

The Tale of a Conspiracy Theory Mystery and the Reference Tools that Solved It



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The Question

“I am searching for the following, U.S.
gov. document: TRAINING MANUAL }
WAR DEPARTMENT, No. 2000-25 }
WASHINGTON, November 30. 1928.

There is a version available at the
following url:

http://www.barefootsworld.net/tm_2000-25.html but I would like to find an official version if possible.”

Declaration of Independence 1776
Bill of Rights 1791
The Constitution for the United States by Ratification
The Preamble to the United States

 *What is the Problem?* 

This Training Manual No. TM 2000-25 on Citizenship, U.S. History and the Constitution was compiled and issued by the U.S. War Department, November 30, 1928, to teach our young men in the services the fundamental principles upon which our Government was founded.

The precise and scholarly definitions presented throughout the manual were carefully considered as a proper guide for U.S. soldiers and U.S. citizens by the Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Such definitions take precedence over any definitions that may be found in the present commercial dictionaries which have suffered periodic modification to please the powers in office.

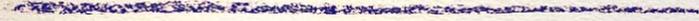
Shortly after the "bank holiday" in 1933, orders from the FDR White House suddenly demanded without explanation that all copies of this book be withdrawn from the Government Printing Office and the Army posts, to be suppressed and destroyed. So began the demagogic descent of the United States and the subversion of the Constitution into Americanized National Socialism, bankruptcy and the continued state of national emergency that we have experienced as a nation for the past 77 years.

Today there is a great deal of reference by the media and sadly, even by many of our elected officials to "our democracy" or "this democracy" when referring to our government.

The Founding Fathers of our Nation wisely established a **REPUBLIC**, not a **Democracy**, and there are many important differences. The differences can be debated and argued in many ways, but the best and simplest definitions are printed in this Training Manual, presented here in its entirety.

Is the United States worth saving?
Study the Constitution and this Training Manual!
Educate Yourself!

Click [HERE](#) for a MS-Word version of TM 2000-25.doc.

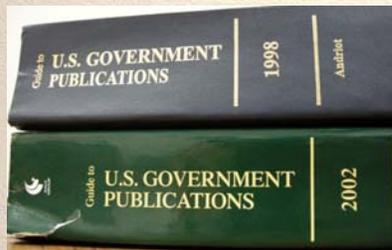


Is it Real?

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i.e. Guide to U.S. Government Publications

A microcosm of the world of U.S. Government publications & structure from the Revolution to present

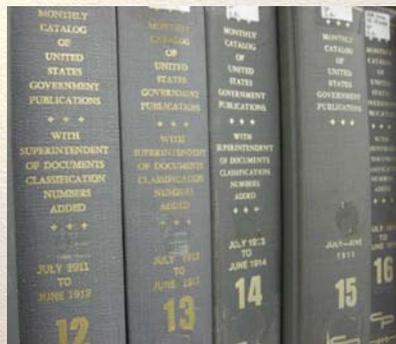


- Brief history of departments, agencies, etc.
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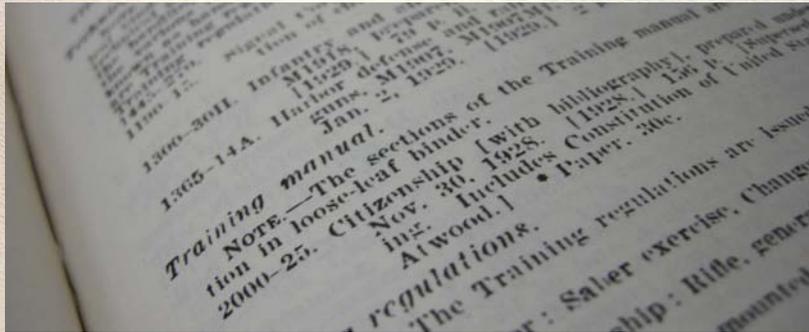
“MoCat”

Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications

- Month by month listing of publications produced by the government
- Available starting 1895
- Various aids associated with it...



