

Bill of Rights

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Preamble to the Bill of Rights

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THE Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution. **RESOLVED** by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all, or any of which Articles, when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution; viz. **ARTICLES** in addition to, and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the original Constitution.

*Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg Speaker of the House of Representatives John Adams,
Vice- President of the United States and President of the Senate.*

*Attest, John Beckley, Clerk of the House of Representatives. Sam. A. Otis Secretary of
the Senate. *On September 25, 1789, Congress transmitted to the state legislatures
twelve proposed amendments, two of which, having to do with Congressional
representation and Congressional pay, were not adopted. The remaining ten
amendments became the Bill of Rights.*

The **Bill of Rights** consists of the first 10 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. These amendments guarantee **civil rights and liberties to individuals.**



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Amendment 1

- Freedom of Religion, Speech, and the Press

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment 2

- The Right to Bear Arms

A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

Amendment 3

- The Housing of Soldiers

No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment 4

- Protection from Unreasonable Searches and Seizures

The right of the people to be secure

in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment 5

- Protection of Rights to Life, Liberty, and Property

No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

Amendment 6

- Rights of Accused Persons in Criminal Cases

In all criminal prosecutions, the

accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

Amendment 7

- Rights in Civil Cases

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment 8

- Excessive Bail, Fines, and Punishments Forbidden

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment 9

- Other Rights Kept by the People

The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment 10

- Undelegated Powers Kept by the States and the People

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

If you feel one or more of your Civil Rights have been violated. Seek legal help from an Attorney who understands and has experience protecting the Bill Of Rights in a Court of Law. People have Rights in the United States. Find the right help. Some great non-profit community organizations also provide legal help. Do not stay quiet when you know your civil rights have been violated.

Conozcan sus Derechos y no dejen que los oficiales racistas los confundan. Todos temenos derechos en este país. Tenga un abogado siempre listo para llamarle. No les falten el respeto o diga mentiras al los oficiales. Mejor no diga nada y que quiere hablar con su abogado. No firme nada sin su abogado presente. Conozca sus derechos para proteger su Libertad. Si puede grabar la conversacion con los oficiales HAGALO y mandelo a sus familia y Amigos. Todos es evidencia para el dia de la corte con el Juez. Los Mexicanos y nuestros Hermanos de otros países somos Guerreros. Llegamos para Ganar y Prosperidad, pero no dejarnos violar nuestros derechos.