



Unlimited Federal Power

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The Obama administration, more so than any in memory, is all about strengthening the office of the president and increasing federal power. Both fly in the face of our Founders' wishes. The Founders intended a weak office of the president with strictly limited powers as enumerated clearly in the Constitution. Those limited powers include his job as commander in chief, issuing pardons, appointing officials, signing treaties, receiving reports from his cabinet, and reporting the State of the Union. There are no healthcare overhauls or "kill lists" to be found in the Constitution. The central government was also to have been strictly limited. Here again, the enumerated duties of Congress are defined clearly in the Constitution. Over the years, both the Office of the President and the involvement of Congress have been dramatically expanded far beyond the intent of the Founders.

Voters in Wisconsin have gotten the message, and the Tea Party is delivering the message across the country. Glenn Beck continues to expand on his now broader-based effort to educate Americans on understanding the foundation of a federal republic form of government. Later this month, the Supreme Court will weigh in on the constitutionality of Obamacare. Regardless of the outcome, the fate of a huge percentage of our national economy is going to rest in the hands of one or maybe two individuals, whom none of us had a vote in putting into a lifetime position.

The Supreme Court, like the Office of the President and Congress, has been allowed to morph into a creature never envisioned by America's Founders. The Cato Institute's Ilya Shapiro, in unique fashion, weighs in on the Supreme Court's upcoming Obamacare decision. I have had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Shapiro at Cato Institute policy get-togethers and am delighted to be able to bring to your attention his thoughtful outlook. Enjoy **Why Obamacare Strikes Out In Court**.