It's Real!



But what's the rest of the story?

Was it “suppressed & destroyed”

- There is no known comprehensive list of recalls for the period before 1980.
- Recalls before 1984 often came directly from agencies rather than from GPO.
- A “cursory check” of OCLC in 1995 showed 70% of documents recalled between 1980 & 1995 were still in library catalogs

(For more information on history of documents recalls, especially post-1980, see: Saragail Runyon Lynch, “GPO Recalls of Depository Documents,” *Journal of Government Information*, 22 no. 1 (1995): 23-31.

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Reminders

- Try different search engines!
- Try different keywords!
- Don't give up after the 1st page!
- Don't forget search.usa.gov!



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And Why Archive.org Rocks

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TRAINING MANUAL
No. 2000-25

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, November 30, 1928.

CITIZENSHIP

Prepared under direction of the
Chief of Staff

This manual supersedes Manual of Citizenship Training

*The use of the publication "The Constitution of the United States," by Harry
Atwood, is by permission and courtesy of the author.
The source of other references is shown in the bibliography*

<http://archive.org/details/CitizenshipwithBibliographyPreparedUnderDirectionOfChiefOfStaff>

It's Real.
It's Available.
So, why the Conspiracy?

Military Power in Civilian Life

- Citizens' Military Training Camps (CMTC) & Reserves Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)
- Sampling of negative references to the manual:
 - "Want Schools Free of Army Education," *The New York Times*, Feb. 2, 1932.
 - Citizens' Organizations and the Civic Training of Youth by Bessie Louise Pierce, 1933.
 - Our Military Chaos by Oswald Garrison Villard, 1939.
 - Social Attitudes of American Generals 1898-1940 by Richard Carl Brown, 1951.

Federal Activity in the Field of Education



Now, this, Mr. Chairman, was the revision that was used as a training manual in the Army for a period of 4 years. It had been prepared not only by the chaplain, but had been issued and sent out with the approval of the War Department as of that date. That was in 1928. It was withdrawn in late 1932 by order of the then Chief of Staff, a copy of whose order I have indicating that it had been withdrawn from circulation.

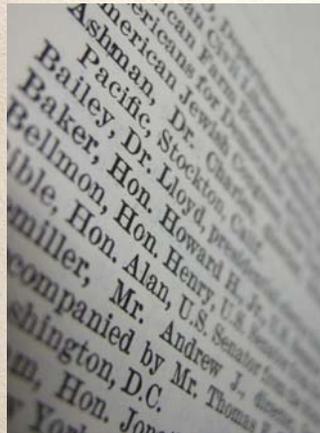
Mr. GWINN. What for?

Mr. MILLER. Well, it does not state the reason in that specific order, but in 1936, on March 18, in a memorandum which was sent to Senator Copeland, who was then United States Senator from your own State of New York, there is the only explanation that I have come upon in my studies to date. It is: "Most of the criticism was directed toward the paragraph on democracy, which failed to be read in conjunction with the succeeding definition of a republic."

Now, that is the only explanation. I have no other way of knowing, except that statement which has been set forth here. It is very difficult, if I may say, to get hold of a copy of this. I tried at the library in the Pentagon but I was unable to get it, and I finally succeeded in getting a copy of this through the National Archives.

1954 Hearing before the House Committee on Education and Labor

Electing the President



- 1969 Hearing regarding the election of Richard Nixon & the electoral college
- Dr. Lloyd Bailey, elector from North Carolina is a witness
- SuDoc: Y 4.J 89/2:P 92/11/1969

Jackpot!

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Shortly after the ‘bank holiday’ in the thirties, hush-hush orders from the White House suddenly demanded that all copies of this book be withdrawn from the Government Printing Office and the Army posts, *to be suppressed and destroyed without explanation.*”

-Prepared testimony of Dr. Lloyd Bailey. (See *Electing the President* pg.46)

Look Familiar?

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