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Are liberals right when they cite the "elastic" clauses of the Constitution to justify big government? Or are conservatives right when they cite the Constitution's explicit limits on federal power? The answer lies in a more basic question: How did the founding generation intend for us to interpret and apply the Constitution? Professor Brion McClanahan, popular author of *The Politically Incorrect Guide*TM to the Founding Fathers, finds the answers by going directly to the source—to the Founding Fathers themselves, who debated all the relevant issues in their state constitutional conventions.

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- Why Congress, not the executive branch, was meant to be the dominant branch of government—and why the Founders would have argued for impeaching many modern presidents for violating the Constitution
- Why an expansive central government was the Founders' biggest fear, and how the Constitution—and the Bill of Rights—was designed to guard against it
- Why the founding generation would regard most of the current federal budget—including "stimulus packages"—as unconstitutional
- Why the Founding Fathers would oppose attempts to "reform" the Electoral College
- Why the Founding Fathers would be horrified at the enormous authority of the Supreme Court, and why the Founders intended Congress, not the Court, to interpret federal law

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