

Civics in One Day

What do those seven articles really say?

9th Amendment

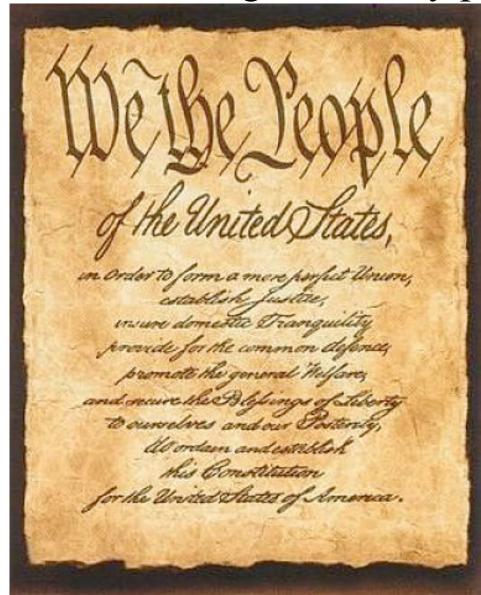
• The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

10th Amendment

• he 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

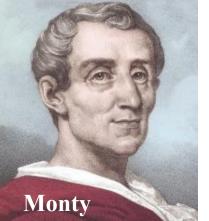
Preamble

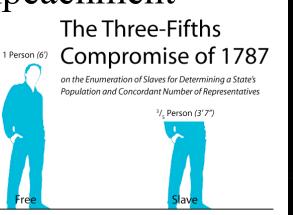
• Purpose of Constitution, govt. est. by people

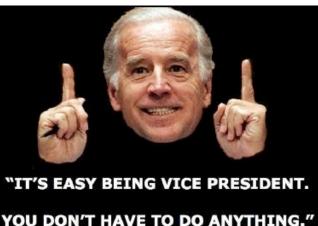


Article I: Legislative

- Separation of powers; Baron de Montesquieu's *The Spirit of the Laws*
- Art. 1, sect. 2.3 basis of 3/5 compromise
- Art. 1, sect. 3.1 originally state leg. Choose senators, amendment 17 made it direct
- Art. 1, sect. 3.4 Constitution gives VP only 2 responsibilities: pres. of Senate and vote in case of tie
- Art. 1, sect. 3.6 2/3 of senate have to vote for conviction of impeachment

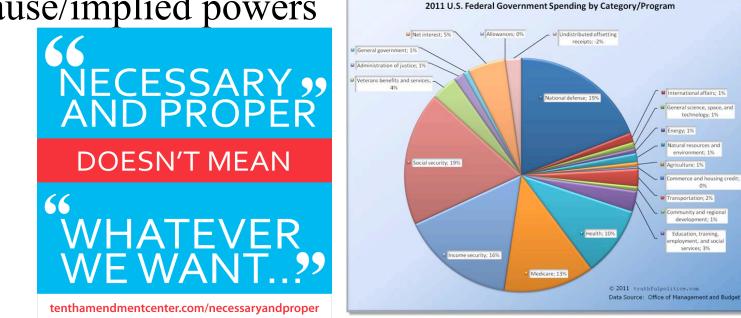




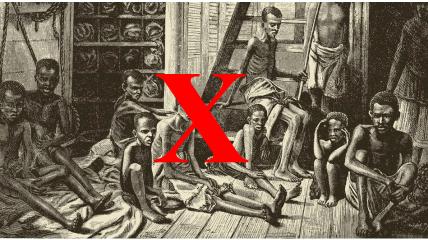


- Joe Biden: 2/26/10

- Art. 1, sect. 7 Revenue bills must begin in House; power of purse strings in lower legislature, grows out of colonial period
- Art 1, sect. 8 Delegated powers/enumerated powers
- sect. 8.3 Commerce Clause
- sect. 8.11 1973 War Powers Resolution Gives president power to send troops abroad in emergency cases for 60 days (end hostilities)
- sect. 8.18 Necessary and Proper Clause elastic clause/implied powers
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- Art. 1, sect. 9 Powers denied to the Federal govt.
- sect. 9.1 Importation of slavery illegal after 1808
- sect. 9.2 Can't be jailed without sufficient evidence; writ of *habeas corpus*
- sect. 9.3 No ex post facto laws/no bill of attainder--no punishment w/out jury trial
- sect. 9.5 No tax on exports
- sect. 9.7 Limits presidential power by giving Congress appropriations
- sect. 9.8 No establishment of nobility



