the heavy burden of non-productive government spending? Government regulation has even gone so far as to dictate what kind of light bulb can be manufactured and sold and choices in healthcare may soon be dictated by unelected bureaucrats. For those who think that this kind of centralized power is dangerous and even tyrannical, Levin's amendments seek to address the power that the Federal government has arrogated unto itself, a power that never was the original intent of the Founding Fathers and which reduces individual liberty significantly. Levin's amendments include:

1. Term limits, including for justices.
2. Repealing Amendment 17 and returning the election of senators to state legislatures.
3. A congressional supermajority to override Supreme Court decisions (overruling what could be a stacked court).
4. Spending limit based on GDP.
5. Taxation capped at 15%.
6. Limiting the commerce clause, and strengthening private property rights.
7. Power of states to override a federal statute by a three-fifths vote.

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