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The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people,  
it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government –  
lest it come to dominate our lives and interests.

**Patrick Henry**  
Governor of Virginia: 1776 – 1779, 1784 – 1786  
1736 – 1799



Greetings

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Welcome to *Liberty Rules!* I am Martin F. Danahy (many call me Marty) and I will be acting as your host as we explore the U.S. Constitution in an effort to break it down and understand its relevance. Nowadays, everything is being politicized. The U.S. Constitution is apolitical, that is, it is without bias one way or another. The U.S. Constitution forms our rules for preserving liberty. They should be neutral and I believe that they are.

Herein, I offer my plain language rendition of each clause and amendment in and to the constitution striving to maintain neutrality. However, there are a few things that I see that make me wonder "What the hell is going on here? Why are our elected Presidents, Senators and Representatives (Congressman) not following the Law of the Land to the letter?" I'll try to keep it to a minimum because I don't wanna get entangled in "whose side are you on anyway"...

I'm on your side!

We are the people. They are the government.

And I say, long live *the people!*

The U.S. Constitution is a remarkable rule book for the operation of the government of a free people in the United States of America. Through our votes, we are the referees and we should know the rules!

*Liberty Rules!* contains my concise interpretation of the U.S. Constitution clauses and its amendments. I provide the original U.S. Constitution text with each entry so you are free to form your own interpretations.

The U.S. Constitution was approved on September 17, 1787 by the Constitutional Convention and went into operation in 1789 with President George Washington taking office on April 30, 1789. It is the longest in

operation of single document supreme law constitutions in effect today. If a generation is twenty years, we're about twelve generations into The Great Experiment. Let's keep it going!

## Organization with Key Words

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### **Preamble**

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LR6: Representative drops out

LR7: House of Representatives, Impeachment

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### **Organization with Key Words**

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LR45: Right to protest being jailed

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### **Organization with Key Words**

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## **Liberty Rules! Orientation**

### **Introduction**

<WHAT'S YOUR STORY?>

<WHAT EXPERIENCES OR THOUGHTS OR OBSERVATIONS HAVE DEFINED YOUR PERSPECTIVE?>

<WHY WOULD YOU POSSIBLY CARE ENOUGH ABOUT THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND THE SOCIETY THAT WE LIVE IN TO POUR YOUR ENERGY AND TIME TO CAPTURE THOSE EXPERIENCES, THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS TO SHARE THEM WITH OTHERS?>

[MARTY'S COMMENTS ARE PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY.  
THEY SHOULD BE COMPLETED REMOVED WHEN YOU'RE DONE.]

I am living the American Dream. For me, that simply means that the only one or thing holding me back is me. We are truly a blessed people. We can aspire to achieve and live our lives virtually any way that we desire. We can aspire to achieve those things that form in our wildest dreams.

For some reason, I have had a conscious appreciation for our freedoms since I was a teenager running amuck in the late 1970's. In those times the boundaries of acceptable or should I say unharassed social behavior were as wide as they ever were. The 1960's opening them up for my generation. The 1980's started shutting them down. Hey, I could legally drink at age 18. That ended in the 1980's when it got jacked up to age 21 because of coercive measures by the federal government. What more proof do you need?

On top of that, my loving parents pretty much left me to figure life out on my own. They were always there for me but they really didn't tell me what to do. They taught me manners which were good enough that if I had dinner at a friend's house, on more than one occasion, I was complemented for, well, being civilized.

Someone sneezes, you say God Bless You. Thank you. Your welcome. Excuse me (I farted, only kidding, burped, not bupped).

I don't know how I got through high school without having to read much. The best book that I ever read was without a doubt To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. [(1960) J. B. Lippincott & Co.] Essentially, this is the only book that she ever published other than publishing an earlier draft of it late in life. She passed away on February 19, 2015. They say that it remains a masterpiece of American Literature to this day. There was another book about Indian, as in India, society that I also found really fascinating but I can't figure out what it was though. It talked about men, women, cows and their place in society as well as concubines and women throwing themselves on the pyres of their husbands and it was the real life or customs of these people. That was really mind blowing. It effectively exposed me to the caste system that they had there and you couldn't help but realize the contrast versus our ideal of being a classless society (in a Groucho Marx voice: "which we may have achieved in more ways than one!").

I believe that everyone needs a foundation. You need to have some scruples and know right from wrong. Let's face it, everyone knows right from wrong by the age of five. What happens after that are choices more than ignorance. Anywho, we need to understand that the world is not perfect but that collectively we can make it better with something as simple as a good attitude and a little faith.

I built my soul on rock and roll. The lyrics of the 1960's and 1970's were heavily laced with the theme of "make love not war." I got a kick out of a bumper sticker from a local gun shop back in the 1970's that added "be

prepared for both!” The songs also morphed into a very party hardy theme which we followed religiously among my high school friends.

The most constructive thing that I did with the money that I made working during high school was buy concert tickets. I’ve experienced some really phenomenal shows. I still have just about every ticket stub. As many times as I’ve moved in my life, I have not lost track of them or given them up.

### **Liberty Rules! Orientation** **Introduction (continued)**

In the course of a lifetime I think that it is interesting to realize the things that you have carried from place to place to place. I have a stick since 1980. It’s a good stick. In my first year of college I had a room in a dorm on campus for the year but I moved off campus during the second semester. I left the dorm room entirely for my roommate for the rest of the year because he put up with a lot those first couple of months. So, the story of the stick is that a friend of a friend asked if his friend could hang at our place for the day because he had to hang low for the day for some reason. I had never met this guy before and I have never seen him again.

We were on the first floor but there was a little back way to the place with a driveway behind the house from the next street and an outside staircase to a small secluded deck. He spent a good part of the day back there and he whittled the bark off of a stick. As I recall, he did not even spend the night. When night fell, he bid us farewell and gave me the stick. It’s not a perfect stick. I’m looking at it now. It has a split on one end which is otherwise formed nicely and the other end is missing a chunk of about one third of the thickness for the first five inches. At that end there are also two branch beginning knobbies about an inch from the very end on opposite sides. It really is the perfect thickness and length for me. Also, it is certainly straight enough. This is what I value. Why you may wonder as have I. When I hold this stick or even think of this stick I am cast through space and time to a space in time. A random space but a space none the less. A simple silly memory of a totally unremarkable event attached to a day in our lives that would otherwise be forgotten.

Over the years I have often kept this stick within reach in case of an intruder. Thankfully, it has never been tested but in spite of its flaws I have faith in this stick. It will protect me, it has protected me. Thinking about it now, I wonder what he was thinking as he made that first cut, and then that second cut, and so on and so on. All his fears, all his future plans, all his hopes, all his desires, everything he ever wished, everything he ever wanted, love he had, love he lost, what he would do if they caught up with him, what he would do if he got through this unscathed? Whatever he poured into it with each cut, he handed it to me on his way out in appreciation for helping a friend of a friend of a friend.

In physics they say that energy cannot be destroyed, in can only be converted into other forms of energy. If you lift something up you load it with kinetic energy. Letting it go releases that energy. I sense that there is a fountain of energy captive in that stick. Perhaps I have even drawn upon it. If I had to choose between a brick of gold and the stick, I believe that I would choose that stick. It has served me well.

Post receipt of the stick and post college graduation, sometimes, certainly not all the time, but I would say every now and then, I can’t help but feel like the man has been sticking it to me.

I believe that I have tried in earnest to stay between the lines that society has laid out for us. I graduated college with a technical bachelor's degree. I went on to work in some good jobs, gained some good experience and even rise up the ladder a bit. However, I am generally not paid overtime and 34 years later I still only get two weeks of vacation a year. I held eight professional positions in my field that have ranged from about one to thirteen years in length. I believe that I have received a grand total of two weeks of unemployment over that span. I quit one job after about a year where I just could not take the conditions of the working environment and the behavior of those that I reported to. I went for unemployment, they fought it and I lost. I stand corrected, I ran across something recently that looks like I got some additional unemployment up and until I lost that hearing.

### **Liberty Rules! Orientation** **Introduction (continued)**

I realize that many people don't even get two weeks of vacation so I am on the one hand grateful for it. But when I hear of the sweetheart benefits that government employees get I just wanna puke! There is something unjust in our society where you can do all the things prescribed to lead a productive life and have the same amount of vacation as you approach retirement age as some kid wet behind the ears with one year of experience. However, our society is stacked against recognizing and rewarding experience. If older people walked into jobs with, say, one month of vacation because of their long-term experience, what employer is gonna call them for that interview?

What jobs nowadays are lifelong jobs? Government jobs, that's what. Unless of course it's a twenty-and-out job and some people get two of those under their belt in their lifetime. I don't fault those people. I can look back and now declare that they are and were obviously a lot smarter than me. And now I see in the news that they hand out bonuses in government jobs like they're going out of style. We're astronomically in debt beyond comprehension and our big fat government is handing out bonuses? Don't even get me started!

There are those that would have you believe that the U.S. Constitution is an old and irrelevant document that is outmoded and outdated for our modern society. I absolutely and positively believe that there is nothing further from the truth. From what I understand, there is a basic unchanging thing that is known as the human condition. There are dramas and melodramas being played out through the ages up to and including today that in spite of all the technology and knowledge that we are surrounded by, consume and are consumed by, the human condition remains unchanged. Love, betrayal, trust, valor, honor, faith. These things cannot be bought or sold. Well, maybe betrayal has a price for some.

The U.S. Constitution is a marvel. A relatively small group of men (sorry ladies, that's just the way it went down historically) agreed to capture in words ideals to aspire to and the specific prescribed operation and scope of responsibilities of the federal government. Like my stick, they were not perfect men but they sought to preserve something that they cherished. A freedom they had put their lives on the line to achieve and a freedom beyond that which was practiced or society could handle at the time. They put all their hopes and fears into this document so that perhaps their children and their children's children and so on and so forth could achieve a higher level of freedom and have the opportunity to become richer than they were in the ways that really matter. Did these men lay a foundation where their daughters and their slaves or their far away future descendants could achieve levels of freedom in their pursuits of happiness far beyond what was achievable at the time? I think yes!

These were men firmly rooted in reality. They understood history and they knew that what they were trying to achieve was beyond rational expectations. Yet they threw caution to the wind and risked everything they ever had or wanted to achieve the hither to impossible. A lasting society for the people and by the people.

I have heard and seen well respected commentators on one side or another make blankets statements prefaced with, “well the constitution says that blah, blah, blah.” I was deep into this project and I would respond to the TV and those with me, “it doesn’t say that!” The information age has segued into the disinformation age.

### **Liberty Rules! Orientation** **Introduction (continued)**

When my kids were young I asked them for a parchment Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution for Christmas one year. I have kept them rolled up in the box that they came in though and when I occasionally took them out for a look I realized that they are really not very suitable for reading. The set also includes the Bill of Rights and a poster looking for volunteers to serve under General George Washington. A few years ago, my daughter bought me one of those now infamous pocket constitutions. A couple of times I tried to read it, and I guess that mostly because of the words they use, which are often antiquated, it was surprising difficult to understand. Additionally, there are a few stipulations about the transition to the new government that are long behind us. After we won the Revolutionary War our government operated under the Articles of Confederation but they resulted in a weak federal government. The U.S. Constitution is a re-write of how the federal government of the United States of America is supposed to operate. It was subsequently ratified by the original thirteen states and went into operation with President George Washington taking office on April 30, 1789.

One day I had the idea that I would reword it using the common language spoken today to try to break it down for myself and go about it to the extent that perhaps I would publish it one day. Once you get past this extended introduction, or orientation as I have titled it, you will see that that is what I have done here. Also, I would like to add that it turns out that those antiquated words have rather specific meaning which, although not commonly used or spoken today, remain very relevant.

**Liberty Rules! Orientation**  
**How to utilize this book for Incredibly Brilliant People**

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Ways to dig into *Liberty Rules!*

There are several ways that *Liberty Rules!* can be used. It is more of a reference book than a novel.

Traditional:

Read on, read on.

Format:

Clause by Clause by Amendment by Amendment **PER PAGE** format with 3 or 4 sections each. The optional section labeled a Huh? # challenges practices that I see today in contrast to my interpretation of that section.

Section by section format in the order that they appear on each page:

- A quote from through the ages or a quip, by yours truly, of some relevance
- Liberty Rule or Liberty Rule Amendment (my forthright interpretation of the original text in plain language)
- Huh? (when I noticed a contradiction between the law and what's happening worth pointing out)
- U.S. Constitution or Amendment original text (occasionally on the next page which is always noted)

Amendment Notations Cross References: The Liberty Rules (LR1 through LR84) are the interpretations of the original constitutional text clauses. Some of the amendments impact those interpretations. If a Liberty Rule (LR1 through LR84) is impacted by a later Liberty Rules Amendment (LRA1 through LRA27) I noted that right in the Liberty Rule. You must read both to get the current rule of law regarding that Liberty Rule. [Time out: I'm old school. I read the symbol # as "number" not "hashtag" or "pound." If you read # as hashtag or pound throughout this book you're missing the point. Just like there are several 2's (to, too, two, 2) and lead can weigh you down, kill you, or be how to get others to safety, # can also be read more than one way. Hey, read can be read more than one way!] Anyway, the Liberty Rules Amendments also cross reference back to the Liberty Rules that they affect. I believe that it's obvious how I have captured them within the LR's and LRA's. I hope that I caught them all.

The Constitutional Challenge:

The entire transcribed U.S. Constitution and the amendments to it are in here in case you want or need to fact check my interpretations. Additionally, if for any reason you are really on some kind of mission to either save your sorry arss or help someone else's out, if you think that you found a Liberty Rule to work with you must chew on the original text a while also. That is the law. Those are the words that you must refer to in your defense or offense. If you like a challenge, you can first try reading only the original constitutional text from

cover to cover at the end of each section which is almost always the passage at the bottom of the page or on the next page in a few instances. I discovered that what is in the pocket constitution that I have actually has titles added to the clauses of the constitution that are not in the original document. The text herein is 100% exactly what it says accordingly to a U.S. Senate website page transcripts. Nothing added. Nothing taken away. By the way, those are not typos in these sections, they just spelt funny back then.

### **Liberty Rules! Orientation**

#### **How to utilize this book for incredibly brilliant people (continued)**

##### **Easy reading overview:**

I generally recommend that you skip the original constitutional text at the bottom of each section for easy reading to make a first pass through it. At the top of each clause I have a quote from through the ages or a quip of some relevance by yours truly which, I believe, is kind of interesting, affirming, thought provoking or on point. There are the Liberty Rules, which are what I call the interpretations of each clause, as well as the Liberty Rules Amendments for all of the amendments to the constitution. There are 84 clauses and 27 amendments in and to the U.S. Constitution as of today. Occasionally, I recognized things going on in contradiction to the Law of the Land that made me stop and ask “Huh?” Those contradictions are noted where I felt it necessary (Huh? #1 through Huh? #27).

##### **Grazing:**

If you like, you can just randomly open to a page and read about that clause or amendment as a sort of constitutional thought for the day. You can also hide a dot somewhere inconspicuous on the page, or put your initials or mark on a public copy, at say a bar, so that if you hit it again you can immediately try another page until you hit a new page for yourself. There are three or four sections for every clause and amendment that have clear points of demarcation so maybe you wanna dot, initial or mark on each one as you read it with interruptions by vibrating things being such as they are today.

##### **Instant gratification:**

Congratulations! I can't believe that you made it this far! Give yourself a hardy round of applause!!! Now go to the back of the book, if you haven't already, and slowly turn back a couple of pages until you see the words “Final Thought” at the top and concentrate real hard to make it to the bottom of the page (while reading the words) without interruption. Good luck!

##### **Get your arse out of a sling:**

If you need or wanna use *Liberty Rules!* to look something up I recommend that you start with what I titled “Organization with Key Words.” It is not a Table of Contents in the traditional sense but it's a Table of Contents instead. It lists the contents in the order that they appear using the titles LR# and LRA# for Liberty Rules LR1 to LR84 and Liberty Rules Amendments LRA1 to LRA27 followed by words that are exclusively taken directly from among the words that I used in my interpretation of that U.S. Constitution clause or amendment that I believe are key in the LR or LRA interpretations that I have made that give a clue to the subject covered in that clause or amendment. Wow, that was a long sentence. I hope that you can avoid one altogether.