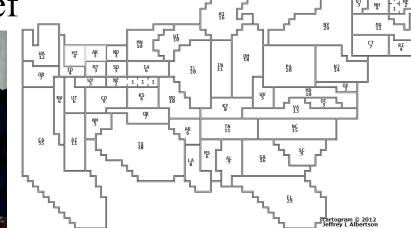




Article II: Executive

- Art. 2, Sect. 1.3 Electoral college est. to safeguard against oligarchy (state leg. originally elected e.c.)
- Art. 2, sect. 2 Military under civilian control
- Art. 2, sect. 3 Presidential duties
 - <u>Legislative</u> Setting agenda, signing/vetoing bills, special sessions of Congress; executive orders
 - <u>Diplomatic</u>
 - <u>Executive</u> Setting up depts/agencies & filling positions
 - <u>Military</u> Commander in Chief





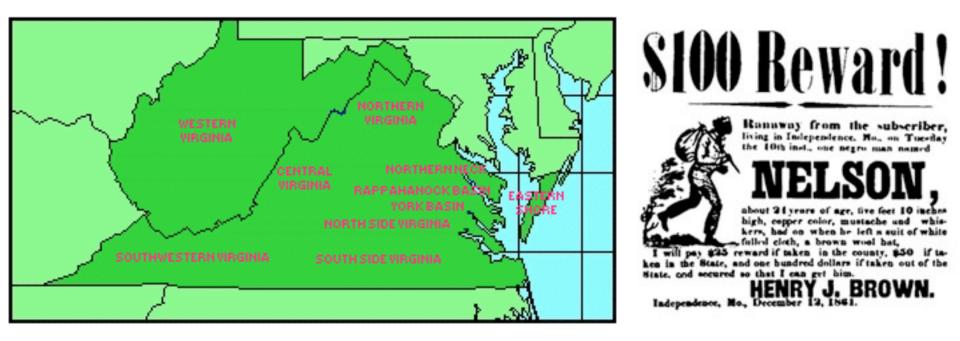
Article III: Judicial

- Art. 3, sect. 1 Only Supreme Court set up in Const.; congress created Court of Appeals and District Courts
- Art. 3, sect. 3 Treason is the only crime specifically mentioned in the Constitution



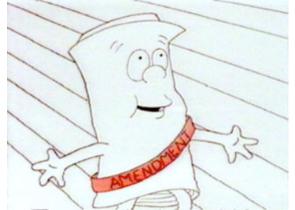
Relations Among the States

- Art. 4, sect. 2.3 Fugitive Slave Law (slaves should be returned to their owners)
- Art. 4, sect. 3 New states have same rights as the old; no new states created within borders of old (W. VA exception)



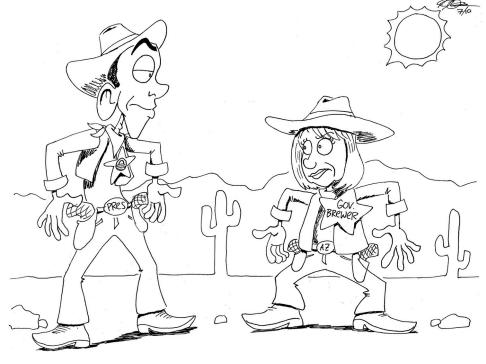
Article V: Amendments

- 27 amendments thus far
- Two methods of proposal
 - -a. 2/3 vote in both House and Senate
 - b. 2/3 of the state legislatures request congress to call Const. Conv.
- Two methods of approval
 - a. ratified by 3/4 of all state legislatures
 - b. majority vote in 3/4 of state conventions



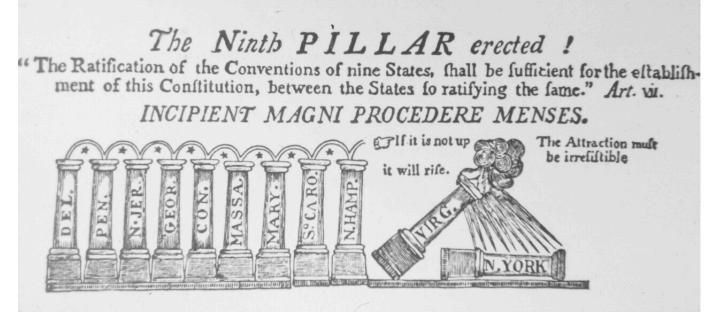
Article VI: Other Important Stuff

- Art. 6, sect. 1 Federal govt. assumes debts incurred under Articles of Confederation (Reset Button)
- Art. 6, sect. 2 **Supremacy clause**; national govt. has more power than state govt.



Article VII: Ratification

- 6/21/1788 by 9 states; VA, NYC, NC, RI follow by 1790.
- Unlike AoC which said all 13 states had to amend it; Rhode Island states Const. was amended by revolutionary means.
- Oldest operating constitution in the world



Bill of Rights

• First 10 Amendments (1791)

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