



# Behemoth

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If the motivations behind someone's actions are unclear, one has a responsibility to assume these actions were intended to achieve their apparent results. I am not sure where I first heard this sentiment. However, it is a highly useful razor to aid in navigating a post-truth world.

The United States Federal Government is the largest government in human history. This behemoth has metastasized for centuries to become what it is today, due to the unceasing and relentless additions and alterations to its structure. It is, if not already, on the precipice of functioning completely unrestricted by the limitations originally set upon it by the Constitution.

This system may work, even work well, under these conditions, provided that the people who occupy positions of power are virtuous. The issue arises when those who seek only power, personal gain, or are evil (these traits often being comorbid) take control.

Why would they not? If a human has an aim, it is logical that they would use the most efficient and effective strategy to achieve it. A person who aims for power and control sees the government as the ultimate source of power and control. This leads us to conclude that the actions of the government should be assumed nefarious until proven otherwise by judging the results of their actions.