WARNING: The Organization with Key Words lacks page numbers. The contents of *Liberty Rules!* are in order so looking for LR24 is not much harder than looking up page 48, for example. It also forces you to take a look towards the center of the page rather than only at the bottom for a meaningless number sitting all by its lonesome. Maybe through divine providence you may find not what you were looking for but what you need.

### **Liberty Rules! Orientation**

#### **How to utilize this book for incredibly brilliant people (continued)**

##### **Collectors:**

The more you read the more the monetary value will probably go down but you may be enriched by the experience. Worst case you may have to obtain another set of *Liberty Rules!* for posterity.

##### **Stoners:**

*You should really just concentrate on the cover to get the full impact. Feel the vibe, be the vibe.*

##### **What's the Problem?**

There are also a bunch of Huhs? Huh? #1, Huh? #2, etc. If you wanna take a bite out of the meat that I put on the bones be prepared for a sour taste and scan for them. Enjoy!

##### **X marks the spot:**

Liberty Rules Amendment #1 through #10 (LRA1 - 10) embody what is and has forever been known as the Bill of Rights. These amendments to the constitution are as valid a part of the Law of the Land as the original U.S. Constitution, as are all of them for that matter. All amendments have been officially and formally numbered using Roman numerals. All football fans know how they work. If you're not sure, just ask one for help...

Amendment X in particular has a power, that I believe, has been largely ignored by the federal government. Plus, the states and the courts have left them unchecked to trample all over the rights of the states, the people and their small businesses by not putting up fights to their usurping powers of regulation and control beyond the scope of the U.S. Constitution's prescribed operation and authority of the federal government. Additionally, if you think that just because it doesn't say that they can't do something doesn't mean they can't do it, then take a look at Amendment IX because that is exactly what it says. They form the old one, two punch that the federal government deserves in the gut.

And what's good for the goose is good for the gander. I believe that my home state of New York takes its own special sets of exceptions to the Bill of Rights. Maybe I'll deal with that some other time. This book is focused on the federal government or feds as I like to call them.

##### **Gold diggers:**

There's one nugget within.

**Liberty Rules! Orientation**

**How to utilize this book for incredibly brilliant people (continued)**

**Poets:**

Once upon a time  
I had a dime  
So, I figured I'd make a call  
But I couldn't find a phone nowhere at all  
My Mom said without it they could call me a vagrant  
But I just won't be happy until it is spent  
With nothing to do I took a good look  
And realized it's like reading a book  
A rather handsome man looking thru the prism of LIBERTY  
Declaring IN GOD WE TRUST to you and me  
The date can vary along with the mint  
Brotherly Love & Mile High is a hint  
Flip it over and you're reminded of where we are  
The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA whether in a car or bar  
A Grandparent convinced my son at a tender age that a penny was worth the most  
They say "A Penny for Your Thoughts" but I almost gave up the ghost  
I had to set him straight and walk him thru their values  
Pennies, Nickels, Dimes and Quarters are there for you to choose  
E PLURIBUS UNUM straddles three images  
The letters a real mess like they're lined up for scrimmages  
In the center it looks like an Olympic Torch  
With two leafy things on its porch  
But they appear to be safe from being set on fire  
In the absence of the wind of desire  
In the course of history art often outlasts words  
So, you must read between the lines regardless of what you heard  
Other than no longer being all silver  
It and maybe a buck are the only legal tender unchanged in my life Wilbur  
It stands as a monument traveling thru time and space  
That perhaps can transport you back to some place  
It could be in your mind or in your heart  
It could be exactly all that you have with which to start  
They say those Latin words mean FROM ONE COMES MANY  
You could literally trade it for a couple of nickels or a bunch of pennies  
However, I am sure



It means so much more  
If you count up the letters there are 13  
Each one standing like a bright beam  
Offering the world, a glimmer of hope  
That their lives may one day no longer be ruled by a dope

### **Liberty Rules! Orientation**

#### **How to utilize this book for incredibly brilliant people (continued)**

Now there are 50 bound in faith  
That our chosen words shall remain safe  
The United States of America is a statement  
I think you know what it means but those words are being bent  
When I look at those letters darting around the branches  
I see George Washington and his men who left their ranches  
Using tactics learned from the Original Americans  
Tyranny was outfoxed by a bunch of hooligans  
Was the reminder of the loss at Bunker Hill too much to bear?  
No! Please leave it there  
Those intent on erasing history are doomed to repeat it  
If a monument offends you just take joy when a bird makes a direct hit  
On my dime there is 2012 and a P  
Using a scaled loupe a mentor gave me, here's what else I see  
Just to the left and down from the year  
Are two very small letters I hadn't noticed were there  
The first is kinda between a J and a V  
The second is a solid S to me  
The back side has two visible dots about ONE DIME  
There are also two microdots between the Latin words chime  
The right branch must be of a sturdy oak  
Because there's two acorns on it and that's no joke  
I say there is a leaf count of eight  
8 plus 2 makes 10 which is always great!  
Perhaps that recognizes the Bill of Rights  
And the strength of the people when called upon to unite  
The left branch has 13 leaves  
Representing the original states who fought back the thieves  
A revolution born out of unfair taxes  
The Sixteenth Amendment of 1913 was an attack with axes  
The same pool of fools gave us the 17th in 1913  
Clearly unconstitutional from what I have seen  
These are the things that I ponder when I have nothing to do  
Unravel the clues left for me and you  
The type of branch on the left must mean something, I have no doubt  
But I'll leave that for you to figure out

### How does it end?

If you wanna know how it all ends I can tell you it ain't over yet and I'll add two other things. It is so hard to not be offensive that I have resolved to be offensive. The second thing is that constructive feedback is a rare bird or any feedback for that matter. Either way, this is what I have poured my energy into regardless of what you may think of it.

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#### **How to utilize this book for incredibly brilliant people (continued)**

In my heart and in my mind, hey let me add my soul brother, I will always be free to do so. The best defense is a good offense!

In conclusion... just go to the back of the book and thumb forward until you reach Proposed Liberty Rules Amendment #28 and if you read the rest of *Liberty Rules!* from there you will at least get an idea of where they've gone astray.

### Further research:

The most interesting part of this project was looking for quotes. Through happenstance, those searches led me down some interesting excursions and I found some fascinating letters written by our founders along with some intriguing decisions rendered by the Supreme Court. Admittedly, I have not read through all of the contents of those that I referenced, but if you wanna look deeper into some of the subjects that are touched upon that's where I would recommend that you start. The word from college students nowadays is that if you can find the same tidbit of information in three apparently unique web sources, it is generally accepted as adequately vetted by professors.

## **Liberty Rules! Orientation**

### **Conclusion**

<WHAT MOST OFFENDS YOU ABOUT TODAY'S STATE OF AFFAIRS?>

<WHAT SPECIFIC EXPERIENCES, THOUGHTS, AND OBSERVATIONS ARE DRIVING YOU?>

<WHAT CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT IS TREATED IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU FIND SO OFFENSIVE THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO ENTER THE FRAY IN YOUR EXERCISE OF FREE SPEECH AND TAKE WHATEVER ABUSE MAY COME WITH SPEAKING YOUR TRUTH ON THAT SUBJECT?>

<AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR EFFORTS ON YOUR EXPLORATION OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND WITH THE PERSPECTIVE OF A NEW AND EXPANDED UNDERSTANDING

HOW DO YOU VIEW WHAT IS GOING ON TODAY?>

<WHAT WOULD YOU PROPOSE THAT WE DO NOW

TO BREAK THRU THE GRIDLOCK OF THE TIMES THAT WE LIVE IN?>

<AS PEOPLE READ OUR WORDS IN YOUR WORDS,  
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THEM TO BE THINKING ABOUT AS THEY READ THEM?>

<WHAT IS THE LAST IMPRESSION THAT YOU WANNA LEAVE READERS WITH  
AS THEY TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO IT?>

[MARTY'S COMMENTS ARE PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY.  
THEY SHOULD BE COMPLETED REMOVED WHEN YOU'RE DONE.]

There is a movement afoot to erase history. Has everyone forgotten the expression that those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it? I firmly believe that those who constructively seek to erase history are paving an expressway to repeat it. The most casualties in a war was by far the Civil War for the United States of America and that's just by the head count alone. By percentage of population at the time, fuhgeddaboudit! I believe that the words we use and how we use them are important, however, the notion of banning words or how they can be used is sacrilegious to any American who has any understanding of what it means to be a free people. It would be awesome if we all loved one another but it is more than good enough if we could all just get along. The Civil War is something that I feel that I need to really dig into and understand what it was all about and how it all went down. That mission is growing urgent because they are actively working to destroy the artifacts of those times and those that recognize those times. The word is that it was the North against the South to end slavery in the South. That may be what it became but I seriously doubt that it was that simple. The root of all evil is, was, has been and shall forever be money. Follow the money is what they say. Therein lies the truth.

For example, on Long Island a supposed gentleman named William Floyd (1734 – 1821) has a major road, a high school and a town named after him and you can visit his old estate if you like. Apparently, his claim to fame is being one of the fifty six men who signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Additionally, he served as a first New York State Congressman in 1789 under this then brand new constitution and later as Senator. I was curious to see if there were any writings of his online. I found none. Instead I discovered that farming was his thing and he was supposedly a slave owner. O-kay... I turned over one stone and it contradicts the very notion of everything that we have been taught to believe about the Civil War. Furthermore, research shows that as late as 1820 he is noted in the U.S. Census as having 6 slaves at his residence in upstate New York. I don't understand how this could have remotely even been legal in 1820 in the State of New York. I thought that it was never legal in New York to possess slaves. Furthermore, he notes it on his census like it's no big deal. I do not believe that it is at all likely that he could not have been the only slave owner in New York.

As far as the monuments go, I came up with a compromise... erect a jail cell over those where those honored could perhaps rot in jail for eternity if people feel it is justified but be sure to leave the top open for the birds!

The South had a flag and the North had a flag which was previously the same one that the South had. Something pissed off the South so bad that they designed a flag to rally around. Now they are tearing those flags down over 150 years after the fact. Gimme a break. If it weren't for all those who thrive off of division we would recognize that opportunity has never been better for all people of the USA. I'm not gonna look up the statistics or make the arguments and there certainly remains oppression and disharmony. I believe that there are people and forces of people engaged in keeping people stuck where they are. Hopelessness is unimaginable to me. I always hold on to hope. I always have faith that somehow someday things will work out.

The people of the South were known as the Confederates. They have been tearing down confederate statues, in secrecy, in the middle of the night in some cases, in the South during 2017. I dare say that I can think of no other thing that could be done to pave the way for the return of slavery and oppression. We, of course, must identify slavery as a matter of black history in the United States, which I can't argue with, but in the annals of history, slavery knows no color.

### **Liberty Rules! Orientation** **Conclusion (continued)**

My life has had its fair share of struggles and as I worked through them it has, on occasion, occurred to me "and I'm not a bad looking tall white dude." Physically, I may have a leg up on some others due to prevailing biases which unfortunately exist for some on both sides of that equation (those with bias and those whom are the target of that bias) but life is not a beauty contest. It may be a bit of a popularity contest though...

Privilege is perhaps a parental gift if you're so inclined but I'm not one of those either.

Both of my kids are acknowledged in the content of *Liberty Rules!* because of how they influenced me. It is captured as part of the wrap up at the end. They have both already passed an age where I believe that they are doing better than I was at that age and have a better chance of success beyond what I could hope for at their ages. Additionally, they each have accomplishments far beyond what I could ever hope to achieve! That truly is living the American Dream. Who with kids does not hope and work towards giving their kids the opportunity to do better than themselves? In this country, I believe that that is more possible than in any other country on this Earth. It is not a given but between the parents and the kids it is certainly possible.

Please excuse me while I digress a moment... That that reminds me that at that job that I quit that, among other things, quitting had something to do with an affront to the English language that I just couldn't take. Somewhere in the middle of a sentence in a technical document I had the use of "that that" in a sentence. Out of everything described in that technical document where the words chosen, their meanings and how they're strung together has huge meaning, the use of "that that" in a sentence was what he had to edit me on. It is with great pride that I share with you that I have included the Gettysburg Address in *Liberty Rules!* as a quote of President Abraham Lincoln included with a Liberty Rules Amendment where it is particularly relevant. Therein are the words "that that" in a sentence. Some people think that that that can't be used in a sentence? I find that ridiculous! I think that that is the epitome of stupidity.

When my kids were young I was careful for them to pretty much only see the best sides of me. I'm not without my faults but I was pretty much able to keep that from them to not negatively influence the outcome if they went on to be just like Dad. In other words, many kids grow up to be just like they perceive their parents to be, good or bad.

Even though I separated from their Mom at rather young ages I did not try to substitute my being there every day with gifts and surprises. A good friend of mine who helped me through that time of divorce transition, when I was otherwise lost and alone, explained that he knew that it was a scientific fact that it didn't matter how much time you spent with your kids after a hard breakup but what matters is that you be consistent in the time that you spend with your kids and that you are available for them if they need you. In the beginning, I drove for hours each way every other weekend for years to see my kids and hang out with them for the weekend. Our home base there alternated between my sister's, my Mom's and a house that we still had in the area as well as later at cousins' homes. As my kids got older, if they asked for something out shopping I would ask them, is it your birthday... is it Christmas... is it Easter... do you have money... then the answer is no. But I freely gave them experiences and subtle little adventures that were virtually free but not physical gifts to have. I value experience over possession without any question. They are old enough now that they share with me that those times simply shared together were indeed the best of times. It gave them a sense of adventure that they appreciate and exercise to this day.

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In some ways I have lived my life in reverse. As my kids got older I was fortunate that I was able to move closer and closer to them. By the time high school rolled around I was right there which worked out really well.

Many express themselves the most when they're young. They let out that raw emotion and angst seeing the road ahead looks like no fun at all. I just took a walk on the wild side when I was young, as I already mentioned. Since then, I've been taking a lot in. Observing. Wondering. Now, I'm just trying really hard to sort this whole mess out.

Every elected Representative, Senator and President in the United States of America and every judge in the United States of America have a set of rules that they are bound by oath to abide by. I don't know if they have ever read them though. Judges probably, but beyond them I tend to think not, none the less understand them or abide by them. We gave them the spare keys and let them drive off with the baby birthed by this nation. They're running the red lights and generally driving recklessly with wild abandon. They're on a joy ride on our dime. They ignore the street signs and have become mobile toll booths collecting money and favors at every turn. We're the cops having a good time dunking donuts at the diner. La de da.

They've convinced us that they own the road and we better get out of their way. Our founders gave us the original keys for times just like these and if you choose to read this cover to cover you'll learn where they are.

So, as I say, Liberty Rules!

The design of the U.S. Constitution has an awesome power for a revolt by the people without firing a shot. Every two years the people have the opportunity to clean house of all those perpetuating a corrupt system where there are those that are favored. We are all equal in this country. However, those in Congress (Congressman, or Representatives as they should be called, and Senators) have put themselves above the

people that they serve who elected them in the first place. They have become the elected elite. I would capitalize that but they are not worthy of such an honor. They have perpetrated an entrenched system of favors and favored. The people are the cattle that they feed off of. They create laws that legalize their exercise of using the privileged information that they receive in their positions for inside trading.

They talk about all this crap and how they promise to fix all these problems and utilize our money really responsibly to take care of us. As you open your bottle of water and tilt your head back for that first sip, I beseech thee, please take that first moment of that first sip to steal a glance towards the sky and think or lip or whisper ever so softly in that moment “help me help us” because they sure aren’t. God help us hasn’t been effective. We must take matters into our own hands. In a perfect world, you could cup a sip of water from a nearby brook with your hands. In my youth we could get it from the tap or sink faucet, and yes, there was a river in a preserve down the block that we would sneak into and if we were thirsty we would do just that. Who polluted everything? Hmm, the big businesses? Industry? The dirty dozen?

