## DownsizingGovernment.org: New Website from Cato Explores Federal Waste from a Solutions-Focused Viewpoint

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One of the complaints we commonly hear people make after listening to libertarians is that libertarian thinkers are big on abstract philosophy and general principles, but tend to come up short when it comes to a mastery of the details. We've noticed it in our own thinking — we can vividly imagine an idealistic destination, but it's much more difficult to picture a roadmap for get from the present mess of governmental entanglement to a free society.

Our friends at the Cato Institute have just launched a new website that presents their thinking for those who want a more direct budget-cutting roadmap to consider. DownsizeGovernment.org doesn't have controversial budget cut recommendations for the Department of Defense online yet, but it launched with excellent recommendations for cuts in other federal departments. When we visited the site, we were also impressed by the video the Cato team created discussing the wastefulness of the Department of Agriculture and the impact of protective tarrifs on the cost of food in the United States.

There are also useful charts and data resources for students or those looking to argue a bit with their liberal friends. Just as interestingly, the Cato scholars/bloggers are posting on the new website and have been providing great stories and content. Let's hope that continues!

For those interested in checking out DownsizeGovernment.org, please feel free to click on the thumbnail link below:





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