

## DIARY ENTRY (RAFT EXAMPLE)

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Dear Diary,

It has been 3 years since President Gunter took office, and life has never been the same. I look back on my past entries in my old journals, and I laugh at how little things used to be so important—like getting cut in front of at the grocery store or picking the right outfit for a date. Life now is so much different after President Gunter got rid of the Constitution.

Some good things happened. I no longer have to pay federal taxes! But now my trash piles up, and my water sometimes gets shut off because local government has a lot on its plate. Since the federal government has no power, it's been a free for all.

The three branches, which used to have clear and distinct powers and were able to check each other, now do whatever they want. The president is making laws, Congress is holding trials, and the Supreme Court stands empty, due to losing their judicial review power. Nobody takes the federal government serious anymore, and I think that pretty soon it will be dissolved.

Nothing is getting done, leaving a lot of strain on the state and local governments. When we had federalism, power was shared between the federal, state, and local governments. Now the states act like separate kingdoms, printing their own money, forming their own armies, and completely getting rid of popular sovereignty. The people no longer have a voice in government!

How does this look in real life? The grocery store always runs out of food, you can barely drive a car on the road, and I have to pay my neighbor to teach my little sister how to do math. It is scary, it is hard, and surviving the day is an accomplishment. Back in the day, I never knew how important the Constitution was and how much it impacted me.

Well, Diary, I'll check in with you later. Maybe I can find someone to turn my water back on.

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