Now they try to regulate us as if that’s gonna make a difference at this point. They sunk the boat and now we can’t go in the water. They try to overregulate what’s on people’s property while they sanction, as in allow, running major energy pipelines under major waterways. Hippocrats! You take something big and fat and give it the broad unregulated and unpoliced authority of a bureaucracy and that’s what you get, a bunch of

### **Liberty Rules! Orientation** **Conclusion (continued)**

hippocrats. The EPA has now become a policing organization. I had to sign some crap for them in the course of my employment that basically says that if we ever find even the slightest falsehood or inadvertent inaccuracy with what you are signing off on you will be strung and quartered. Hey, thanks for caring about the environment so much that you are willing to sacrifice my life in defense of it. I feel so much better. Seriously, it’s not like being off by plus or minus 10% on the particulars of the matter is gonna land someone on Mars instead of the Moon. The true consequences of being plus or minus 10% are so imperceptibly insignificant in the big scheme of things that I strongly believe that this is purely an undue and excessive show of strength and authority by the EPA. (Period.) Boy, this is making me thirsty. Anybody got a buck for a bottle of water, I’m feeling really parched...

I have heard that one definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. We keep electing the same people over and over again based on their promises that it’s gonna be different this time. They’re gonna keep over-promising and under-delivering. We’re the insane ones for expecting different results. They keep playing the same games and they keep inventing new ones. Over the top corrupt practices and policies have become so commonplace that they take it for granted that we’re gonna buy whatever BS they decide to peddle today. A scandal arises and a bunch of that particular bureaucracy’s hippocrats hard drives crash overnight. Yeah, I’ll buy that? Total cra-os! That’s crazy-chaos!

I have resolved that for 2018 I will act upon the realization that a swift change of course in a new direction is possible. My goal is for the citizens of the United States of America to send a message loud and clear throughout the land. This is our country and we’re taking it back! I want every one of all of the 435 Representatives up for election in 2018 spit canned. Every two years one third of the 100 Senators are also up for election which is usually 33 but sometimes 34. Buh-bye. This has all been happening on their watch. It would probably be a good idea to do it to your state Representatives and Senators also. Why not? Hit the reset button.

Through primaries, perhaps you can knock them out in the first round and still support your preferred party if you're so inclined. Maybe we can all vote for another party. They're all a bunch of party poopers anyway! If they make it to the general election on November 6, 2018 they should not get our votes. If we do this we can make Election Day 2018 Correction Day 2018! Let a new crop see if they know how to work together to make things better. Originally, I thought we should just start enforcing the term limits that are proposed in Proposed Liberty Rules Amendment #28 herein but now I feel that polarized politics has reached the point of no return.

If one side said the sky was blue, the other side would say it is red and those that believe in them would agree and cite earnestly how this is so. If the other side said that blood runs red, the other would say that it runs blue and their followers would cite all the reasons why this was true.

We should start some new parties. The two imposed parties have a complete lock on the presidential debates. If someone else could meet the bar to get into a debate, I bet they would move the bar. Their bar to allow a third party candidate in is fuzzy and subjective. Hey, all this talk about bars is making me thirsty!

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If this ever took hold, oh my God! Can you imagine the 24/7 news cycle saying how the world will come to an end in support of their chosen parties? The other one sure to be pulled out from their playbook is that they will tell everyone that here they come after your pensions... For those that have served in public service jobs, or any jobs for that matter, I believe that a promise is a promise and should be kept. The private sector gets away with screwing over a lot of people. Does anyone remember Enron? As I recall, their employees were generally pressured to invest savings heavily in company stocks. When the company went up in flames in late 2001 along with everything else, so did their pensions. The government should be held to a higher standard and set a better example. The retirement and pension packages promised in the past must be upheld. The scope and lucrativeness for new employees may need to be tamped down a bit but not eliminated and all prior commitments must be honored.

As far as the world coming to an end goes, we have an unelected military designed for the purpose of protecting us from everything that could bring us bodily harm. I'll put all my faith in them. They will protect us no matter what. Plus, we're armed to the hilt throughout the land like no other nation on Earth. Anything short of an all-out nuclear holocaust will be outgunned and overpowered by the people. But this would only be in defense from outside forces, within, we needn't fire a shot. All we have to do is revolt by vote. Please realize that two thirds of the Senate will remain unchanged and they will have no choice but to work with us to facilitate the changes that we seek and agree upon them or they'll all be gone after the following two elections four years later. In the meanwhile, we can argue and debate the merits of Bills, like civilized people do, and get them all agreed upon and queued up for when they all get ejected and are replaced.

Here's a political party that we started, it's The Blank Party and you may already be a member. Almost a third of New Yorkers in the First Congressional District are. All you have to do is fill out a new voter registration card the next time you stop by a post office and not check any box for party affiliation. They list it as BLANK affiliation in New York. Funny, huh? I discovered this in 2012. Go to [www.TheBlankParty.com](http://www.TheBlankParty.com) if you wanna

take a look at our platform that I posted there years ago. If you wanna be a card-carrying member all you have to do is get a single sided business card from anywhere and flip it over like you really mean it, think how nice it could be and now you're a card-carrying member of The Blank Party.

To be a candidate the only requirement is that you have never run for a publicly elected office as a member or with an endorsement of any other political party. Sure, this sounds too ridiculous and absurd but do you have any better ideas? If nothing else, the entrenched two-party system will see all their constituents abandoning their allegiance to their party and they will have to start wondering what the hell is going on? Better yet, lets sneak up on 'em with all write ins! They won't even see it coming.

I see no reason why we can't have a transparent online primary process with ID verification to have candidates throw their hats in the ring, answer a few questions to help people make choices and have a couple of rounds to select a preferred non-corrupted candidate. The website would, of course, have total transparency and a description of how integrity in the process will be achieved. We can all just write in our consensus candidate, if we're so inclined, when the general election day comes. However, remember this... spelling counts and let's not break ranks people! Also, insist on a paper trail! Take a photo of your ballot with your phone also! Heck, even go vote in your party primary if you normally would. Business as usual. Everything is cool...

### **Liberty Rules! Orientation** **Conclusion (continued)**

The two enforced parties claimed the two primary colors of our flag, red and blue. We'll take that which is a blend of all colors, which is white, and if you interpret it as surrender you are sadly mistaken my friend. It represents the boundless potential of the people, unlimited and unrestricted by artificial and unnatural means of control and authority.

A blank sheet of paper is white and that's what we'll use to capture our platform unencumbered by past political constructs that have outlived their usefulness.

I come from a large family and we generally do not talk politics, we just try to have fun when we have the opportunity to get together. In politics, both sides use fear and hate to have you believe that we are locked in a struggle and that the other side is full of bad horrible people. For once, they're both correct! They're all bad horrible people. Let's dump 'em!

There are lots of misnomers in our society. I see little reality in reality TV. We drive on parkways and park on driveways. The best one ever though was when someone started the idea of let's all vote for the worst first. He got pretty far and I think he deserved it. He took every opportunity that he was given and took that next step. The person who came up with that idea and the guy who kept climbing towards the top are true American heroes in my book. I have yet to cast a vote for such things. I don't know who let them down, but it wasn't me. I'm just an innocent bystander to that one. Why couldn't everyone who is into those things stuck it out for one season? Just one time? One time. There may only be one time. One opportunity. It may never come again.

At one job we used to play a pick-up game of softball during the week over the summer. I was relatively quickly elevated to a project management position at that job and a couple of years later this one guy who played softball with us moved up into a first level management position in facilities and he later shared with



me that he thought all managers were a-holes and he had no desire to become an a-hole. However, he became a manager because he said that he saw in me a manager that wasn't an a-hole. A very nice non-complement I thought. I went into management there because I looked around at the managers and I came to the conclusion that it was impossible to do worse than the clowns that I was working for. Not the one that hired me, he was gone by now, but the regime that I was dealing with at that time. I was right! I did OK and to have influenced one person to take a risk that they otherwise would not have is priceless to me.

Why not run for office? What have you got to lose? What have we got to lose? Your reputation? Get ahead on your own merits and their gonna sneak up on you and tear it down the first chance that they get anyway. But don't come looking for me. I have some other pet projects that I have to work on.

Our fore-fathers didn't all try to cash in or out after winning the Revolutionary War as far as I know. They wanted to live within to create and preserve a government by and for the good of the people. I totally feel that we have become a people by and for the good of the government.

Judge Joe Brown opens up his court TV show saying where he came from. Well, here's where we all come from, the United State of America. Let's UNITE!

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**Conclusion (continued)**

As far as the dark political times that we live in, remember this... It's always darkest before the dawn.

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It is every Americans' right and obligation  
to read and interpret the Constitution  
for himself.

Thomas Jefferson  
3rd President  
Declaration of Independence author (1776)  
1743 – 1826



Liberty Rule #1: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> We, the people of the United States, and our future kin practice liberty in the United States of America and we ain't takin' no spit!



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Preamble: **We the People** of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

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It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice  
if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read,  
or so incoherent that they cannot be understood.

James Madison  
4<sup>th</sup> President  
1751 – 1836



Liberty Rule #2: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The Senate and the House of Representatives make the laws. Together they are the Congress.



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Article 1, Section 1.

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

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**Hi, it's me again.**

I for one am vehemently opposed to electronic voting methods.

A paper trail is immutable.

I don't mind citizens determining the intent of hanging chads  
(as in the 2000 presidential election vote recounting in Florida).

I certainly object to methods where ordinary people  
cannot recount your individual vote on a piece of paper.

We have reached the point where judges and the press are heavily swayed by their political persuasion.

Are programmers and their managers above the corruption of political preferences?

We should not take that chance.



Liberty Rule #3: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The entire People's House, aka House of Representatives, will be elected every two years by the people.



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Article I, Section 2, Clause 1.

The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

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**Hey there.**

There ought to be a constitutional aptitude test to be the President, a Representative or a Senator.



Liberty Rule #4: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> If you wanna be a Representative (aka Congressman) you gotta be a seven year U.S. citizen, at least twenty-five years old, and have a spot to live in the state you will serve by Election Day.



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Article I, Section 2, Clause 2.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

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**Now hold on cowboy.**

The 2010 census asked whether or not you owned your house.  
Was it written by and for the United Banks of America?



Liberty Rule #5: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> There will be a census every ten years to get the number of Congressman and taxes per state correct. (Affected by Amendment 16, 1913).



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Article I, Section 2, Clause 3.

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

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It could probably be shown by facts and figures  
that there is no distinctly native American criminal class  
except Congress.

Mark Twain  
American Author  
1835 - 1910



Liberty Rule #6: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> If any Representative drops out of office, for any reason, the Governor of their state will hold an election for their replacement.



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Article I, Section 2,  
When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue  
Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.

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Experience has  
already shown that the impeachment the Constitution provided  
is not even a scarecrow.

**Thomas Jefferson**  
3rd President  
Declaration of Independence author (1776)  
1743 – 1826



Liberty Rule #7: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The House of Representatives chooses their speaker and other officers. Additionally, they have the sole power of impeachment.



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Article I, Section 2, Clause 5.

The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.



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Senator, I served with Jack Kennedy,  
I knew Jack Kennedy.  
Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine.  
Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy.

**Lloyd Bentsen**  
1988 – To Dan Quayle in VP Debate.  
1921 - 2006



Liberty Rule #8: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The Senate of the United States includes two Senators from each state, chosen by each state's legislature, for six year terms; and each Senator shall have one Vote. (Affected by Amendment 17, 1913).



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Article I, Section 3, Clause 1.  
The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have one Vote.

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**No surprise here.**

Campaign finance reform typically rearranges the loopholes.



Liberty Rule #9: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> One third of the Senators are elected every two years and vacated seats are filled by the state legislature or the Governor, temporarily, if they're not around. (Affected by Amendment 17, 1913).



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Article I, Section 3, Clause 2.

Immediately after they shall be assembled in Consequence of the first Election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three Classes. The Seats of the Senators of the first Class shall be vacated at the Expiration of the second Year, of the second Class at the Expiration of the fourth Year, and of the third Class at the Expiration of the sixth Year, so that one third may be chosen every second Year; and if Vacancies happen by Resignation, or otherwise, during the Recess of the Legislature of any State, the Executive thereof may make temporary Appointments until the next Meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such Vacancies.

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When a member of the Senate wishes to hold legislation or a nomination,  
that Senator owes to this body and, more importantly,  
to the American public a full explanation.

### Claire McCaskill

State Representative (D–MO, 1983 – 1988), Jackson County, MO Prosecutor (1993 – 1998),  
State Auditor (D–MO, 1999 – 2007), Senator (D-MO, 2007 to present)  
Born 1953



Liberty Rule #10: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> If you wanna be a Senator you gotta be a nine year U.S. citizen, at least thirty years old, and have a spot to live in the state you will serve by Election Day.



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Article I, Section 3, Clause 3.

No Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been nine Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

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**No need to panic.**

In practice, the vice president probably has the easiest job in the world.



Liberty Rule #11: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The vice president of the United States shall be president of the Senate, but won't have a vote, unless needed to break a tie.



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Article I, Section 3, Clause 4

The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no Vote, unless they be equally divided.

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I am Vice President.  
In this I am nothing,  
but it may be everything.

**John Adams**  
1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> President  
1735 - 1826



Liberty Rule #12: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> If the vice president isn't around or is the acting president then typically the senior member of the majority party will run the show in the Senate.



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Article I, Section 3, Clause 5

The Senate shall choose their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the Office of President of the United States.

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No point is of more importance than that the right of impeachment should be continued.  
Shall any man be above Justice?

### George Mason

Credited with proposing a Bill of Rights at the Constitutional Convention which was rejected.  
Among three delegates who attended the entire Constitutional Convention  
who did not sign the U.S. Constitution.  
1725 - 1792



Liberty Rule #13: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The Senate is the judge and jury for all impeachments, except that for a presidential impeachment the Supreme Court Chief Justice will preside as the judge and a two thirds majority is required for all impeachment convictions.



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#### Article I, Section 3, Clause 6

The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

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I have impeached myself.

**Richard M. Nixon**

Presidential Resignation Speech, August 8, 1974

37th President

1913 - 1994



Liberty Rule #14: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> If convicted following impeachment, you are kicked out of government for good and can be subsequently indicted and punished according to law.



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Article 1, Section 3, Clause 7.

Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law.

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Always vote for principle,  
though you may vote alone,  
and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.

John Quincy Adams

6th President  
1767 - 1848

Liberty Rule #15: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The state legislatures set when, where and how the elections of Representatives and Senators will happen but the Congress may by law overrule them (affected by Amendments 14, 15, 19, 23, 24, & 26), except when it comes to Senators (affected by Amendment 17, 1913).

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Article I, Section 4, Clause 1.

The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of chusing Senators.



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### Overpaid.

Work Days: The lucky among us work 239 days on the job (Monday through Friday with two weeks of vacation and eleven paid holidays).

Congress only serves 112 days in session.

Pay:

Salary	Position
\$174,400	Delegates to the House of Representatives
\$174,000	Senators
\$174,000	Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico
\$193,400	President pro tempore of the Senate
\$193,400	Majority leader and minority leader of the Senate
\$193,400	Majority leader and minority leader of the House of Representatives
\$223,500	Speaker of the House of Representatives

Executive Order 13655 of December 23, 2013, Adjustments of Certain Rates of Pay.

Office of Personnel Management – Pay and Leave – salaries and wages – Executive Order for 2014 Pay Schedules

Comparison:

Federal Minimum Wage: \$7.25/hour for 40 hours a week at 52 weeks a year = \$15,080 per year

$\$174,000 / \$15,080 = 11.5$  times the pay for less than half the days which means they are paid over 23 times the federal minimum wage rate of pay.



Liberty Rule #16: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress must meet at least once a year in December. (Affected by Amendment 20, 1933).



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Article I, Section 4, Clause 2.

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by Law appoint a different Day.



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**Coulda, shoulda, woulda.**

When I stop, and think about job benefits,  
I realize that I really should have run for Congress.



Liberty Rule #17: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members. At least half the members of each house must be present to do business and they can do what they have to do to compel absent members to attend if need be.



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Article I, Section 5, Clause 1.

