

Lifelong Learning Academy Session 4

The Founding Fathers vs. The Progressive Movement

Where Do We Go From Here?

What Kind of Government Do We Want?

Can We Move Toward Perfection?

Liberty and Individual Freedom or State Control to Provide for the Common Welfare ?

1. Limited Government vs. Big Government

- Founding Fathers - A new form of limited government. Co-equal branches - A system of checks and balances - Individual Rights Protected
- Progressives - We must make Progress to a more Perfect Society. This can only be done by increasing the power of the State to promote the general welfare FOR ALL. Government needs to become more efficient and competent. Rule by experts and the wise
- Ronald Reagan - "The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help." "Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives." "I hope we once again reminded people that man is not free unless government is limited. There's a clear cause and effect here that is as neat and predictable as a law of physics: as government expands, liberty contracts."
- Bill Clinton - "The era of big government is over...but we cannot go back to the time when our citizens were left to fend for themselves. Self-reliance and teamwork are not opposing virtues — we must have both.