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## Letter: Laws of the land

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Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg actually swears to "defend" the Constitution.

They all do, and don't, and haven't for about 75 years.

As Bob Levy of the **Cato Institute** pointed out as guest speaker at the Naples Hilton in February, there are 250,000 pages of written constitutional law. Were the Constitution the law of the land, there would be a handful of such pages.

How many times has the Constitution been amended? Certainly not 27 times, with 10 of those adopted at the time the Constitution was accepted as the highest law of the land, defining the relationship of the rightly feared federal government to the empowering states and their citizenry.

Since Franklin D. Roosevelt, most of those pages have diminished the guiding nature of the Constitution and have rendered it virtually moot. No one knows what the rules are by which we are to comport ourselves. We do know that the federal government broke the shackles of its limits long ago, and with that break has ensued far less personal liberty (and its concomitant value of personal responsibility.)

We no longer enjoy the beneficial fruit of a republic. Today, the elected majority creates its own laws and retains power by using collected tax moneys and deficit spending to assure their re-election and further their own personal gain.

Today, the worst feature of a democratic form of government (the majority) has made certain of our future demise as a free country. The "party" rules and not constitutional law.