Each House shall be the Judge of the Elections, Returns and Qualifications of its own Members, and a Majority of each shall constitute a Quorum to do Business; but a smaller Number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the Attendance of absent Members, in such Manner, and under such Penalties as each House may provide.

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Suppose you were an idiot.  
And suppose you were a member of Congress.  
But I repeat myself.

Mark Twain

American Author  
1835 – 1910

Liberty Rule #18: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Each House defines the rules of its proceedings, punishes its members for disorderly conduct, and may kick someone out if two thirds agree to it.

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Article I, Section 5, Clause 2.

Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings, punish its Members for disorderly Behaviour, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member.

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The very word 'secrecy' is repugnant in a free and open society;  
and we are as a people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies,  
to secret oaths, and to secret proceedings.

### John F. Kennedy

Address before the American Newspaper Publishers Association, April 27, 1961  
35th President  
4<sup>th</sup> U.S. President Assassinated (fatally shot on Friday, November 22, 1963)  
1917 - 1963



Liberty Rule #19: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> A record of the proceedings of each House will be published, except for those requiring secrecy, and their voting shall be recorded as long as one fifth present say that it should be entered in the proceedings.



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Article I, Section 5, Clause 3.

Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such Parts as may in their Judgment require Secrecy; and the Yeas and Nays of the Members of either House on any question shall, at the Desire of one fifth of those Present, be entered on the Journal.

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**Hi, it's me again.**  
Life is really just a continuous series of adjournments.  
Some reconvened, some not.



Liberty Rule #20: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The Houses need each other's permission to adjourn for more than three days during a session of Congress.



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Article I, Section 5, Clause 4. Adjournment.  
Neither House, during the Session of Congress, shall, without the Consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other Place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

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A people that values its privileges  
above its principles  
soon loses both.

Dwight D. Eisenhower  
Inaugural Address, January 20, 1953  
34th President  
1890 - 1969



Liberty Rule #21: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The Senators and Representatives will be paid as provided by law and are free from arrest during session except in the case of treason, felony and breach of the peace, additionally, anything said in session can only be questioned in session.



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Article I, Section 6, Clause 1.  
The Senators and Representatives shall receive a Compensation for their Services, to be ascertained by Law, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States. They shall in all Cases, except Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace, be privileged from Arrest during their Attendance at the Session of their respective Houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any Speech or Debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other Place.

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Whenever a man has cast a longing eye on offices,  
a rottenness begins in his conduct.

Thomas Jefferson  
3rd President  
Declaration of Independence author (1776)  
1743 – 1826



Liberty Rule #22: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> If you're a Senator or Representative, you cannot hold any other office of the United States.



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Article I, Section 6, Clause 2.

No Senator or Representative shall, during the Time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil Office under the Authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the Emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time; and no Person holding any Office under the United States, shall be a Member of either House during his Continuance in Office.



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What at first was plunder  
assumed the softer name of revenue.

Thomas Paine  
*Rights of Man* (1791)  
Also, authored *Common Sense* (1776)  
1737 - 1809



Liberty Rule #23: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> All laws for funding the federal government originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or approve with amendments as with other laws.



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Article I, Section 7, Clause 1.  
All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills.

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The power given by the Constitution to the Executive to interpose his veto is a high conservative power;  
but in my opinion, it should never be exercised except in cases of clear violation of the Constitution,  
or manifest haste and want of due consideration by Congress.

**Zackary Taylor**  
12<sup>th</sup> President, Died in Office  
0 Vetoes in 15 Months  
1784 - 1850

Liberty Rule #24: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The president has ten days to formally reject a bill with his written objections or it will become law anyway unless Congress shall have adjourned, but if after a presidential veto two thirds of Representatives and Senators approve it, the veto is overridden.

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Article I, Section 7, Clause 2.

Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the United States; If he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his Objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the Objections at large on their Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such Reconsideration two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the Bill, it shall be sent, together with the Objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two thirds of that House, it shall become a Law. But in all such Cases the Votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and Nays, and the Names of the Persons voting for and against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each House respectively. If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be a Law.

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The bill's a textbook example of special interest pork barrel politics at work,  
and I have no choice but to veto it.

## Ronald Reagan

Upon veto of \$87.5B Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987

40<sup>th</sup> President

78 Vetoes in 8 Years, 9 Overridden

1911 - 2004



Liberty Rule #25: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Every order, resolution or vote  
not approved by the president will need to be overridden by a two thirds vote to take effect just like a law.



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Article I, Section 7, Clause 3.

Every Order, Resolution, or Vote to which the Concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may  
be necessary (except on a question of Adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States;  
and before the Same shall take Effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be  
repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the Rules and Limitations  
prescribed in the Case of a Bill.

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In these cases our province is to determine whether this income tax on the revenue from property  
does or does not belong to the class of direct taxes.  
If it does, it is, being unapportioned, in violation of the Constitution,  
and we must so declare.

## Chief Justice Melville Fuller

Delivering Supreme Court Opinion

Pollock v. Farmer's Loan & Trust Co., 157 U.S. 429, 607 (1895)

This decision made income tax unconstitutional from 1895 to 1913.

Amendment XVI made it constitutional in 1913.

Supreme Court Chief Justice 1888 - 1910

1833 - 1910



Liberty Rule #26: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress will tax everyone the  
same as needed to pay debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States.  
(Affected by Amendment 16, 1913).



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 1.

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and  
provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises  
shall be uniform throughout the United States;

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The fact that we are here today to debate raising America's debt limit is a sign of leadership failure.

It is a sign that the U.S. Government cannot pay its own bills.

It is a sign that we now depend on ongoing financial assistance from foreign countries  
to finance our Government's reckless fiscal policies...

Increasing America's debt weakens us domestically and internationally.

Leadership means that 'the buck stops here.'

Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today  
onto the backs of our children and grandchildren.

America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership.

Americans deserve better.

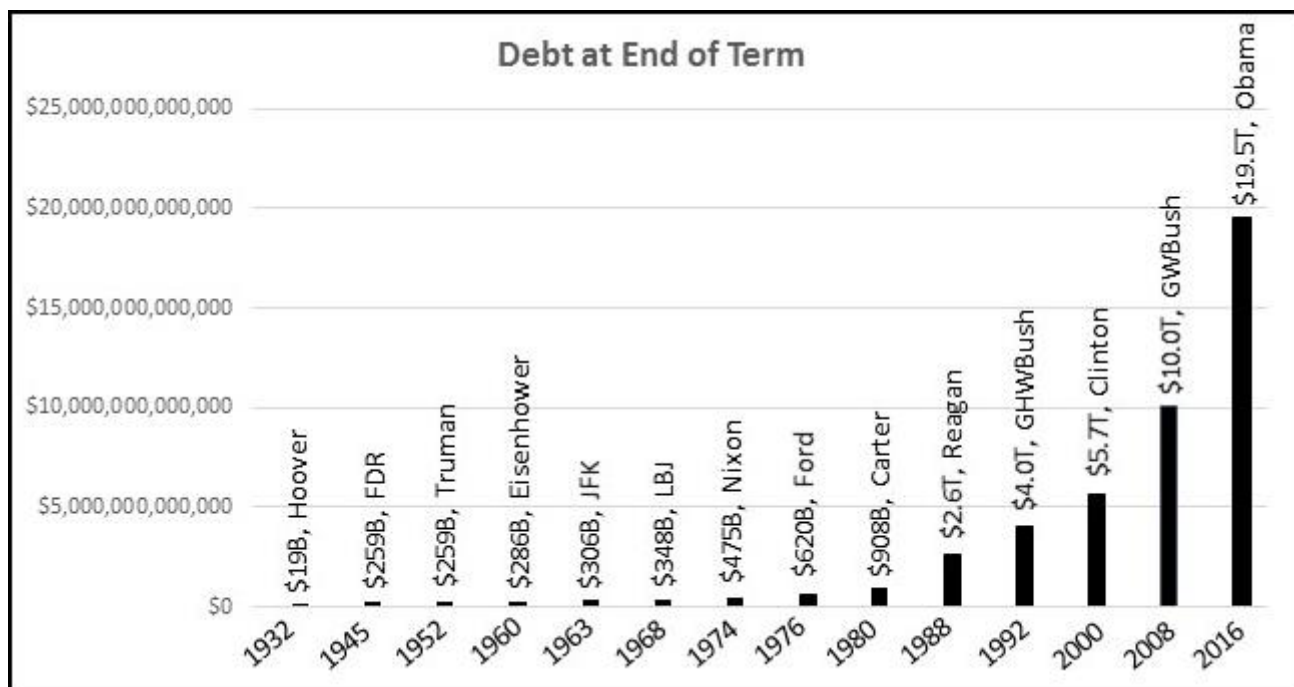
## Barack Hussein Obama

March 16, 2006 Senate floor speech, then Senator (D-IL)

44th President

Added 9.5 trillion dollars to the 19.5 trillion dollar national debt at the end of his two terms

Born 1961



Data source: <https://www.treasurydirect.gov/govt/reports/pd/histdebt/histdebt.htm>



Liberty Rule #27: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The Congress may borrow money.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 2.

To borrow Money on the credit of the United States;

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
<ROUGHLY SPEAKING, QUOTES SHOULD BE OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO USE,  
OR PEOPLE WHO DIED OVER 105 YEARS AGO,  
OR PEOPLE IN GOVERNEMNT WHO MADE STATEMENTS MORE RECENTLY BUT IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY>

The Commerce Clause is not a general license to regulate an individual from cradle to grave,  
simply because he will predictably engage in particular transactions.  
Any police power to regulate individuals as such, as opposed to their activities,  
remains vested in the States.

## Chief Justice John Roberts

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS ET AL.  
v. SEBELIUS, SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Majority Decision upholding the Affordable Care Act Individual Mandate "Penalty" as a Constitutional Tax  
June 28, 2012  
Supreme Court Chief Justice since 2005  
Born 1955



Liberty Rule #28: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The Congress may regulate  
commerce internationally, among states and with the Native Americans.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

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**DOES NOT COMPUTE.**

1. "Immigration" is not in the U.S. Constitution.
2. "Naturalization" does not equal "Immigration"
3. Amendment X (1791): 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.
4. History of federal government (Congress) immigration laws.
5. Go to 1.



Liberty Rule #29: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress shall make uniform rules for naturalization to becoming a U.S. citizen and laws regarding bankruptcy.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 4.

To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;



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The trifling economy of paper, as a cheaper medium, or its convenience for transmission,  
weighs nothing in opposition to the advantages of the precious metals...  
it is liable to be abused, has been, is, and forever will be abused,  
in every country in which it is permitted.

Thomas Jefferson  
Letter to John W. Eppes, 1813  
3rd President  
Declaration of Independence author (1776)  
1743 – 1826



Liberty Rule #30: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress will oversee the  
manufacture of money, regulate its value and the value of foreign money, and fix the standards of weights and  
measures.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 5.  
To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and  
Measures;

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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I got nothin'!

**Tirre Farmer**  
One hell of a guy!  
U.S. ARMY 1970 - 1974  
1952 - 2007



Liberty Rule #31: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Counterfeiting is a federal offense and Congress will determine sentences.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 6.  
To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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OR PEOPLE WHO DIED OVER 105 YEARS AGO,  
OR PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT WHO MADE STATEMENTS MORE RECENTLY BUT IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY>

There are only two mistakes one can make along the road to truth;  
not going all the way,  
and not starting.

Buddha  
Circa 4000BC



Liberty Rule #32: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress will oversee the operation of Post Offices and the highway transportation system.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 7.  
To establish Post Offices and post Roads;

<QUOTE ME BELOW OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
<ROUGHLY SPEAKING, QUOTES SHOULD BE OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO USE,  
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**Surprising, no?**

The word 'right' appears but once in the ratified U.S. Constitution and here it is.



Liberty Rule #33: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress will ensure the protection of artists, authors and inventors' intellectual property rights for original works and inventions via copyrights and patents protection for a limited time duration.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 8.

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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The constitution is either a superior paramount law, unchangeable by ordinary means,  
or it is on a level with ordinary legislative acts,  
alterable when the legislature shall please to alter it.  
It is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is.  
This is the very essence of judicial duty.

**Chief Justice John Marshall**  
4<sup>th</sup> Supreme Court Chief Justice, 1801 - 1835  
1755 - 1835



Liberty Rule #34: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress shall create a federal court hierarchy.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 9.  
To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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In an honest service there is thin commons, low wages, and hard labor;  
in this, plenty and satiety, pleasure and ease, liberty and power;  
and who would not balance creditor on this side,  
when all the hazard that is run for it, at worst, is only a sour look or two at choking.  
No, a merry life and a short one, shall be my motto.

### Bartholomew “Black Bart” Roberts

“Arrrrgh”

1682 - 1722



Liberty Rule #35: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress defines sentences for piracy and felonies at sea and offenses of international law.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 10.

To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations;

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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OR PEOPLE WHO DIED OVER 105 YEARS AGO,  
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The time has come for President Obama to formally rescind his order to close the detention facility  
at Guantanamo Bay and end his irresponsible allegations of injustices at the facility,  
which operates in a framework that respects the rule of law,  
keeps terrorists off American soil,  
and bolsters our national security.

## Jason Chaffetz

Open Letter to President Obama, January 22, 2011

Chaffetz is a Democrat turned Republican

Utah 3rd District Representative 1/3/2009 – 6/30/2017 (Resigned)

Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Governmental Reform 1/3/2015 – 6/30/2017

Born 1967



Liberty Rule #36: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress declares war,  
authorizes piracy and makes rules concerning captured enemy combatants.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 11.

To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and  
Water;

<QUOTE ME BELOW OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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OR PEOPLE WHO DIED OVER 105 YEARS AGO,  
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**Hey good lookin'.**  
Ah, the purported power of the purse.



Liberty Rule #37: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress funds the military but funding will be for periods of two or less years.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 12.  
To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;



<QUOTE ME BELOW OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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ANY DECK APES STILL AROUND?

JOE TABORY wrote on April 19, 2001

Email Update Needed

City and State: SANDPOINT ID

Unit: 1ST DIV OR WAS IT THE 2ND?

Service or Relationship: NAVY VETERAN - KOREA

Comments: Served on Whiting 1951-1955, was there for commissioning in 1951.  
Here are a few names I still remember, if any of them are still around, would like to get in touch.  
Stringfield, Yeary, Glass, Crabtree, Rydeski, Knapek, Danahey, Hewelett, Franklin(Eli), Grider, Prewitt,  
Branscum, Holton, McLaughlin, Heine, McNutt, Running, Tousignant, McCullers, Watson, Chappel, Doshier,  
Strange, Weber, Rollins,

Reference [www.koreanwar.org](http://www.koreanwar.org), Entry: 16037, USS KENNETH WHITING (AV-14), keyword: "DECK APES"

In honor of my Dad:

MARTIN F. DANAHY  
SN US NAVY  
KOREA  
FEB 9 1934 + APR 9, 2007  
BELOVED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM

Liberty Rule #38: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress is responsible for  
maintaining an adequate naval force.

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Article I, Section 8, Clause 13.

To provide and maintain a Navy;

<QUOTE ME BELOW OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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**What do you think?**  
Military Intelligence...  
The epitome of an oxymoron.



Liberty Rule #39: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress makes the rules concerning the regulation of the military.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 14.  
To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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... Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States,  
in virtue of the power in me vested by the Constitution, and the laws,  
have thought fit to call forth, and hereby do call forth,  
the militia of the several States of the Union,  
to the aggregate number of seventy-five thousand,  
in order to suppress said combinations,  
and to cause the laws to be duly executed. ...

## Abraham Lincoln

Proclamation 80 - Calling Forth the Militia and Convening an Extra Session of Congress

April 15, 1861

16th President

1<sup>st</sup> President Assassinated (shot on Good Friday, April 14, 1865; died April 15, 1865)

1809 - 1865



Liberty Rule #40: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress provides for activating the Militia to enforce the law, put down homeland uprisings and fight off invasions.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 15.

To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel  
Invasions;

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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For a people who are free,  
and who mean to remain so,  
a well-organized and armed militia  
is their best security.

