

**Bill of Rights**  
The First Ten Amendments

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- 1**
- **Forbids Congress from:**
  - Establishing a religion
  - Preventing the free exercise of religion
  - Deprive citizens of the freedom of speech or press
  - Preventing people to peacefully assemble
  - Preventing the petition of the government (complain without fear of punishment)

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- **First Amendment Limits:**
- Slander- Speak harmful lies
- Libel- Print harmful lies
- Clear & Present Danger- Actions that put others in danger

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- **Prevents the infringement of:**
- Right to join a regulated militia
- Keep and bear arms

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- **Prevents:**
- Quartering of soldiers in homes during peace time
- Quartering of soldiers in homes during war unless prescribed by law

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- Protects the right of property against unreasonable searches and seizures
- Prescribes that a warrant shall be specific, under oath, and under probable cause

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- Grand juries must indict before trial
- Double jeopardy protection
- Government cannot compel you to testify against yourself
- Establishes due process to take away natural rights
- Establishes eminent domain to take property

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- Accused have a speedy, public trial
- Trial by impartial jury where the crime was committed
- Accused must be told of the charge, confronted by witnesses, be able to obtain witnesses, and have assistance of council

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- Common law suits have jury trials

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- Forbids excessive bail
- Forbids cruel & unusual punishment

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- States that the rights mentioned in the Constitution are not the sum of the rights held by the people\*

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- States that powers not given to the US government in the Constitution,
- or state powers not listed as prohibited,
- are reserved to the states and the people.

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