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Today's big government is a typical display of bureaucracy in its most creative state.

Due to the enormous bureaucracy within today's state governments, many laws have been passed through legislation that really didn't need to be passed. These laws are a display of the way government likes to show power over the people using legal suppression. Governments have created laws governing almost anything that the people do as an act of blatant suppression, even if the laws may never be able to be enforced. In reviewing many law books, many laws were found that did not seem to do anything but annoy the general populous.

These laws and ordinances are used by the government to show power without having to be confronted by any particular person who might have been affected, because these legal suppressors will most likely not be enforced by the local law-enforcement agencies. In Alabama it is legal to drive a motor vehicle while you are blindfolded. Most of the people in our nation most likely would not decide to drive with a blindfold on. Yet, the Alabama state government needs to have power so it passed the "no driving while blindfold" law. Alabama is not the only state with laws that seem useless. In California community leaders passed an ordinance that makes it illegal for anyone to try to stop a child from playfully jumping over puddles of water. The fine for such a crime is fifty dollars and up to ten days in jail. Once again a government decided it didn't have enough power and thought that it might as well impose a new law to show its "immense" power over the people.

In Connecticut you can be stopped by the police for bike riding over sixty-five miles an hour. You can also be arrested for walking across a street on your hands. These laws will probably not be enforced due to the fact that the odds of biking over sixty-five miles an hour or walking across a street on one's hands seems unlikely. Florida may be one of the most creative legal suppressors in the United States.

One law reads " Women may be fined up to 150 dollars if they fall asleep under a hair dryer, as can the salon owner." Another law states that if an elephant is tied to a parking meter, the parking fee has to be paid just as it would for a vehicle. A special law in Florida also prohibits unmarried women from parachuting on Sunday or she shall risk arrest, fine, or sometimes jailing. Men may not be seen publicly wearing any type of strapless gown or they can be fined up to seventy-five dollars. In Sarasota, Florida, it is illegal for one to sing in public in a swimsuit. These laws and ordinances display Florida state government legislating laws that to show power and a suppressive attitude.

In some states the act of suppression is shown in the control of personal activities. For instance citizens are not allowed to attend a movie house or theatre nor ride any form of public transportation within at least four hours after eating garlic in the state of Indiana. Another act of personal suppression by the government is the Iowa state law that states, " Kisses may last for as much as, but no more than, five minutes.

" One is not allowed to transport an ice cream cone in one's pocket or one can be arrested in the state of Kentucky. New Mexico also has its own form of

personal suppression in the form of a law that states " Females are strictly forbidden to appear unshaven in public." Massachusetts has an array of personal suppressors involving its citizens. One such suppressive law states that mourners at a wake may not eat more than three sandwiches. Another law makes snoring a crime unless all bedroom windows are closed and securely locked. If one wants to wear a goatee a special five dollar permit must be purchased to wear a goatee in public. In New York a fine of twenty five dollars can be imposed on any citizen that flirts.

Some laws and ordinances seem to be " jokes". One instance that a law seems humorous is it is illegal to rob a bank and then shoot at the bank teller with a water pistol in Louisiana. In the state of Indiana it is illegal for anyone to bathe during winter. Yet another almost comical law states that it is illegal for any person to give lit cigars to dogs, cats, or any