Thomas Jefferson  
3rd President  
Declaration of Independence author (1776)  
1743 – 1826

Liberty Rule #41: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> States appoint officers to their militias and are responsible for training them but the general operation will be defined by Congress.

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Article I, Section 8, Clause 16.

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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Aside from the murders,  
DC has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.

**Marion Barry**  
Washington, D.C., 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mayor  
1936 – 2014



Liberty Rule #42: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress will oversee Washington, D.C., and national defense forts, arsenals, dock-yards, and other needful buildings.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 17.  
To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings;—And

<QUOTE ME BELOW OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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**Say what?**

Congress makes the laws and Congress breaks the laws.



Liberty Rule #43: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress makes the laws.



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Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all  
other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or  
Officer thereof.

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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I am exceedingly distressed  
at the proceedings of the Convention –  
being ... almost sure, they will ...  
lay the foundation of a Civil War.

### Elbridge Gerry

Massachusetts Delegate, 1787 Constitutional Convention  
Among three delegates who attended the entire Constitutional Convention  
who did not sign the U.S. Constitution.  
(The guy whom “Gerrymandering” is named after.)  
1744 - 1814



Liberty Rule #44: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Slavery will continue until 1808  
or so but there may be a federal tax for every person imported.



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Article I, Section 9, Clause 1.

The Migration or Importation of such Persons as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit,  
shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the Year one thousand eight hundred and eight, but a Tax or  
duty may be imposed on such Importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each Person.



<QUOTE ME BELOW OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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**It doesn't matter if they're coming for you or me.**  
They can't just lock you up and throw away the key.



Liberty Rule #45: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> You have the right to protest whether or not you are being lawfully jailed unless, in cases of rebellion or invasion, this right may be suspended for the public safety.



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Article I, Section 9, Clause 2.

The Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it.

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...the writings of the architects of our constitutional system,  
indicates that the Bill of Attainder Clause was intended not as a narrow, technical  
(and therefore soon to be outmoded) prohibition,  
but rather as an implementation of the separation of powers,  
a general safeguard against legislative exercise of the judicial function,  
or more simply—trial by legislature.

The Constitution divides the National Government into three branches—  
Legislative, Executive and Judicial.  
This "separation of powers" was obviously not instituted with the idea  
that it would promote governmental efficiency.  
It was, on the contrary, looked to as a bulwark against tyranny.

### Chief Justice Earl Warren

381 U.S. 487 (1965), United States v. Brown (No. 399)  
Chief Justice 1953 – 1969  
1891 – 1974



Liberty Rule #46: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> You may not be put in jail or  
executed for who you are or who you're related to and a law cannot be created after you have done  
something to convict you for that something done before the creation of the law.



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Article I, Section 9, Clause 3.  
No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed.

<QUOTE ME BELOW OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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**My Momma done taught me well.**  
I have a dislike/dislike relationship with taxes.



Liberty Rule #47: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> If there is a tax per person it must apply to everyone per the Census. (Affected by Amendment 16, 1913).



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Article I, Section 9, Clause 4.  
No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or enumeration herein before directed to be taken.

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
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The duty of government is to leave commerce to its own capital and credit  
as well as all other branches of business,  
protecting all in their legal pursuits,  
granting exclusive privileges to none.

Andrew Jackson

7<sup>th</sup> President  
1767 - 1845



Liberty Rule #48: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> There will be free commerce  
between states, and no taxes will be placed on exports out of the country from any state.



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Article I, Section 9, Clause 5.  
No Tax or Duty shall be laid on Articles exported from any State.

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
<ROUGHLY SPEAKING, QUOTES SHOULD BE OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO USE,  
OR PEOPLE WHO DIED OVER 105 YEARS AGO,  
OR PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT WHO MADE STATEMENTS MORE RECENTLY BUT IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY>

It should be our endeavor to cultivate the peace and friendship of every nation . . .  
Our interest will be to throw open the doors of commerce,  
and to knock off all its shackles,  
giving perfect freedom to all persons for the vent of whatever they may choose to bring into our ports,  
and asking the same in theirs.

Thomas Jefferson  
3rd President  
Declaration of Independence author (1776)  
1743 – 1826



Liberty Rule #49: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> All ports must be treated equal  
and vessels will not have to clear other ports for entry or exit.



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Article I, Section 9, Clause 6.  
No Preference shall be given by any Regulation of Commerce or Revenue to the Ports of one State over those  
of another: nor shall Vessels bound to, or from, one State, be obliged to enter, clear, or pay Duties in another.

<LEAVE THIS OR REPLACE IT WITH A QUOTE OR QUIP OF YOUR OWN.>  
<ROUGHLY SPEAKING, QUOTES SHOULD BE OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO USE,  
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A lack of transparency results in distrust  
and a deep sense of insecurity.

14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama  
Born 1935



Liberty Rule #50: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Spending must be authorized by Congress and must be transparent.



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Article I, Section 9, Clause 7.

No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.

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U.S. citizens found the loophole in the granting of titles of nobility...  
Nothing forbids you from bestowing one upon yourself.

The Grand Exultant Author of this Book

**Martin F. Danahy**

Born 1961



Liberty Rule #51: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> If you work for the United States you cannot accept any gifts or title of nobility from foreign states.



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Article I, Section 9, Clause 8.

No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.

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Do as I say, not as I do!

## The Unknown Parent



Liberty Rule #52: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> States may not make treaties, grant letters of marque or reprisal, coin money, extend credit, or impair the obligation of contracts, and just like the federal government, the states cannot grant any title of nobility or have a person imprisoned or executed for who they are or who they're related to and a law cannot be created after a person has done a misdeed to convict them for that misdeed done before the creation of the law. States shall only allow debts to be paid in gold and silver.



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Article I, Section 10, Clause 1.

No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal; coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts; pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or grant any Title of Nobility.



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**The root of all evil.**

If I had a penny for every thousand dollars Congress wasted,  
I'd be a very rich man.



Liberty Rule #53: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress must approve any state's taxes or duties on imports and exports, except as necessary for the purpose of inspection of those goods. Any surplus funds must be paid to the Treasury of the United States.



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**Article I, Section 10, Clause 2.**

No State shall, without the Consent of the Congress, lay any Imposts or Duties on Imports or Exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing its inspection Laws: and the net Produce of all Duties and Imposts, laid by any State on Imports or Exports, shall be for the Use of the Treasury of the United States; and all such Laws shall be subject to the Revision and Controul of the Congress.

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The preachers and lecturers deal with men of straw,  
as they are men of straw themselves.  
Why, a free-spoken man, of sound lungs, cannot draw a long breath  
without causing your rotten institutions to come toppling down by the vacuum he makes.  
Your church is a baby-house made of blocks, and so of the state.  
...The church, the state, the school, the magazine, think they are liberal and free!  
It is the freedom of a prison-yard.

Henry David Thoreau  
"I to Myself"  
American Transcendentalist  
1817 – 1862

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Liberty Rule #54: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Unless Congress approves it, states are not allowed to charge taxes or fees for the use of their ports. They also cannot build up a military in times of peace and do not have the authority to make agreements with other states or countries. They cannot go to war with anyone unless invaded or in a do or die situation.

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Article I, Section 10, Clause 3.  
No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any Duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay.

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**Hi, it's me again.**

The best thing about elections is that they eventually come to an end.



Liberty Rule #55: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The executive power is vested in the president of the United States of America who, together with the vice president, are elected every four years as follows. (Affected by Amendment 22, 1951)



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Article II, Section 1, Clause 1.

The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same Term, be elected, as follows

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The present rule of voting for President...  
is so great a departure from the Republican principle of numerical equality...  
and is so pregnant also with a mischievous tendency in practice,  
that an amendment of the Constitution on this point  
is justly called for by all its considerate and best friends.

### James Madison

Letter to George Hay, August 23, 1823  
4<sup>th</sup> President  
1751 – 1836

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Liberty Rule #56: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> State legislatures appoint presidential electors. The total amount of electors from each state will equal their number of congressional Representatives plus Senators. Each elector chosen must not be a member of Congress or be on the federal payroll or provide counsel to the president. This is known as the Electoral College. (Affected by Amendment 12, 1804).

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Article II, Section 1, Clause 2.

Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.

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Those who stay away from the election think that one vote will do no good.  
'Tis but one step more to think one vote will do no harm.

## Ralph Waldo Emerson

American Transcendentalist

1803 – 1882

Please note that his grandfather and father (then quite young) witnessed, about a football field away from their home, the “skirmish” at the North Bridge in Concord where the first shots of the Revolutionary War were returned in what Ralph Waldo Emerson characterized as “The Shot heard ‘round the World” in the “Concord Hymn” which he wrote in 1837 for a dedication that he was invited to make at the bridge.

### Concord Hymn:

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,  
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,  
Here once the embattled farmers stood,  
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;  
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;  
And Time the ruined bridge has swept  
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,  
We set to-day a votive stone;  
That memory may their deed redeem,  
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit, that made those heroes dare,  
To die, and leave their children free,  
Bid Time and Nature gently spare  
The shaft we raise to them and thee.

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Liberty Rule #57: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress shall set when Election Day is held.

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Article II, Section 1, Clause 3.

The Congress may determine the Time of chusing the Electors, and the Day on which they shall give their Votes; which Day shall be the same throughout the United States.

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How come we choose from  
just two people to run for president  
and 50 for Miss America?

Author Unknown



Liberty Rule #58: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> To be president, you must be a natural born citizen of thirty five or older and a fourteen year resident within the United States. (Affected by Amendment 12, 1804).



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Article II, Section 1, Clause 4.

No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.

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I, Al Haig,  
am in control here at the White House.

## Alexander Haig

Statement made after President Ronald Reagan assassination attempt on March 30, 1981.  
The Secretary of State is actually 4th in line to the presidency per the Presidential Succession Act of 1947.  
Secretary of State 1981 - 1982  
1924 – 2010

Liberty Rule #59: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> When you gotta go, you gotta go  
and either the vice president or then the succession list passed by Congress shall act as president until a new  
president is elected or the old one is all better. (Affected by Amendment 20, 1933 & Amendment 25, 1967).

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Article II, Section 1, Clause 5.

In Case of the Removal of the President from Office, or of his Death, Resignation, or Inability to discharge the  
Powers and Duties of the said Office, the Same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by  
Law provide for the Case of Removal, Death, Resignation or Inability, both of the President and Vice President,  
declaring what Officer shall then act as President, and such Officer shall act accordingly, until the Disability be  
removed, or a President shall be elected.



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He serves his party best  
who serves the country best.

Rutherford B. Hayes  
19<sup>th</sup> President  
1822 - 1893



Liberty Rule #60: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> For the president, you get a paycheck, period.



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Article II, Section 1, Clause 6.

The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.

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The Constitution is the guide  
which I never will abandon.

George Washington  
Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army  
1st President  
1723 – 1799



Liberty Rule #61: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The president must do his job well and by oath pledges that the U.S. Constitution is, was, and shall forever be the Law of the Land. (Affected by Amendment 14, 1804).



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Article II, Section 1, Clause 7.  
Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:—"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

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The President is to be commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States.  
In this respect, his authority would be nominally the same with that of the king of Great Britain,  
but in substance much inferior to it.

It would amount to nothing more than the supreme command and direction  
of the land and naval forces, as first general and admiral ...  
while that of the British king extends to the declaring of war  
and to the raising and regulating of fleets and armies –  
all which, by the Constitution under consideration, would appertain to the legislature.

## Alexander Hamilton

1st Secretary of the Treasury

Died in duel lost to then 3rd VP Aaron Burr

(some things never change... New Yorkers settling their differences in the swamps of New Jersey...)

1755 – 1804

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Liberty Rule #62: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The president commands all of the armed forces of the United States, can require the written opinions of his cabinet relating to their responsibilities and may grant reprieves or pardons for violations of the law except in the case of impeachment.

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Article II, Section 2, Clause 1.

The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States; he may require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal Officer in each of the executive Departments, upon any Subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices, and he shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment.

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July 28, 2015 Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing

Rep. Reid Ribble (R-Wisc.): "Why is this [Iran deal] not considered a treaty?"

Secretary of State John Kerry: "Well Congressman, I spent quite a few years ago trying to get a lot of treaties through the United States Senate. And frankly, it's become physically impossible. That's why. Because you can't pass a treaty anymore. And it's become impossible to, you know, schedule, it's become impossible to pass. And I sat there leading the charge on the Disabilities Treaty which fell to, basically, ideology and politics. So, I think that's the reason why."

Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-N.Y.): "... it isn't a treaty because it is difficult to pass?"

Secretary of State John Kerry: "... We don't have diplomatic relations with Iran. It's very complicated with six other countries," he said, referring to Iran and the other negotiating partners: Britain, China, France, Germany, and Russia. "It's just a very complicated process. So, we thought that the easiest way to get something that had the leverage, had the accountability, could achieve our goal was through a political agreement. And that's what we have."



Liberty Rule #63: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The president may only make treaties when two thirds of the Senate agree. Senate approval is also required for presidential picks of supreme court justices, cabinet positions, and ambassadors, however, the Congress can, by law, give the president the full authority to pick his or her own people of lesser positions.



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Article II, Section 2, Clause 2.

He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by Law: but the Congress may by Law vest the Appointment of such inferior Officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the Courts of Law, or in the Heads of Departments.

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**Watch out!**  
While the cat's away,  
the mouse will play.



Liberty Rule #64: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> If the Senate is on recess, the president can fill any vacancies that arise but those acting officers' positions end when the Senate goes on their next recess.



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Article II, Section 2, Clause 3.

The President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session.

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The welfare of our country is the great object to which our cares and efforts ought to be directed,  
and I shall derive great satisfaction from a cooperation with you  
in the pleasing though arduous task of insuring to our fellow citizens the blessings  
which they have a right to expect from  
a free, efficient, and equal government.

## George Washington

January 8, 1790 1<sup>st</sup> State of the Union Address  
Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army  
1st President  
1723 – 1799

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Liberty Rule #65: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The president will give an annual State of the Union address and may, if really necessary, convene Congress and/or the Senate for as long as needed. The president will be the *hostess with the mostest* for dignitaries of states, will make sure that the laws are faithfully executed, and shall commission officers.

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### Article II, Section 3.

He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary Occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them, and in Case of Disagreement between them, with Respect to the Time of Adjournment, he may adjourn them to such Time as he shall think proper; he shall receive Ambassadors and other public Ministers; he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

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**Go figure.**

Has Congress not heard that there is honor among thieves?



Liberty Rule #66: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The president, vice president and executive or judicial staff members may get kicked out of office because of illegal behavior. They would have to be impeached and then convicted for their crime or treason. Impeachment is like an indictment which is a conclusion that there appears to be enough evidence to need to go to trial.



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Article II, Section 4.

The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

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We are under a Constitution,  
but the Constitution is what the judges say it is,  
and the judiciary is the safeguard of our liberty  
and of our property under the Constitution.

**Chief Justice Charles Evan Hughes, Sr.**

Speech before Elmira Chamber of Commerce, May 3, 1907

NY Governor 1907 – 1910, Supreme Court Justice 1910 – 1916, Secretary of State 1921 – 1925,

Supreme Court Chief Justice 1930 – 1941

1862 – 1948



Liberty Rule #67: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The ultimate judge and jury in the United States will be the Supreme Court. Other lower courts may be established by Congress. Once in office, the judges' salaries will not go down and they can stay on the court as long as they maintain good behavior.



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Article III, Section 1.

The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.



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**When you're right, you're right.**  
These matters should be adjudicated in federal courts.



Liberty Rule #68: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Federal courts have original jurisdiction to hear cases regarding constitutionality, federal laws, treaties, ambassadors, and international waters as well as cases where the U.S. is a party to the lawsuit, between states, between citizens of different states, between a citizen of one state and another state\*, between a state and a foreign citizen\*, between a citizen and a foreign citizen or state and between a state and a foreign state (\* = affected by Amendment 11, 1795/1798).



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Article III, Section 2, Clause 1.  
The judicial Power shall extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties made, or which shall be made, under their Authority;—to all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls;—to all Cases of admiralty and maritime Jurisdiction;—to Controversies to which the United States shall be a Party;—to Controversies between two or more States;—between a State and Citizens of another State,—between Citizens of different States,—between Citizens of the same State claiming Lands under Grants of different States, and between a State, or the Citizens thereof, and foreign States, Citizens or Subjects.

