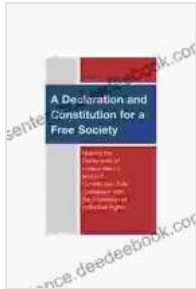


# Making the Declaration of Independence and Constitution Fully Consistent with Natural Law and Individual Liberty



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The Declaration of Independence states that all men are created equal and have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Constitution, on the other hand, allows for slavery and other forms of discrimination. This inconsistency is a stain on our nation's history and a violation of the principles of natural law and individual liberty.

There are a number of ways to make the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution fully consistent with natural law and individual liberty. One way is to amend the Constitution to abolish slavery and discrimination. Another way is to interpret the Constitution in a way that is consistent with natural law and individual liberty. The Supreme Court has already taken some steps in this direction, but more needs to be done.

Making the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution fully consistent with natural law and individual liberty is a goal that we should all strive for. It is a goal that is worthy of our nation's founders and a goal that will make our country a more just and equitable place for all.

## **The Declaration of Independence**

The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. It declared the thirteen American colonies' independence from Great Britain. The Declaration of Independence is a powerful statement of the principles of natural law and individual liberty. It states that all men are created equal and have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These principles are based on the idea that all human beings are endowed with certain unalienable rights by their Creator. These rights cannot be taken away by any government.

The Declaration of Independence was a radical document for its time. It challenged the traditional view that the king was the supreme authority in the land. It also asserted that the people have the right to govern themselves. These ideas were new and revolutionary, but they eventually became the foundation of American democracy.

## **The Constitution**

The Constitution was adopted by the Constitutional Convention in 1787. It is the supreme law of the land. The Constitution establishes the framework for the federal government and guarantees certain individual rights and freedoms. The Constitution is a complex document that has been interpreted in many different ways over the years.

The Constitution does not explicitly abolish slavery. However, the Thirteenth Amendment, which was adopted in 1865, abolished slavery and involuntary servitude. The Fourteenth Amendment, which was adopted in 1868, granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States, including former slaves. The Fifteenth Amendment, which was adopted in 1870, prohibited states from depriving citizens the right to vote based on race.

Despite these amendments, the Constitution still contains some provisions that are inconsistent with natural law and individual liberty. For example, the Second Amendment allows for the right to bear arms. However, this right has been interpreted by the Supreme Court to be subject to reasonable regulation. The Fourth Amendment protects against unreasonable searches and seizures. However, this right has been interpreted by the Supreme Court to allow for warrantless searches in certain circumstances.

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Amending the Constitution is a difficult process, but it is possible. The Constitution has been amended 27 times since it was adopted in 1787. The process of amending the Constitution begins with a proposal in Congress. The proposal must then be approved by two-thirds of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The proposal is then sent to the states for ratification. Three-fourths of the states must ratify the proposal before it becomes part of the Constitution.

Interpreting the Constitution in a way that is consistent with natural law and individual liberty is also a difficult task. The Constitution is a complex document that is open to interpretation. The Supreme Court has the final say on how the Constitution is interpreted. However, the Court's decisions are not always consistent. The Court's decisions are also subject to change over time.

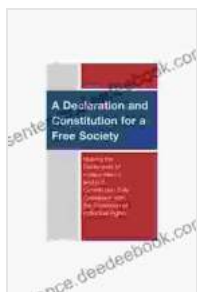
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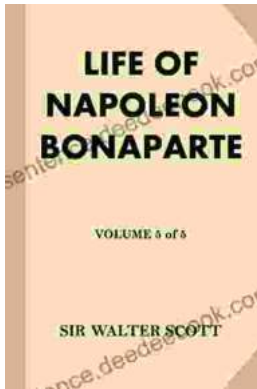


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