



The Everlasting Constitutional Law

The United States Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787, and is still used as an important set of laws in the year 2008. Some may ask, "how this is possible?" Unlike transient things such as seasonal styles and pop culture, the Constitution has remained an important influence in law and how everything works in the United States. Constitutional law is defined as the study of foundational or basic laws of nation states and other political organizations. Important in this definition is the word "foundational." Some people think of the United States of America as a strong foundation, but that foundation would not be there without a powerful underlying law system.

In the preamble of the Constitution, it is said that the Constitution was developed to "form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." The people in this world all have different views on many issues, but have the same in many of the needs. For instance, everyone in this country would like to live in an unperturbed world. Without an enduring set of laws, the world would be in complete and utter chaos. Justice would be a thing unheard of and tranquility would remain something only one could dream of while in bed asleep.

Thanks to the First Amendment of the Constitution, each individual has the freedom to choose which religion they wish to practice with no worries about it being unlawful. The current leading religion is Christianity, but nothing in any U.S. law states that other religions are wrong. Many people in the late 1700s fled from their home

countries to the U.S. so they would be able to practice their own religion and not be forced to join groups such as the Roman Catholic Church or the Church of England. No one, from past time to current time, has liked being forced into something they don't believe in, and that is exactly the reason why the United States of America is one of, if not the, most fair and accepting countries in the entire world.

Rule of law states that things are governed by the law and not by the government or a group of individuals. One of the Constitution's purposes is to guarantee that rule of law is enforced. The Constitution states that sets of laws, not people, are the source of our rules. The Constitution has lasted so long because of rule of law. The Constitution would no longer be considered as an active set of laws if America had decided to allow groups of people, instead of laws to govern them. That is one way that we have in fact stayed the same since 1787.

This nation has watched other great countries fall because of bad decisions in leaders. Adolf Hitler put the country of Germany in one of the worst situations possible. This occurred when he took complete control, leading Germany into a massive world war that they lost. Strong and powerful countries have fallen and the United States has learned from their bad experiences and mistakes. The United States has made the decision that even when leaders lacking wisdom are elected, they will never have more power than the law itself has. This nation may have changed physically and industrially, but "we the people" have not changed our minds about the kind of country desired. "We the people" want to live in a country where one atrocious leader will not have the power and ability to destroy all of the good things coming out of this country.

The Constitution was created where additional amendments could be added and old ones could be ratified. This was a smart move on the creators' part because they knew that the United States was not going to stay the same size forever and that not all of the same values would stay in effect forever. So far there have been a total of twenty-seven amendments made to the Constitution. The First Amendment states that "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." Without this addition to the Constitution, we would not be able to go to a public place and speak about what we wish to unless our speech topics were already approved by the government. This single amendment to the United States Constitution has made drastic changes for the people of the United States, and has shown how well the Constitution can adapt to the peoples' needs.

The United States Constitution may have been established in the late 1700's, but those who created the Constitution knew what they were doing in the sense that they wrote a document that was abiding and boundless. They created a firm foundation for the great nation that is the United States of America. It is this set of laws that the United States of America was based upon when it was established, and remains that base all the way to the current day and time. Not one person back in 1787 was above the law, and now, in 2008, that truth remains.

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