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... on every question of construction [of the Constitution, let us] carry ourselves back to the time  
when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates,  
and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text, or invented against it,  
conform to the probable one in which it was [passed] ...

### Thomas Jefferson

Letter to William Johnson, June 12, 1823

3rd President

Declaration of Independence author (1776)

1743 – 1826



Liberty Rule #69: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The Supreme Court is *the* court  
for cases affecting ambassadors and where a state is a party. Otherwise, it is the last stop for an appeal  
decision of the lower courts.



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Article III, Section 2, Clause 2.

In all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which a State shall be  
Party, the supreme Court shall have original Jurisdiction. In all the other Cases before mentioned, the supreme  
Court shall have appellate Jurisdiction, both as to Law and Fact, with such Exceptions, and under such  
Regulations as the Congress shall make.

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If the jury have no right to judge of the justice of a law of the government,  
they plainly can do nothing to protect the people against the oppressions of the government;  
for there are no oppressions which the government may not authorize by law.

## Lysander Spooner

Mentored (not College'd) Lawyer in Massachusetts  
Founded - American Letter Mail Company - in 1844  
The discussed action is known as "Jury Nullification" and  
is generally prohibited by judges' instructions nowadays.  
1808 – 1887



Liberty Rule #70: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Trials shall be by juries in the  
state of the offense, however, if not committed in a particular state then Congress will say where to have the  
trial.



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Article III, Section 2, Clause 3.

The Trial of all Crimes, except in Cases of Impeachment, shall be by Jury; and such Trial shall be held in the  
State where the said Crimes shall have been committed; but when not committed within any State, the Trial  
shall be at such Place or Places as the Congress may by Law have directed.

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**I ponder as I wonder.**

Did Edward Snowden's actions seek to help our enemies, allies or citizens?  
If enemies, that is treason; if allies and citizens, perhaps whistleblowing?  
If the actions needed to be taken to be an effective whistleblower are illegal,  
then whistleblowers blow the whistle at their own peril.  
I don't have enough reliable information to make a conclusion.  
Nowadays, there are so many opinions and so few facts. I don't know what to believe.  
However, if I remember correctly, there was bi-partisan consensus against him.  
That being the case, I tend to think that he was onto something and acting more like a whistleblower.  
In today's environment of polarized politics, when all of Congress agrees on anything,  
other than a pay raise for themselves, be suspicious... be very suspicious.

Edward Snowden (born 1983) is a computer geek who sought asylum in Russia  
after working for Booz Allen Hamilton (subcontractor to National Security Agency (NSA))

Charged June 14, 2013 with:  
Theft of Government Property  
Unauthorized Communication of National Defense Information  
Willful Communication of Classified Communications Intelligence Information to an Unauthorized Person



Liberty Rule #71: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> A traitor who wages war against  
us, switches sides or helps our enemies is in big trouble if two witnesses can attest to it, or in the case of a  
confession, in open court.



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Article III, Section 3, Clause 1.  
Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their  
Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of  
two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court.

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Arnold has betrayed us!  
Whom can we trust now?

**George Washington**  
Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army  
1st President  
1723 – 1799

Liberty Rule #72: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Congress may set the punishment for treason and can additionally freeze all your assets until your death.

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Article III, Section 3, Clause 2.

The Congress shall have Power to declare the Punishment of Treason, but no Attainder of Treason shall work Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture except during the Life of the Person attainted.

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**Hi, it's me again.**  
Your life should be transportable among the states.



Liberty Rule #73: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The states shall accept each other's records as fact and Congress may further enact laws regarding this.



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Article IV, Section 1.  
Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State. And the Congress may by general Laws prescribe the Manner in which such Acts, Records and Proceedings shall be proved, and the Effect thereof.

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**Are we there yet?**

Being able to freely travel among or relocate your residence to other states is very cool.



Liberty Rule #74: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> In any given state, all U.S. citizens have the same rights.



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Article IV, Section 2, Cause 1.

The Citizens of each State shall be entitled to all Privileges and Immunities of Citizens in the several States.

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**In the write hands, a sword needs but one edge.**  
We have the best legal system that money can buy.



Liberty Rule #75: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> You can run but you cannot hide.  
In whatever state you are found you will be sent back to the state where you must answer for your alleged  
crimes.



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Article IV, Section 2, Clause 2.

A Person charged in any State with Treason, Felony, or other Crime, who shall flee from Justice, and be found  
in another State, shall on Demand of the executive Authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up,  
to be removed to the State having Jurisdiction of the Crime.



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Every measure of prudence, therefore,  
ought to be assumed for the eventual total extirpation of slavery from the United States....  
I have, throughout my whole life, held the practice of slavery  
in... abhorrence.

**John Adams**

Letter to Robert Evans, June 8, 1819  
1st VP, 2nd President  
1735 - 1826

Liberty Rule #76: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Rules regarding slavery which are  
thankfully obsolete. (Affected by Amendment 13, 1865).

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Article IV, Section 2, Clause 3.

No Person held to Service or Labour in one State, under the Laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in  
Consequence of any Law or Regulation therein, be discharged from such Service or Labour, but shall be  
delivered up on Claim of the Party to whom such Service or Labour may be due.

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We need Hawaii just as much and a good deal more than we did California.  
It is Manifest Destiny.

William McKinley  
25<sup>th</sup> President  
1843 - 1901



Liberty Rule #77: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> New states may be admitted by the Congress into the United States but may not affect the independent sovereignty of any other state unless that state's legislature and Congress agree to it.



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Article IV, Section 3, Clause 1.

New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new State shall be formed or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or Parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress.

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Conservation means development as much as it does protection.  
I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land;  
but I do not recognize the right to waste them,  
or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us.

## Theodore Roosevelt

26<sup>th</sup> President

1858 - 1919



Liberty Rule #78: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The Congress may sell and make the rules and regulations regarding the territory and other property of the United States. Nothing in this constitution shall be interpreted to have any effect on the claims of the United States, or of any particular state.



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Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2.

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

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If we resort for a criterion to the different principles on which different forms of government are established,  
we may define a republic to be, or at least may bestow that name on,  
a government which derives all its powers directly or indirectly from the great body of the people,  
and is administered by persons holding their offices during pleasure,  
for a limited period, or during good behavior.

## James Madison

The Federalists Papers #39, January 16, 1788  
4th President  
1751 - 1836



Liberty Rule #79: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The United States promise to the states – we guarantee you a representative based government (Republic, **not** Democracy) and we’ve got your back!



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Article IV, Section 4.

The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened), against domestic Violence.

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Some men look at constitutions with sanctimonious reverence,  
and deem them like the arc of the covenant, too sacred to be touched.  
They ascribe to the men of the preceding age a wisdom more than human,  
and suppose what they did to be beyond amendment. ...  
Let us follow no such examples,  
nor weakly believe that one generation is not as capable as another of taking care of itself,  
and of ordering its own affairs. ...  
Each generation is as independent as the one preceding, as that was of all which had gone before.

Thomas Jefferson  
Letter to Samuel Kercheval, June 12, 1816  
3rd President  
Declaration of Independence author (1776)  
1743 – 1826

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Liberty Rule #80: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The U.S. Constitution can be revised with overwhelming support by two thirds of the Representatives and Senators or by application of two thirds of the state legislatures and then ratified by three fourths of the states, but no state can ever have their number of Senators reduced unless they agree to it.

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#### Article V

The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.

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To contract new debts is not the way to pay old ones.

**George Washington - \$1**

We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt.

**Thomas Jefferson - \$2**

The Government should create, issue, and circulate all the currency and credits needed to satisfy  
the spending power of the Government and the buying power of consumers.

By the adoption of these principles, the taxpayers will be saved immense sums of interest.

**Abraham Lincoln - \$5**

A national debt, if it is not excessive, will be to us a national blessing.

**Alexander Hamilton - \$10**

If congress has the right under the Constitution to issue paper money,  
it was given them to use themselves, not to be delegated to individuals or corporations.

**Andrew Jackson - \$20**

Nations, like individuals, are punished for their transgressions.

**Ulysses S. Grant - \$50**

Rather go to bed without dinner than to rise in debt.

**Benjamin Franklin - \$100**



Liberty Rule #81: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> All United States debts remain  
valid. (Affected by Amendment 14, 1868).



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Article VI, Section 1, Clause 1.

All Debts contracted and Engagements entered into, before the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid  
against the United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation.

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The people are the only legitimate fountain of power,  
and it is from them that the constitutional charter,  
under which the several branches of government hold their power,  
is derived.

James Madison

4<sup>th</sup> President  
1751 – 1836



Liberty Rule #82: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> This is the Law of the Land and must be honored by the judges of all the states regardless of the laws enacted in those states.



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Article VI, Section 1, Clause 2.

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

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To paraphrase Winston Churchill,  
I did not take the oath I have just taken  
with the intention of presiding  
over the dissolution of the world's strongest economy.

**Ronald Reagan**  
Inaugural Address, January 20, 1981  
40<sup>th</sup> President  
1911 - 2002

Liberty Rule #83: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> All the main people of our government must, by oath, support this constitution, however, there will not be any religious test to hold office. (Affected by Amendment 14, 1868.)

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Article VI, Section 1, Clause 3.

The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.



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The happy Union of these States is a wonder;  
their Constitution a miracle;  
their example the hope of Liberty throughout the world.

James Madison

4<sup>th</sup> President  
1751 – 1836



Liberty Rule #84: <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> That's it, it's a done deal.



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#### Article VII

The Ratification of the Conventions of nine States, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the Same.

Attest William Jackson Secretary

done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven and of the Independance of the United States of America the Twelfth In witness whereof We have hereunto subscribed our Names,

G. Washington

*Presidt and deputy from Virginia*

Note: an additional 38 delegates from among the original 13 states signed the U.S. Constitution.

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The citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind  
examples of an enlarged and liberal policy—a policy worthy of imitation.  
All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship.  
It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people  
that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights,  
for, happily, the Government of the United States,  
which gives to bigotry no sanction,  
to persecution no assistance,  
requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens  
in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

### George Washington

August 18, 1790 Letter to the Jews of Newport  
Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army  
1st President  
1723 – 1799

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Liberty Rules Amendment #1 (1791): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> We'll practice  
freedom of religion, free speech, free press, the right to protest and the right to petition the government if  
you feel you were done wrong.

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Bill of Rights Introduction and Amendment I (1791) text on next page.

Bill of Rights Introduction:

Congress of the United States begun and held at the City of New-York, on Wednesday the fourth of March,  
one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

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.

Amendment I (1791)

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.

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Americans have the right and advantage of being armed –  
unlike the citizens of other countries  
whose governments are afraid  
to trust the people with arms.

### James Madison

The Federalist, No. 46 at 243- 244  
4<sup>th</sup> President  
1751 – 1836



Liberty Rules Amendment #2 (1791): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The government won't mess with the rights of people to possess and bear arms.



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Amendment II (1791)

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.

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The Third Amendment, which forbids the 'quartering' of 'soldiers'  
in private homes without the owner's consent,  
is often the butt of jokes because it is so rarely litigated.  
But in this case, a Nevada family claimed that local police had violated the Amendment  
by forcibly occupying their home in order to gain a "tactical advantage"  
against suspected criminals in the neighboring house.

Ilya Somin

The Washington Post – Article 3/23/15

Professor of Law at George Mason University School of Law

ANTHONY MITCHELL, et al. Plaintiffs, v. CITY OF HENDERSON, et al., Defendants.

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Liberty Rules Amendment #3 (1791): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> No soldiers  
are permitted to expect a place to crash without the owner's consent, except, perhaps in time of war, as  
prescribed by law.

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Amendment III (1791)

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.

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Statutes authorizing unreasonable searches  
were the core concern of the framers  
of the Fourth Amendment.

### Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

Dissenting opinion (Illinois v. Krull, (No. 85-608)), March 9, 1987

First woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice

Supreme Court Justice 1981 – 2006

Born 1930



Liberty Rules Amendment #4 (1791): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> We have the right to privacy except if a warrant is issued with probable cause, but then only search and seizures as described in the warrant may be carried out.



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Amendment IV (1791)

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.

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**Pay attention.**

If ever you should find yourself in a serious jam, remember this:  
The First Amendment gives you the right to speak freely.  
The Fifth Amendment reminds you that you need to know when to shut up.



Liberty Rules Amendment #5 (1791): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> You have the right to remain silent. If you're accused of murder or other felony, you must be indicted by a grand jury to be prosecuted for it, except for servicemen when in war or during times of public danger. You can only be tried once for an offence. Your life, liberty, and property cannot be seized without due process and if they take your property for public use you must be paid a fair price for it.



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Amendment V (1791)

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 offence 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.

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He [George Washington] has often declared to me that he considered our new constitution  
as an experiment on the practicability of republican government,  
and with what dose of liberty man could be trusted for his own good;  
that he was determined the experiment should have a fair trial,  
and would lose the last drop of his blood in support of it.

Thomas Jefferson  
3rd President  
Declaration of Independence author (1776)  
1743 – 1826

Liberty Rules Amendment #6 (1791): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> You have the  
right to a speedy public trial by an impartial jury where the alleged crime was committed. You must be told  
what the charges are, you can hear and see what the witnesses against you have to say and you may  
subpoena other witnesses in your defense.

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Amendment VI (1791)

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 defence.



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We need a law that will permit a voter  
to sue a candidate  
for breach of promise.

Mark Twain  
American Author  
1835 - 1910

Liberty Rules Amendment #7 (1791): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Civil lawsuits addressed in federal courts may be tried by a jury and once concluded the facts established may not be re-examined. The lawsuit must be greater than seventy-five thousand dollars to gain eligibility for federal and potentially Supreme Court consideration. A minimum amount in controversy was established by the Judiciary Act of 1789 in the amount of five hundred dollars and was raised for the fifth time to this level in 1996 by Congressional degree 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

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Amendment VII (1791)

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 re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

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**Hi, it's me again.**

I am tortured by the thought that the inhumane atrocities by terrorists makes their torture justifiable.



Liberty Rules Amendment #8 (1791): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Excessive bail and fines are forbidden as well as cruel and unusual punishment.



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Amendment VIII (1791)

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

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The very purpose of a Bill of Rights was to withdraw certain subjects  
from the vicissitudes of political controversy,  
to place them beyond the reach of majorities and officials,  
and to establish them as legal principles to be applied by the courts.  
One's right to life, liberty, and property, to free speech, a free press, freedom of worship and assembly,  
and fundamental rights may not be submitted to vote;  
they depend on the outcome of no elections.

### Justice Robert H. Jackson

319 U.S. 624, West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette (No. 591) (1943)

Supreme Court Justice 1941 – 1954

1892 - 1954



Liberty Rules Amendment #9 (1791): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Our other  
rights in matters not specifically detailed in the Constitution will be preserved.



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Amendment IX (1791)

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

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The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined.  
Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.  
The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation and foreign commerce;  
with which last the power of taxation will for the most part be connected.  
The powers reserved to the several States will extend to all the objects which in the ordinary course of affairs,  
concern the lives and liberties, and properties of the people,  
and the internal order, improvement and prosperity of the State.

**James Madison**  
Federalist, no. 45, 313-314  
4<sup>th</sup> President  
1751 – 1836

Liberty Rules Amendment #10 (1791): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> If the  
constitution does not specifically provide for powers to the federal government, then those powers will go to  
the states or the people.

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Amendment X (1791)  
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.

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Only recently has the debate come that states' rights are being trumped in a fundamental way,  
reading of the 10th Amendment and 11th Amendment.

That's a legitimate debate, totally legitimate.

But anybody who pretends that how you read the 10th and 11th Amendment  
doesn't have a fundamental impact on the things we care about is kidding themselves.

They're either uninformed  
or they're kidding themselves.

