

# "BILL OF RIGHTS"

229th Birthday on 12.15.20!

# 10 Amendments to the US Constitution

FEDERALISTS thought that individual rights were already in the US Constitution; e.g., "no title of nobility", need court order to detain an individual, no double jeopardy.

ANTI-FEDERALISTS thought that the Constitution gave the new American government too much power and didn't specifically list citizens' individual rights.

--So they COMPROMISED!



**1st Amendment:** Freedom of religion, speech, the press; the right of the people to peaceably assemble and petition to resolve grievances (the right to hold government accountable)

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**2nd Amendment:** People's right for a well-regulated militia for security of a free state; the right of people to keep and bear arms

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**3rd Amendment:** No military persons, in war or peace, may take possession of a private dwelling without consent of the owner or a law

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**4th Amendment:** Right to privacy; no unreasonable searches and seizures without probable cause; search and seizure is limited to the description in the warrant

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**5th Amendment:** No double jeopardy, no self-incrimination, no taking of life, liberty or property without due process of law; no taking of private property without just payment

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**6th Amendment:** Rights of an accused person to a public trial and an impartial jury, to know the nature of the charges, who the accusers are and the right to a lawyer for the defense

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**7th Amendment:** In civil cases for more than \$20, gives the right to a trial by jury in federal court; after one trial, can't go back to trial again

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**8th Amendment:** Excessive bail not required; excessive fines and cruel or unusual punishment are not permitted

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**9th Amendment:** The rights of the people are not limited only to the rights listed in the Constitution

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**10th Amendment:** Further defines the balance of power; powers not granted to the federal government go back to the states or to the people

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