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*"No Person shall be . . . deprived of life, liberty, or property without the due process of law"  
- Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution*

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## THE LOOMING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN: LET'S STOP KIDDING OURSELVES ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING

As this edition is being written, the U.S. Government shutdown is being reported as imminent. Whether or not the shutdown actually occurs will not change this message: Our federal government is, literally, broken. The two-party system is no longer working and it hasn't been working for quite some time. Capitalizing on massive corruption is the name of the game in Washington. Americans are caught in this unmerciful political gridlock and there is simply no way out; until and unless the voice of the people and the rule of law are returned to the halls of Congress and courts throughout the country.

If the shutdown occurs, well over 500,000 government workers will be laid off. This includes over 100,000 law enforcement and correctional officers, customs and border protection agents and officers, and Coast Guard employees. Almost as many government employees will be furloughed; including over 50,000 IRS employees and most of the staffs at NASA, the National Park Service, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Additionally, the Department of Homeland Security, the Justice Department, the Interior Department, and the State Department will all be affected. All of these employees might take a moment to brush up on their individual due process rights!

If the shutdown doesn't occur, the temporary "stop-gap" measure to keep the government funded for the short-term will be at the hefty price of one big band-aid. Then it will be business as usual as the Mueller investigation continues, the White House installs revolving doors to expedite the rapid turnover, our country's infrastructure continues to deteriorate, our national debt sky-rockets and becomes unsustainable, and all of our truly great accomplishments and programs that comprise the American Dream slowly but surely become underfunded and eliminated. Then the "blame-game" will continue in Washington and we'll have another election.



Maybe we should just get back to the real basics that built America! Let's eliminate all the massive corruption so that we can have affordable health care, the best educational systems, the most productive and efficient workplaces, tolerance for family and community values, but intolerance for criminals. Let deserving folks have an opportunity to get ahead without being burdened by the un-deserving. Let's start recognizing individual, not government, sovereignty.

How? One beginning step might be to make the teaching of fundamental constitutional values (especially regarding one's individual due process rights) available as part of most secondary school curriculums. Too many good Americans (i.e. law-abiding, hard-working, respectable citizens) now believe that the government is fighting against them - not for them. I believe this growing mistrust in our government will take us down a long, treacherous, slippery slope.

America can remain the greatest nation on earth only if the government mandates due process, and equal protection under the law, for all individuals. Right now, that isn't happening and, for that reason, The Due Process Advocate network will be dramatically expanded in the year to come.

I hope you'll join in this inevitable movement.

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