

## First Ten Amendments

### Intended to Restrict the National Government

#### 1st Amendment-Congress shall make no law respecting:

- Establish a religion

- Prohibiting religious expression

- Limiting the freedom of:

  - Speech

  - Press

  - Right to PEACEFULLY Assemble

  - Petition the government for redressing grievances

#### 2nd Amendment-Right to Bear Arms

- A well regulated militia

- To secure a free state

Therefore

- People's right to Keep (own) and Bear (use) Guns

- Shall not be infringed (taken away or restricted)

#### 3rd Amendment-Quartering of Soldiers

- Soldiers Shall not live in Private Homes

  - During Peacetime w/out owners consent

  - During Wartime in violation of Established Law

#### 4th Amendment-Searches and Seizures

- A person shall be secure in:

  - Person, House, Paper, and Property

- No Searches or Seizure without:

  - A warrant (court order)

    - Probable Cause (good reason)

    - Support (evidence)

    - Specific location or items mentioned

#### 5th Amendment- Crime Accusation, Process, and Eminent Domain

- No One Shall:

  - Be charged with Federal crime without a Grand Jury

  - Be charged for the Same Crime Twice

  - Be forced to confess (self-incrimination)

  - Be deprived of Life, Liberty, or Property without due Process

  - Lose their personal property without compensation

#### 6th Amendment- Criminal Proceedings

- Speedy and Public Trial

- Impartial Jury in home district

- Informed of Accusations

  - Confront Witnesses

  - Time to find Witnesses

  - Counsel (attorney)

7th Amendment- Civil Trials

In all Civil Trials of more than \$20

Jury trials will not be tried a second time

Double jeopardy

8th Amendment- Crime and Punishment

Prohibits:

Excessive bail

Excessive fines

Cruel and Unusual Punishment

All based on seriousness of crime

9th Amendment- Unspecified Rights

Constitution does NOT list all rights of the citizens

We have too many Rights and Freedoms that could ever possibly be listed

Constitution is not intended to limit individual rights

10th Amendment- States Rights

Powers reserved to States or People

Any and All Government powers not listed in the Constitution belong to the States or

individuals

Includes Any and All government powers not specifically prohibited of the States