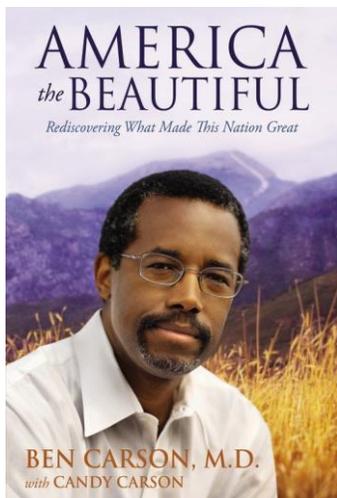


February Edition: Ben Carson, the U.S. Constitution, and YOU

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Mention the name "Dr. Ben Carson" and see conservatives smile. His unexpected yet much-appreciated speech at the National Prayer Breakfast really encouraged true patriots of faith. Frankly, Dr. Carson's life story inspires us all to ignore the lies

and keep our eyes on the prize: loving God, loving each other, and learning with a passion. He beat the odds. He lives a God-glorifying version of the American dream:

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Ben Carson was brought up by a single mother in poverty and in the height of the Civil Rights movement. He struggled academically in his early school

Action Points



Here are some great resources and ideas about how to learn about the U.S. Constitution:

1. For starters, read the [U.S. Constitution](#) for yourself.
2. Read the [Federalist Papers](#). Written by "Publius" (James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay), the Federalist Papers explain the intentions of the Constitutions and our Founding Fathers' vision for America.
3. Read books that will help you understand the role of government and the purpose of America. One book we recommend is [America the Beautiful](#) by Dr. Ben Carson.
4. Check out [Constitutional Literacy with Michael Farris](#). It's a 25 episode DVD series that explains all about the Constitution.
5. Attend a webinar on our Constitution! Rick Green (you may know him from Wallbuilders) has great resources and webinars available. Check out the webinar schedule [here!](#)

years, but after his mom required him to read two books a week and produce written reviews for her (instead of watching TV), he started to excel in school. Thanks to hard work and perseverance, Dr. Ben Carson became a renowned neurosurgeon at Johns Hopkins University.

Let's all follow the lead of Dr. Ben Carson and educate ourselves. Pick up a book and read it. Turn off the TV and log off FaceBook and read. You will discover a new world of opportunities. Learning is fascinating and no one can outgrow it. Start out by reading Dr. Carson's book, [America the Beautiful](#). Most of all, we recommend reading the Bible each day - it's the very best choice to read.

It's also time for us to read the U.S.

Constitution. Too many people have no idea what is in the Constitution because they have never read it in its entirety.

Our Founding Fathers expected that Americans would hold leaders accountable to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution. It is our duty as citizens to vote out those who abuse the Constitution and replace them with new officials who will faithfully preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution.

In order to do that, "We the People" need to become educated about the Constitution and what our country was originally intended to be.

Unlike other countries' constitutions, the U.S. Constitution was not written in the name of dominant leaders, but by the power of "We the People." So when our government does not adhere to the Constitution, the root of the problem rests with the people. We are not doing our part as informed citizens.

In response, Unite the USA is excited to feature an article by Kevin Price that gives a summary of the Bill of Rights. You will also discover wonderful resources to learn all about the Constitution. Our heritage is fascinating....don't miss out on learning all about it.

What's written on the Liberty Bell?



Guess what is inscribed on the Liberty Bell? Answer: Leviticus 25:10. It says, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof..."

About Kevin Price



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Meanwhile, as we do so, let's remember to cherish, read, and live out in deeds the best Book: the Bible.

Here's to learning and enjoying it!

God bless,
Carrie Stoelting and Stacie Stoeting
Founders of www.unitetheusa.org

A Summary of the Bill of Rights

Bill of Rights were designed to protect the people, not the government

Click [here](#) to read the *Bill of Rights*.