## Joe Biden

Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing for Justice Alito Supreme Court Nomination, January 1, 2006  
then Senator (D-DE)  
47th VP  
Born 1942



Liberty Rules Amendment #11 (1795/1798): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> This amendment sought to not allow states to be sued in federal courts by other state United States and foreign citizens. However, it continues to happen, especially in cases of state violations of federal law (affects Liberty Rule #68).



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Amendment XI (1795/1798)

The Judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by Citizens of another State, or by Citizens or Subjects of any Foreign State.

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**An axiom.**

Whether you voted for them or not,  
as long as you maintain your U.S. citizenship,  
the president is your president.



Liberty Rules Amendment #12 (1804): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The president and vice president are picked by the people via the electoral college and in the case of a tie or no candidate getting a majority of the electors (270 presently) then the House of Representatives will pick the winner from among the top three presidential candidates with one vote per state and a majority of twenty-six required (affects Liberty Rule #56). If they can't decide by March fourth, then the vice president becomes president and the Senate picks the new vice president from the top two vice presidential candidates. The vice president must also be a natural born citizen of thirty-five or older and a fourteen-year resident within the United States just like the president (affects Liberty Rule #58).



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#### Amendment XII (1804)

The Electors shall meet in their respective states and vote by ballot for President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice-President, and they shall make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice-President, and of the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate; -- the President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted; -- The person having the greatest number of votes for President, shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed; and if no person have such majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers not exceeding three on the list of those voted for as President, the House of Representatives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the states, and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice. And if the House of Representatives shall not choose a President whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon them, before the fourth day of March next following, then the Vice-President shall act as President, as in case of the death or other constitutional disability of the President. The person having the greatest number of votes as Vice-President, shall be the Vice-President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed, and if no person have a majority, then from the two highest numbers on the list, the Senate shall choose the Vice-President; a quorum for the purpose shall consist of two-thirds of the whole number of Senators, and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice. But no person constitutionally ineligible to the office of President shall be eligible to that of Vice-President of the United States.

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### Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate — we can not consecrate — we can not hallow — this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

### Abraham Lincoln

November 19, 1863

16th President

1<sup>st</sup> President Assassinated (shot on Good Friday, April 14, 1865; died April 15, 1865)

1809 - 1865



Liberty Rules Amendment #13 (1865): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Finally, slavery is abolished across the United States and any other of its jurisdictions (affects Liberty Rule #76).



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Amendment XIII (1865)

Section 1.



Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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Despite fundamentally differing views concerning the coverage of the Privileges or Immunities Clause  
of the Fourteenth Amendment,  
most notably expressed in the majority and dissenting opinions in the Slaughter-House Cases (1873),  
it has always been common ground that this Clause protects the third component of the right to travel.  
Writing for the majority in the Slaughter-House Cases,  
Justice Miller explained that one of the privileges conferred by this Clause  
"is that a citizen of the United States can, of his own volition,  
become a citizen of any State of the Union by a bona fide residence therein,  
with the same rights as other citizens of that State."

## Justice John Paul Stevens

Saenz v Roe (1999)  
Supreme Court Justice 1975 – 2010  
Born 1920

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Liberty Rules Amendment #14 (1868): If you're born here, or naturalized, you're a citizen and are entitled to all the freedoms and equal rights that come with it. The number of Congress Representatives will be based on the number of people in the state excluding Native Americans and all men of twenty-one or older may vote in the elections (before this, states were restricting voters in all kinds of ways which sometimes required property ownership for example) (affects Liberty Rule #15). If you take the oath of office to support the constitution and later participate in a rebellion or provide aid or comfort to a rebellion against the United States you are forbidden to hold office again unless two thirds of Congress permit it (affects Liberty Rule #61 & #83). United States debts incurred in squashing rebellions are valid, however, any debts incurred by the rebellion are null and void along with any claims for losses resulting from the freeing of slaves (affects Liberty Rule #81). Congress may pass legislation to enforce this.

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## Amendment XIV (1868)

### Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

### Section 2.

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age,\* and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

### Section 3.

No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

### Section 4.

The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

### Section 5.

The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

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I repeat that the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution  
completes the greatest civil change and constitutes the most important event  
that has occurred since the nation came into life.

Ulysses S. Grant

18th President

1822 - 1885

Liberty Rules Amendment #15 (1870): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Everyone,  
including former slaves, may vote (yet women were still denied) (affects Liberty Rule #15).

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Amendment XV (1870)

Section 1.

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any  
State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude--

Section 2.

The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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**This says it all.**  
They say that you can't avoid taxes and death.  
The Sixteenth Amendment legalized being taxed to death.



Liberty Rules Amendment #16 (1913): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> There it is, Congress can tax the hell out of us as they see fit. What a bunch of crooks! (Affects Liberty Rule #5, #26 & #47).



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Amendment XVI (1913)  
The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

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The Senate will be elected  
absolutely and exclusively  
by the State legislatures.

**James Madison**  
The Federalists Papers #45, January 26, 1788  
4th President  
1751 – 1836

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Liberty Rules Amendment #17 (1913): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> People are given the power to elect their Senators. State legislatures may empower their governor to temporarily appoint a Senator prior to an election if the need arises. (Affects Liberty Rule #8, #9 & #15).

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Amendment XVII (1913)

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislatures.

When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.

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Prohibition... evidence that we don't need a bunch of mindless zealots running the country... ever.

**Martin F. Danahy**  
*Common Sense, Present Tense.* (2012)  
Born 1961



Liberty Rules Amendment #18 (1919): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Let the alcohol prohibition begin.



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Amendment XVIII (1919)

Section 1.

After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

Section 2.

The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Section 3.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

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Suffrage is a pivotal right.

## Susan B. Anthony

American Social Reformer and Women's Rights Advocate  
Campaigned for African American rights as well as Women's Rights  
Introduced what would become Amendment XIX in 1898 with  
Elizabeth C. Stanton via U.S. Senator Aaron A. Sargent (R-CA)  
1820 - 1906



Liberty Rules Amendment #19 (1920): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Finally!  
Women are people too and have the right to vote! (Affects Liberty Rule #15). From what I can see Native  
Americans got the right to vote per the Indian's Citizen Act of 1924 but still faced barriers.



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Amendment XIX (1920)

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any  
State on account of sex.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



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If you are as happy on entering the White House  
as I am on leaving it,  
you are a very happy man indeed.

**James Buchanan**

To Abraham Lincoln, 1861  
15th President  
1791 - 1868

Liberty Rules Amendment #20 (1933): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The presidential inauguration occurs on January 20th, at noon, following the election. Senators and Representatives take office at noon on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Congress will get together at least once a year in January (affects Liberty Rule #16). If there is a major problem with the president elect then the vice president elect will act as president and if there is a big problem with the vice president elect then Congress will, by law, decide who will act as president. More specifically, the House of Representatives chooses the president when necessary and the Senate chooses the vice president when necessary (affects Liberty Rule #59).

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## Amendment XX (1933)

### Section 1.

The terms of the President and the Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3d day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

### Section 2.

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall begin at noon on the 3d day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

### Section 3.

If, at the time fixed for the beginning of the term of the President, the President elect shall have died, the Vice President elect shall become President. If a President shall not have been chosen before the time fixed for the beginning of his term, or if the President elect shall have failed to qualify, then the Vice President elect shall act as President until a President shall have qualified; and the Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a President elect nor a Vice President elect shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as President, or the manner in which one who is to act shall be selected, and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice President shall have qualified.

### Section 4.

The Congress may by law provide for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the House of Representatives may choose a President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them, and for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the Senate may choose a Vice President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them.

### Section 5.

Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on the 15th day of October following the ratification of this article.

### Section 6.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission.

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### Why not?

If the Twenty-First Amendment can undo the Eighteenth Amendment of alcohol prohibition, then it is possible for an amendment to undo the Sixteenth Amendment allowing income taxes and the unconstitutional Seventeenth Amendment transferring the election of Senators from the state legislatures to the people.



Liberty Rules Amendment #21 (1933): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Fourteen years later, so much for alcohol prohibition – that really sucked! The states may now regulate alcohol.



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Amendment XXI (1933)

Section 1.

The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

Section 2.

The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited.

Section 3.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

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**Hi, it's me again.**  
Thank God for term limits!



Liberty Rules Amendment #22 (1951): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Term limits for the president. Now it's two and you're done! And, if you acted as the president for two or more years that counts as one term (affects Liberty Rule #55).



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Amendment XXII (1951)

Section 1.

No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

Section 2.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.

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**They were the best of times.**

When I took my kids to D.C. in 1997 they were nine and eleven.  
In 1997, most t-shirts sold on the streets of D.C. had aliens on them.  
When your biggest perceived threat is aliens from outer space, things are pretty good.



Liberty Rules Amendment #23 (1961): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Washington, D.C., gets to vote for the president and vice president too now (affects Liberty Rule #15).



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Amendment XXIII (1961)

Section 1.

The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as the Congress may direct:

A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event more than the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the States, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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I have paid no poll-tax for six years.  
I was put into a jail once on this account, for one night; and,  
as I stood considering the walls of solid stone,  
two or three feet thick, the door of wood and iron, a foot thick,  
and the iron grating which strained the light,  
I could not help being struck with the foolishness  
of that institution which treated me as if I were mere flesh and blood and bones,  
to be locked up.

## Henry David Thoreau

"Civil Disobedience", 1849  
American Transcendentalist  
1817 - 1862

Liberty Rules Amendment #24 (1964): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> If you don't pay your taxes you still have the right to vote (affects Liberty Rule #15).

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Amendment XXIV (1964)  
Section 1.

The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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**Sounds kinda crazy to me.**

The Twenty-Fifth Amendment tries to lull you to sleep  
with presidential succession details that sound redundant.  
Then, at the very end, it provides for a cabinet mutiny.  
Very sneaky.



Liberty Rules Amendment #25 (1967): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Once again, the vice president takes over if the president dies or is removed from office. If the vice president vacates their office, then the president nominates a new vice president that must be approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate. If the president themselves say they cannot do the job for a while, then the vice president acts as president until the president says he is ready to resume the job. Additionally, there are provisions for a mutiny by the vice president and the cabinet (or some other group if Congress legislates it so) to temporarily remove the President from office but if the President objects then both houses have twenty-one days to both reach a two thirds majority to keep him out of office or else he will resume the presidency (affects Liberty Rule #59).



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Amendment XXV (1967)

Section 1.

In case of the removal of the President from office or of his death or resignation, the Vice President shall become President.

Section 2.

Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress.

Section 3.

Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

Section 4.

Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Thereafter, when the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that no inability exists, he shall resume the powers and duties of his office unless the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive department or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit within four days to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Thereupon Congress shall decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for that purpose if not in session. If the Congress, within twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written declaration, or, if Congress is not in session, within twenty-one days after Congress is required to assemble, determines by two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers and duties of his office.



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I believe that our young people  
possess a great social conscience,  
are perplexed by the injustices  
which exist in the world,  
and are anxious to rectify these ills.

### Jennings Randolph

“Father of the 26th Amendment”

Upon its ratification, June 30, 1971

Congressman (D-WV, 1933 - 1947), Senator (D-WV, 1958 - 1985)

1902 - 1998



Liberty Rules Amendment #26 (1971): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> Voter rights minimum age is reduced from the age of 21 to the age of 18 (affects Liberty Rule #15).



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Amendment XXVI (1971)

Section 1.

The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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**A long, long, long, long, ..., long, long time coming.**  
The curious thing about the 27<sup>th</sup> Amendment is whether it restricted or expanded  
the self-gratification of Congress.



Liberty Rules Amendment #27 (1992): <REPLACE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION IN YOUR WORDS> The bums in Congress can vote themselves a raise but it will not take effect until after the next election of the House of Representatives.



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Amendment XXVII (1992)  
No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

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The history of liberty is a history of  
the limitation of governmental power,  
not the increase of it.

Woodrow Wilson

28th President  
1856 - 1924

Proposed Liberty Rules Amendment #28 (TBD): <REPLACE WITH AN AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION  
THAT YOU WOULD PROPOSE IF THERE IS ONE OR MORE> Term limits for Representatives and Senators. Now  
it's five terms or ten years for Representatives and three terms or eighteen years for Senators and you're  
done.

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Proposed Amendment XXVIII (TBD)

No person shall be elected to the office of U.S. Representative more than five times, and a partial term shall  
count as a full term. No person shall be elected to the office of U.S. Senator more than three times, and a  
partial term of three or more years shall count as one full term. When ratified, all U.S. Representatives and  
Senators in office at or above the limit may be elected to one more term for that office.

### **Proposed Liberty Rules Amendment #28 (TBD) Notes:**

#### **Term Limits:**

Presidents: 2 terms maximum equals 8 years (Per Amendment 22, 1951)

Representatives: 5 terms maximum equals 10 years

Senators: 3 terms maximum equals 18 years

I believe that many people will believe that five terms for Representatives and three terms for Senators is too long, however, I believe that there needs to be some stability in government and we should not overreact to our current disenchantment. After a while there will always be turn-over occurring. This provides some stability and experience in government at all times with a mandatorily reasonable steady stream of new blood also.

#### **Amendment Passage:**

The only way that I see this ever happening is via a convention of states. If two thirds of state legislatures approve an amendment to the constitution, it is just as valid if two thirds of the House of Representatives and two thirds of the Senate approve it (reference Liberty Rule #80). Then it would have to be ratified by three fourths of the states and you're practically there already. Suddenly, whom we elect to state offices is important. They need to be constitutionally oriented and support federal term limits. This is probably the last bastion of states' ability to exercise their influence over the federal government. It would be there way of "sticking it to the man."

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If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land,  
it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy.

James Madison

4th President  
1751 – 1836



#### Prohibited Powers Abuse Re-Cap

U.S. Constitution Article I, Section 9 “Prohibited Powers” Re-Cap:

“Whatever you do, don’t do this” (Article I, Section 9):

1. (LR44) Slavery can’t last forever: But it lasted for seventy-seven years and took a civil war to end it.
2. (LR45) Habeas Corpus (right to protest being jailed): Under President George W. Bush U.S. citizens have been denied this right.
3. (LR46) No Bill of Attainder (no punishment without due process): Obama administration orders drone strikes of U.S. citizens abroad.
4. (LR47) Direct taxes must be applied equally to all people: Amendment 16, 1913 undid that.
5. (LR48) Tax on exports from states: I think we’re okay here.
6. (LR49) No preference of ports: Federally funded dredging and airport construction projects happen.
7. (LR 50) Expenditures of money shall be published from time to time: Where’s the transparency?
8. (LR51) Presents from foreign states prohibited: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s Clinton Foundation receives millions.

So, seven out of eight of the expressly prohibited powers have been violated (now six of eight since the first one has been addressed).

Our fore-fathers outlined what powers are associated with each branch of government and arranged a set a checks and balances but also saw fit to expressly state what the government cannot do. I’m sure they did this for a reason—to restrain the federal government and to protect the states and the people from tyranny and corruption. I believe that we need to start electing constitutionally oriented Representatives and Senators because we are going far adrift from our constitutional foundation.

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**We’re there.**

It really is time to reel in the president from going off the rails.



### **Presidential Overreach**

Okay, let’s recap Article II regarding the president or executive branch as it relates to recent history.

1. (LR55) Tenure: Okay (capped by Amendment 22, 1951 to two terms)
2. (LR56) Presidential electors (Revised by Amendment 12, 1804): Citizens are basically electing the president instead (not their fault and I prefer that).
3. (LR57) Election Day: Okay.
4. (LR58) Presidential eligibility: Okay.
5. (LR59) Succession to President: Okay (Revised by Amendment 20, 1933 and Amendment 25, 1967).
6. (LR60) Pay: Okay.
7. (LR61) Oath of Office: President Obama knowledgeably subverting the constitution is not “preserving it.”
8. (LR62) Commander in Chief – Opinions of department heads, Reprieves and pardons – okay
9. (LR63) Treaties: Major problem with President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry Iran Nuke Deal never being approved by two thirds of the Senate.
10. (LR64) Appointments during recess: Okay.
11. (LR65) Execute laws: Problem with underreach rather than overreach here (President Obama not enforcing immigration laws).
12. (LR66) Removal from office: Okay.

