



On Constitutional Disobedience (Hardback)

By Professor of Law Louis Michael Seidman

Oxford University Press Inc, United States, 2013. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 142 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. What would the Framers of the Constitution make of multinational corporations? Nuclear weapons? Gay marriage? They led a preindustrial country, much of it dependent on slave labor, huddled on the Atlantic seaboard. The Founders saw society as essentially hierarchical, led naturally by landed gentry like themselves. Yet we still obey their commands, two centuries and one civil war later. According to Louis Michael Seidman, it s time to stop. In On Constitutional Disobedience, Seidman argues that, in order to bring our basic law up to date, it needs benign neglect. This is a highly controversial assertion. The doctrine of original intent may be found on the far right, but the entire political spectrum-left and right-shares a deep reverence for the Constitution. And yet, Seidman reminds us, disobedience is the original intent of the Constitution. The Philadelphia convention had gathered to amend the Articles of Confederation, not toss them out and start afresh. The living Constitution school tries to bridge the gap between the framers and ourselves by reinterpreting the text in light of modern society s demands. But this...



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