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## **Downsizing the Federal Government**

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[DownsizingGovernment.org](#) is the Cato Institute web-site that gives a department-by-department guide to cutting the federal budget. On the chopping block are the budgets of departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation. Coming soon: Department of Homeland Security (the American KGB, just kidding or half-kidding). You can compare [Chris Edwards's idea](#) for reforming the Department of Energy with the one [Big Bureaucracy proposed](#) in the Bottom Line's challenge.

DownsizingGovernment.org is a safe haven for libertarian thinking conservatives. If you believe the education and social programs should be handled by the states and not by the federal bureaucracy and the US Postal Service should be privatized you will be in the right place. If you feel tired from the pundit's talking points, take a dip in the history and the future of the US federal government structure.

The web-site presents a bold plan for limiting the federal government's reach into your pockets and your business.

It could be inspiration for any presidential candidate who is serious about taking control over the monstrous US bureaucracy. Will the Republicans able to nominate such a man or a woman? This will be the main question of the 2012 campaign. The US really doesn't need another president calling commissions and task-forces that usually come up with the solution of creating some new commission, task-force or bureaucracy without closing the old bureaucracy that failed in the first place.

DownsizingGovernment.org also produces daily podcast. Below is the first in a series of videos focusing on downsizing the cabinet-level departments. Here is how Downsizing the Department of Agriculture would look like if the folks at CATO have influence over the decision-making in Washington DC:



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