Well, that doesn’t look so bad at first blush. One big bad violation by President Obama making treaties (so much for checks and balances) and one debatable violation about executing the Oath of Office in good faith by virtue of the aforementioned one big bad violation.

However, the overreach is occurring by presidents usurping the powers stipulated in Article I to the Congress (House of Representatives and the Senate) as is next detailed.

1. (LR29) Naturalization: President has no authority to legislate immigration laws – only enforce them (LR65).
2. (LR36) Captures on land and water: Congress, not President Obama, should have been dispositioning Guantánamo Bay Detention Camp detainees.
3. (LR45) Habeas corpus: President George W. Bush was not justified in throwing U.S. citizen in jail on his say-so.
4. (LR46) No Bill of Attainder (punishment before trial): Not even Congress can do this, but President Obama executed U.S. Citizens in foreign lands with drone strikes.

5. (LR50) Expenditures of public money: Presidents have their own private slush fund called the "Judgement Fund." President Obama has thirteen, \$99,999,999 withdrawals, plus a bonus \$10,000,000 (\$1.31B) to bribe Iran to agree to a toothless "Political Agreement" (Kerry's words). In my opinion, 99.999999999% of the rest of the world would call that a treaty. Plus, there was the \$400 million cash hostage payment (labeled an IOU from a pre-1979 hostage arms deal gone bad, on the same day just before four present hostages are released after the unmarked cash arrives in an unmarked plane). So much for "the power of the purse" that the House of Representatives is supposed to wield.

Additionally:

(LRA12) Electors to select vice president, not the presidential nominee, all are guilty for allowing this practice.

So where does the blame lie? It starts with the presidents and is followed close behind by the complicit House of Representatives and Senate. The latter take an Oath of Office also, to wit:

Article VI, Section 1, Clause 3. (Liberty Rule #83)

The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.

Liberty Rule #83 is the next to last Clause of the U.S. Constitution. So, it rests with the Congress "to support this Constitution." If they don't start stopping and reversing the overreach of presidents, where will it end? Most will take whatever power they can get. Each subsequent administration starts off where the prior one left off. In finance, they refer to "Market Corrections" when bad things happen. In our government, the presidents are doing bad things to U.S. citizens directly and indirectly by this overreach. President Obama's execution of U.S. citizens abroad with drone strikes is the most unforgivable in my sincere opinion. This is specifically stated in the constitution as a "denied power." Therefore, we are reaching the point where we need a government correction.

President Obama was elected as a member of the Democratic Party. In the last two years of his presidency there was a majority of Republicans in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Why did they not effectively execute their constitutional official obligation to exercise their official responsibilities as members of the Congress to stop this unconstitutional executive overreach? Additionally, the Democrats should be just as active to exercise their official responsibilities as members of Congress to stop this sort of unconstitutional executive overreach as that is part and parcel to all of their Oaths of Office. They don't owe it to the president of their political party, they owe it to their constituents and their personal integrity in their oath.

How do you correct the government? U.S. citizens elect our state and federal Representatives and Senators. We need to start asking the right questions and listening for the right answers, if we can find them. People running for elected offices have websites. Look them up. What is presented above is all recent history. Does any current elected U.S. government office holder deserve to be there? This has all been happening on their watch.

**<IS THERE A SPECIFIC ISSUE OR ISSUES OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO YOU  
WHERE YOU WANNA HIGHLIGHT THE UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF THOSE PRACTICES?>  
<IF SO, GIVE IT A TITLE AND MAKE YOUR ARGUEMENT(S).>**

**Applied Logic Example – The Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) Dilemma**

The DAPL Dilemma: A few of my favorite topics all wrapped up into one big mess. The environment, the U.S. Constitution, Native American rights, energy independence, corporate greed, corruption and last but not least, our children.

It's not too late: Usually by the time we hear about an environmental disaster it's all over and there's not a damn thing we can do about it. Although DAPL went through, just like the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant on Long Island, New York, it could be shut down. From day one Shoreham had no chance of a feasible evacuation plan. Traffic on Long Island has always been horrendous during rush hour. With only three to four serious highways running west, which would be the way out, an evacuation plan was always pure fiction. For whatever reason they were compelled to complete building it and start it up, it never went into commercial operation and has since been dismantled to the extent that all nuclear material is reportedly removed from the site. As far as DAPL goes, yes, they completed it and, yes, it went into operation. However, there has been no disaster yet reported. It could be shut down if there was the right public outcry and political will before the potential disaster of a serious crude oil leak into the Missouri River happens.

Native American rights: The Standing Rock Sioux are on the front line as an easy target. After Bismarck and another municipality said "not through my city" they took aim at the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. They continue to valiantly stand up for their land and water rights against the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) going through North Dakota, among other places. On September 3, 2016 a group of Standing Rock Sioux went to pray at a sacred site and found it being bulldozed. They intervened and were sprayed with mace and security attack dogs were literally unleashed on them. The Standing Rock Sioux had been working to prevent the Dakota Access Pipeline from proceeding through their land on their way to eventually run it under the Missouri River to Illinois. The Standing Rock Sioux say "water is life" and they don't wanna risk it. Amy Goodman, of Democracy Now, was there and documented the whole thing. The Sioux contend that they are land and water protectors, not protesters. They are non-violent and unarmed. They were arrested, strip searched and held for days instead of just overnight. Because of Amy's reporting on that day, a North Dakota state prosecutor later charged her with trespassing and then, before court, admitted that he realized the charges wouldn't stick so he instead charged her with rioting. Subsequently, they began militarizing the position and forces of the DAPL builders. Many indigenous people's nations outside of the United States, from South America and Canada, had joined their cause. It's not an indigenous peoples cause; it is an American and a world cause. After President Trump took office a short four months later it was completed on June 1, 2017. However, what happened is still worth considering.

U.S. Constitution, Amendment I (1791 Bill of Rights): "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."

The 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment guarantees free speech as individuals and freedom of the press among other things. This prosecutor tried to equate reporting with rioting. On October 17, 2016, in court, Judge John Grinsteiner immediately dismissed the charges without listening to any arguments by refusing to sign the criminal



complaint brought against Amy Goodman by North Dakota's state attorney, Ladd Erickson. Nowadays, with camera and video recording in our phones at all times, we're all potential reporters. We can post to social media and we can stream live video if we want. If she could be prosecuted for reporting, we could be prosecuted for posting if someone in the right position doesn't like what we're saying or too many people

### **The DAPL Dilemma (continued)**

hear it. I would not elevate Amy's charges being dismissed to a victory, it was simply constitutional justice or better yet, a sanity check. Had they not been dismissed I'd be saying "Houston, we have a problem."

Corporate greed: Enbridge Inc., of Canada no less, appears to have been the primary corporation who constructed the pipeline. The first statement that popped up on their website said "Moving the energy that fuels North Americans' quality of life." As the Standing Rock Sioux say "water is life" so if you move the energy at the potential expense of the water exactly what kind of "quality of life" are you fueling?

I look at it this way. Either way the fuel will come out of the ground, the fuel will get where it needs to get to and it will end up in the atmosphere as emissions anyway. Why directly risk the water at the same time? Pre-pipeline, mostly rail and perhaps some trucks were used to move all that oil around which limited the potential spill to one string of trains or a truck load at a time. This exercise in corporate greed consolidates all that industry in one pipeline. There are now four business partners in the venture and Enbridge is no longer cited as one of them. They appear to have been replaced by a MarEn Bakken Company LLC. It looks like the other prime partner, Energy Transfers, is based in Texas and they have the largest financial interest in it but less than 50%. I don't know how the four firms work and profit together. If it ever gets shut down, I'm sure that they will get repaid for going through the trouble to build it. It was a 3.8 billion dollar project. That is less than two one hundredths of one percent of our national deficit (0.02%). I read that a couple of years ago we were already paying about a billion dollars a day in interest on the U.S. National Debt which is over 21 trillion dollars as of this moment on April 30, 2018 with no end in sight. To pay them a couple of billion dollars to shut it down is only the equivalent of a couple of days of interest on the U.S. National Debt.

Corruption: Oh, it's there. Corruption is the link that gets money to achieve power. The police protected the Canadian corporation from the unarmed Native Americans. Whose side are they on anyway?

Energy independence: I want energy independence, but with a balanced approach. Once we truly achieve it, then we need to focus on the lowest environmental impact approaches to maintain it and over time displace the fossil fuels approach through efficiency and renewable energy. What if we were not beholden to two-faced alliances in the Middle-East because of our dependency on the oil beneath them? That could lead to a more stable position for the U.S. in the world. I fear the environmental catastrophes that have and continue to happen with the excavation, transportation and generation of energy. The risk has proven unmanageable and unacceptable.

History snapshots (What could possibly go wrong?):

1979 – 3 Mile Island, Pennsylvania Nuclear Meltdown.

1986 – Chernobyl, Russia Nuclear Meltdown.

1989 – Exxon Valdez Tanker Spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska releasing about 250,000 barrels of oil.

1996 – Reedy River, Greenville County, SC pipeline ruptures releasing 22,800 barrels of diesel fuel into river.

2003 – Derrybrien landslide, County Galway, Ireland windfarm causes peat landslide contaminating lake and killing massive amounts of fish (even "green energy" can cause environmental catastrophes).

2010 – Deepwater Horizon Gulf Drilling Rig explodes and sinks in the Gulf of Mexico causing largest oil spill in U.S. history that went on for months and is estimated to have released over 3 million barrels of crude oil.  
2011 – Tsunami causes Fukushima Japan triple reactor meltdowns.

### **The DAPL Dilemma (continued)**

2013 – Lac-Megantic, Quebec Crude Oil Train Wreck.  
2014 – Long Island Sound, New York 8,000-gallon oil spill containment in Long Island Sound from severed utility cable just off shore was unreported by brand new local utility operator PSEGLI & long time electric cable operator NYPA. It went unreported for a month before finally exposed by local residents.  
2016 – Pennsylvania under river pipeline washes out (Wallis Run, a tributary to Loyalsock Creek that flows into the Susquehanna River) and spills 55,000 gallons of gasoline into river.  
2016 – Shelby County, AL pipeline explodes while performing maintenance with an excavating machine.  
2017 – Gulf of Mexico, 40 miles south of Venice, Louisiana underwater pipe fractures releasing 8,000 barrels of oil before being halted.  
2017 – Marshall County, South Dakota Keystone Pipeline breaks spilling 400,000 gallons onto farmland. I learned about this four months after the fact! This perfectly disproves the validity of DAPL safety assurances.

The environment: As my daughter, Sean, explained to me in a spontaneous dissertation during a long drive when she was six years old, the land, water, air, vegetation, and animals are all interrelated and important.

I do things to reduce pollution that may help in the long run, but here was a potential opportunity to have an impact to stop a potential disaster in the future. To draw a line in the sand. I live on Long Island, New York. We have a wonderful underground aquifer that isolates us from the annual variations of rainfall. Over the years, there has been much land on the island preserved to protect the aquifer. The main tract of land is known as the Pine Barrens. But still, it got screwed up. We, like too many people everywhere, rely on filtered and bottled water for drinking. A true shame and testament that our local and national people running the show don't know what the hell they're doing! Locally, we know our water isn't what it used to be. Now you periodically taste a strong chlorine flavor in the tap water which is not a good sign.

President Trump says America First and I'm afraid the Corporate is silent. It should be Americans First. I am not aware of him taking any actions to protect our waters. Instead, he directed full steam ahead on DAPL which directly puts our waters at risk.

The environment is as resilient as it is fragile. If given the opportunity to recover, I believe that it can display that remarkable resiliency. However, it can go the other way. Take fish for example. There are stories where either due to excessive pollution or due to changes in salinity a day came when huge, and I mean on the order of tons of fish, turned up dead floating to the top in various lakes over the years. These events should be shocking to everyone. There exists a point of no return for some wildlife and when it gets hit it's over and there's no reversing it. We are not heeding the lessons in reality that the environment is giving us.

Our children: Because we care, we must care.

Action: If you can't think of anything, maybe ask your children. They may have some great ideas.

**<WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE WE DO MOVING FORWARD?>**  
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**Food for Thought**

We are morally corrupt and financially bankrupt. We are financially corrupt and morally bankrupt. Either way sounds very applicable to our plight. With all that has gone on over the last few years, I have not heard or seen a feasible or even feeble attempt to address our fundamental problems as a society.

Under Liberty Rule #50, I put forth the "Public Transparency Policy" concept where I say that all government income and spending should be available to look at in detail on computers and smart phones accessible by anyone anywhere so that the public can scrutinize the spending and take issue with it locally and/or nationally where there appears to be waste, abuse and/or corruption. In other words "open the books" which simply means that all the income and payments made by and to the town, county, state and federal governments should be easily available for anyone to view using a computer or smart phone with rare exception when the detailed disclosure would truly compromise national security.

If this was the case I believe that some people will begin to scrutinize these budgets and financially things will get better over time due to a public outcry over the waste, abuse and corruption which will be found to exist "here and there." Town hall meetings could now include people expressing their outrage based on financial facts instead of just emotions.

We have had altogether too many cases of senseless violence in the United States with non-terrorist rampage shootings and the like. Therefore, I hereby put forth a second fundamental concept which is to simply bring back the "Blue Laws." The Blue Laws are those that dictate that most stores should be closed on Sundays.

Overall, the breakdown of a nurturing family structure in America could be the blame for all these freaks. Sure, there are those that will continue to be irresponsible with regard to their obligations to provide a loving and moral upbringing of their kids. However, I believe that many good intentioned parents simply can't find the time to have quality time with their kids. If we start to shut down Sunday business the way it was when I was a kid in the 1960s and early 1970s then we can start to enable the possibility of good family time together. Over time, this could help a lot. What has "the war on drugs", "just say no", "no child left behind" and "a balanced approach" accomplished? They seem to just be popular catch phrases put forth by various presidential administrations.

We must balance money and morals. In the early 1960s, there was a huge boom in our society. At that time stores were generally not open on Sundays and it certainly did not hold back the economy. We like to fanaticize that there is so much news now that we just hear about more bad stuff that has always been going on. I don't think that this is the case. Things are worse and we are morally corrupt and financially bankrupt. We are financially corrupt and morally bankrupt.

Either way, it's a mess and if we don't fundamentally change course soon things will only continue to get worse before they get better. Personally, if this ever came to pass it would be a great inconvenience to me,

but it's not about me. We need to think of the big picture and do something that may be helpful to everyone in the long run.

**Ideas that may be worth a try:**

1. Financial Recklessness: Public Transparency Policy (described in Liberty Rule #50, Huh? #11)
2. Polarized Politics: Representative & Senator Term Limits (proposed Amendment XXVIII (LRA28))
3. National Security: True Energy Independence (not just hot air)
4. Americans First: Protect our waters (prior section: Applied Logic Example - The DAPL Dilemma)
5. Families First: Return of Blue Laws (proposed here)

<WHAT IS THAT FINAL THOUGHT OR IMPRESSION THAT YOU WANNA CLOSE YOUR BOOK WITH?>  
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### Final Thought

Complacency kills.

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Born 1988



As seems to be the case with almost all people that have served in combat, my son doesn't talk much about it. However, before he went overseas, without going into much detail, he expressed to me that he learned that "complacency kills." I guessed, and many years later when I asked him he agreed, that this means that in a combat situation you can never afford to think "that's not my problem." If you see something that is even a little off you must speak up or act immediately. Otherwise, someone could die.

What is the cost of complacency at home?

While our daughters and sons, brothers and sisters, family and friends are fighting to preserve our freedom and our way of life abroad, what are we doing to preserve our freedom and our way of life at home?

What are we doing to honor their sacrifices?

Erosion is a slow and almost imperceptible process. Yet, over time it adds up. The year 2000 New Hampshire Statehood Quarter has the Old Man of the Mountain on the back along with the official state motto or mantra *Live Free or Die*. We can never know the full breath of forces that created the Old Man, but in spite of some efforts over the years to secure it it collapsed on May 3, 2003. After many millennia of creation, existence, and fascination, three short years after its memorialization onto a quarter - oops, gone, goodbye.

If we let the foundation of our republic erode what is there to prevent its collapse?

Some free space.

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Au revoir  
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