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Constitutional Rights

The Constitution of the United States of America is an excellent document, which provides for a stable and peaceful Republic of free citizens. In the light of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution made it clear that all citizens of this country had many rights and it stated succinctly that these were God given inalienable rights. We were entitled to these rights for simply being born into this world. If all countries had such a document, what a wonderful world this would be to live in. These rights are not granted by our government, but instead they are simply endowed unto us by our Creator. We are to be free men, we are to have self-determination and be responsible for ourselves and our actions.

The Constitution has demonstrated a few shortfalls over the years, which were corrected with some simple amendments. Among them was the abolition of slavery, the right to vote without regard to race or gender and term limits for the office of President. With just a few changes we've been living under this document since 1789 and we are the longest running government under a single system in the world. Many people find that hard to believe, but the history doesn't lie. No country has out lasted the United States of America since the Constitution became the law of the land and gave us this Constitutional Republic, which we call the U.S.A. This is a testament to the quality of the system our Founding Fathers' gave us.

Unfortunately the Constitution has been overridden by so much legislation, which conflicts with it. The courts are very slow to over turn these new laws as unconstitutional and that's if they ever do. Too many judges have begun legislating from the bench; pushing for their personal preferences and agendas, while disregarding the basis of the nation's law set forth by the Constitution. It is even questionable that some of the amendments to the Constitution were properly ratified. This document makes us Americans and it makes our country different. It has allowed us to prosper over the course of our country's entire history. And as we ignore it, enact laws contrary to it and sacrifice our sovereignty granted by our Constitution through UN agreements and treaties with other nations, then we limit the potential and freedoms offered by our country. The abandoning of our Constitution limits our future and detracts from the quality of life in our great nation.

Instead of attacking and undermining the Constitution, we need to embrace the Constitutional Republic we live in and through the democratic process, elect quality leaders to represent us in our Nation's capitol. We all need to realize that we are free men and women and with that comes the responsibility for oneself. Our government offers us life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, but we should offer it our loyalty when it functions within the framework of the Constitution. When in the course of history we find our government not following the laws of the land and usurping more power than granted to it by the Constitution, we need to rise up as a common people and throw the tyrants out; for our great nation's Founding Fathers, the rich history of sacrificing for God and country and our future generations demand no less from us. Always remember that if our government would have been following the precepts set forth in the Constitution, we would have little trouble and we would not find ourselves in the predicament we are now in.



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As good as the Constitution has been for our Republic, a change is required to sustain our nation. This blatantly obvious change is the adoption of term limit(s) for the Federal Representatives and Senators. The founders of our country never envisioned lifetime politicians who would stay in power for term after term until they retire. They never realized how much money it would cost to run for office, how easy it is for an incumbent to get reelected and how hard it is for somebody new to get into office. They never would have thought that we would end up with just two political parties running the country, neither of which work together well or work well alone. They never envisioned this stuff and therefore never put term limits into the Constitution. We need to limit these terms and that will solve so many of the problems plaguing our country.

It is a problem when the same people run for office over and over again, collecting piles of money to do so and by collecting that money, selling their souls and their votes down the river. Every time they get a campaign contribution after already being in office, there is the appearance of favors being expected and votes being purchased. If there were a one-term limit or only additional terms when they are non-consecutive, then they would only be raising money while not in office and no vote buying would be happening directly. Once in office there would be no justification for raising money anymore and the elected officials could concentrate on their jobs rather than raising funds and continuing to campaign.

Other than this glaringly obvious change being required, I think the Constitution is a great document. I would take our system of government over any other system in the world. I truly believe in the Constitution and if I had to have a party name or affiliation it would be the Constitutionalist Party.

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