

The UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

About the United States Constitution

The **United States Constitution** is a document created by a group of delegates to the **Constitutional Convention** after the United States declared its independence from Great Britain. The need for a governing document other than the **Articles of Confederation** was growing clear to the **Constitutional Congress**, and so they came together to devise a new document.

The ratification of the Constitution, or formal approval by a vote of delegates representing the states, did not happen overnight. Some states wanted to see revisions made before they would sign.

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The Constitution defines citizenship in the United States, as well as governmental branches and their responsibilities, which were not addressed in the Articles of Confederation. The Constitution is the **absolute law** in the United States and has been that way since **1789**.

The delegates realized that there may be a need to amend the Constitution over time and also set up provisions in the document to address this future need. The **Bill of Rights** is the first set of **amendments** to the Constitution, including the right of freedom of religion and trial by jury. Many amendments have been made to the Constitution since the initial Bill of Rights.