By Kevin Price
Thomas Jefferson argued that "When governments fear the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny. The strongest reason for the people to retain

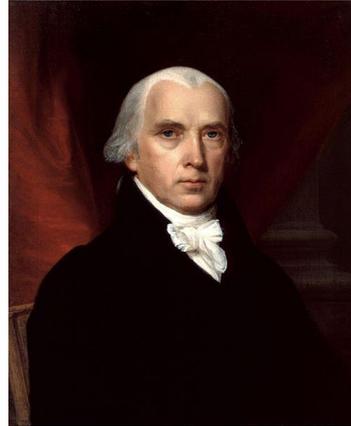
the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." To me, this important quote (from his Monticello Papers) sets the stage for the ideas behind the Bill of Rights, which are the first ten amendments of the US Constitution.

These amendments were not an after thought to make the Constitution better, but became a line in the sand in the eyes of those who feared that government did not have sufficient limits placed on it in then newly developed Constitution. The events that led to their inclusion were driven by Virginia delegate George Mason. Simply put, without the ratification of the Bill of Rights, there would be no ratification of the Constitution.

The Bill of Rights, in simple English:

First Amendment. Freedom of Speech,

Featured Founding Father



James Madison (March 16, 1751 - June 28, 1836) was an American statesman and political theorist, and the fourth President of the United States (1809-1817). He is known as the "Father of the Constitution" for being instrumental in the drafting of the United States Constitution and as the key champion and author of the United States Bill of Rights.

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Press, Religion, to Petition the Government. Regardless of how "ugly" the speech, it is permissible under the law. Government will always find its critics offensive, so latitude in what people can say is important. There are, of course, limits to this, but they are very few.

Second Amendment. Right to Keep and Bear Arms. This was not meant simply for a standing army (see Jefferson's quote above), but as a final check for a government that grows out of control.

Third Amendment. Quartering of Troops. Following an ugly war with England, the new government made it clear that it would not impose itself on the people.

Fourth Amendment. Unreasonable Search and Seizure. One of the fundamental ideas of our government is that restrictions are placed on our ability to incriminate ourselves. You better have cause and, in most cases, a warrant to go in a person's home.

Fifth Amendment. Due Process, Double Jeopardy, Protection of Property. Other than those in the military, everyone is assured certain rights to protect their freedom. This includes the right to own property.

Sixth Amendment. Rights of the Accused. The most important, is to knowing what you are accused of. People can not be held in jail without cause.

Seventh Amendment. Civil Right to a Jury. The only exception is some non-civil trials and in the military.

Eighth Amendment. Cruel and Unusual Punishment and Excessive Bail.

Ninth Amendment. Rights not addressed. If they are not addressed in the Constitution, it is assumed the people have them in this important amendment.

Tenth Amendment. Powers of the States and People. A progressive website described this as "Rights not addressed in the first 10 Amendments will have to be determined by 'the people' at a later date." This could not be



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further from the truth, it actually simply states that "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." There is nothing "later" about it. If it is not in the Constitution, it is left to the states and the people, only a grueling amendment process can change the law. What is most important about this is that these rights are meant to protect the people, not the federal government. This stands against the trend of legal opinion we have seen for years.

Government Roles... According to the Constitution

Executive Branch (President)

- Authorizes or vetoes federal bills.
- Executes federal laws.
- Appoints high officials such as judges.
- Establishes foreign treaties.
- Offers pardons and reprieves.
- Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces.

Checks on Executive Branch

- Congress can impeach/remove the president.
- Congress can overrule vetoes by 2/3 vote.
- Senate can choose not to confirm appointments or ratify treaties.
- Supreme Court can declare executive order as unconstitutional.

Legislative Branch (Congress)

- Writes and passes federal laws.
- Creates lower federal courts and number of judges.
- Can reject the president's veto with 2/3 vote.

Checks on Legislative Branch

- The president can veto bills.

- Supreme Court can declare laws unconstitutional.
- Both the U.S. House and Senate must vote in agreement to pass laws.

Judicial Branch (Supreme Court)

- Interprets and applies the law by hearing federal cases.
- Has power to determine whether executive orders or laws passed by Congress are unconstitutional.

Checks on Judicial Branch

- Congress can impeach/remove federal judges.
- Congress can put forward constitutional amendments to throw out judicial decisions. (2/ 3 majority in both houses, and ratification by 3/ 4 of the states are required.)
- The president appoints judges (who must be confirmed by the Senate).

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