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pockets of individual liberty. With a close analysis of urgent

constitutional questions-abortion, physician-assisted suicide, medical marijuana, gay marriage, cloning, and U.S. drug policy-Foley shows how current constitutional interpretation has gone astray. Without the

bias of any particular political agenda, she argues convincingly that we need to return to original conceptions of the Constitution and restore personal freedoms that have gradually diminished over time.