

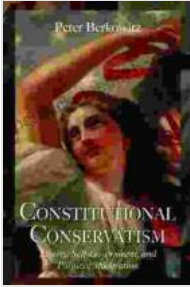
Constitutional Conservatism: Preserving Individual Liberty and Limited Government in the 21st Century



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In recent years, constitutional conservatism has been challenged by the rise of liberalism and progressivism. However, it remains a powerful force in American politics, and it is likely to continue to play a major role in the years to come.

Key Principles of Constitutional Conservatism

The key principles of constitutional conservatism can be summarized as follows:

* **Individual liberty:** Constitutional conservatives believe that individuals should be free to make their own choices, without interference from the government. This includes the right to own property, start a business, and pursue happiness. * **Limited government:** Constitutional conservatives believe that the government should be limited in its power. The government should only be involved in those activities that are necessary to protect the

rights of individuals. * **Judicial restraint:** Constitutional conservatives believe that the courts should not overturn the decisions of the legislature unless they are clearly unconstitutional. The courts should defer to the legislature's judgment on matters of public policy. * **Originalism:** Constitutional conservatives believe that the Constitution should be interpreted in accordance with its original meaning. This means that the courts should not use the Constitution to impose their own policy preferences.

Constitutional Conservatism in the 21st Century

Constitutional conservatism faces a number of challenges in the 21st century. One challenge is the rise of liberalism and progressivism. Liberals and progressives believe that the government should play a more active role in society, and they are not as committed to individual liberty and limited government as constitutional conservatives.

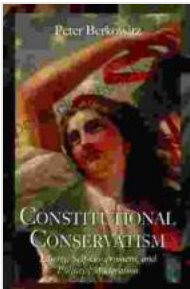
Another challenge that constitutional conservatism faces is the increasing power of the federal government. The federal government has been growing in size and scope for decades, and this has led to a decrease in individual liberty and limited government.

Despite these challenges, constitutional conservatism remains a powerful force in American politics. It is likely to continue to play a major role in the years to come.

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