


Rights for the Past, Present, and Future

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The Constitution was established on September 18, 1787, making a standard for filling seats and making laws in the best possible way. It includes the branches of government such as Legislation, Executive, and Judicial. It was established to make a standard that the government has to follow so the government officials do not make certain laws so they do not have too much control. It allows every citizen to have a voice demonstrating equality in the law. It explains the qualifications of getting into certain seats. The constitution is a way for laws to be set into order properly. It is also a way for seats to properly be filled. Although the constitution is an excellent document it is missing a very important part of our government. The constitution is missing the rights of the people. Although it does contain an excellent way to protect the citizen's rights.

The Constitution protects citizens' rights in many ways such as certain qualifications to have a chance at running for election. For example, if you would like to have a chance at running for election in the House of Representatives you must have attained the age of twenty-five and been a citizen of the United States for seven years. It also allows citizens who wish to be voted into office to have a fair election. Laws also have to be voted in by the government officials. The Constitution also provides a way for the military to express concerns to the President. Another thing it allows for is a government official in every seat needed.

Two founding fathers refused to sign the Constitution because it did not contain the Bill of Rights, their names were George Madison and Elbridge Gerry.

In four years we did obtain the Bill of Rights in the form of Amendments to the Constitution. These amendments contained rights for the people and did not change the laws of the Constitution. The way the Bill of Rights was ratified was through James Madison's fifteen Amendments. Twelve of these were

considered by Congress and ten were accepted on December 15, 1791, by the states to be our current Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights is the first ten Amendments to the Constitution. It contains the rights of the American citizens such as, not making one specific religion for everyone to follow as stated in the first amendment. The fifth amendment talks about rights for land. In the ninth amendment, our state law-making rights are discussed. Militia and the soldier's rights are talked about in the second amendment.

In the fourth amendment, we are given the right to make our belongings secure, and the government can not search items that they have not gotten a warrant issued for or seize an item that they do not have permission to seize. The ninth amendment reserves future rights that are not written in the Bill of Rights.

To protect our third amendment rights a soldier must ask permission to stay on my property. The sixth amendment refers to the rights of the accused in criminal court. Unlike in the sixth amendment for criminal court, the seventh amendment gives the right to have a trial in civil court.

The Constitution still should be valid today although it has been violated many times. One example is when we were on our way home from Florida I received a notice in my suitcase that my bag had been opened violating the fourth amendment, yet somehow the government now is ok with this for the safety of everyone else.

An example where my rights have been protected is through no establishment of religion, supporting the first amendment.

A very long trial is not permitted as stated in the eighth amendment, although it has occurred. The right to keep and bear arms was partly infringed but was not long-lasting.

The soldiers have been following the third amendment which protects the citizen's privacy. The government says that they are supporting the fifth amendment in the thirty by thirty land grab.

The Bill of Rights and the Constitution are very important to The American Government. They provide stable rights for everyone in the past, in the present, and the future.