

Weekly Newsletter

Do We Have Too Many Laws?



Legislators feel driven to pass new laws. If they don't, their constituents might think they aren't doing their jobs, right? Unfortunately, after many decades our country now has so many laws that lawyers—let alone ordinary folks—can't keep up with them. Sadly, when citizens lack knowledge of new laws, the consequences can be devastating. For some, lives are ruined when they are faced with the cost of litigation or even with prison.



In a Fox News interview, Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch explains why too many laws are a threat to our system of justice and how this harms ordinary citizens: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/opinion/supreme-court-justice-neil-gorsuch-worries-about-americans-caught-by-surprise-by-unreasonable-laws/ar-AAloyOuE?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

Of course, most laws are in place to protect us. We need to pass and enforce laws to maintain a safe, just, and orderly society. However, a problem arises when an excess of regulations affects both our liberty and our freedom: two concepts that are at the heart of American justice.



What is the difference between liberty and freedom? Freedom represents the absence of a condition—a lack of impediments, constraints or regulations. Freedom broadly refers to the ability to act, speak or think without hindrance or restraint.

Liberty implies the presence of a condition that gives us the right and the autonomy to do as we please within certain legal or societal confines. Liberty encompasses the broader concept of enjoying various rights and privileges granted by society or a governing body that enable individuals to exercise their free will within reasonable boundaries. In theory, when new laws are contemplated, a law's potential infringement on our freedoms and liberties is carefully weighed. However, this careful balance becomes precarious as more laws are passed in more haste. New technologies appear almost daily that our laws can't keep up with or that make older laws obsolete. Unfortunately, laws are rarely repealed or eliminated.



The solution is to elect politicians who are willing to review current laws and to repeal those that are outdated or infringe upon our rights. Some of these laws have the potential to cause life-changing damage to our citizens. In Congress, I will make it a priority to review processes and laws that can harm citizens. Our current system is long overdue for revision.

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