



After the war of 1812 Americans controlled Michigan. That is when we finally had rule by law rather than rule by brute force.

The CONSTITUTION of the United States

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Article I

At last after 12,000 years Rule by Law has replaced Rule by Brute Force.

The American's Creed "**I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.**" — William Tyler Page

We Americans formed a government of the people, for the people in 1787 under our **Constitution**. A three branch Government which counter check each other to stop any one group from gaining too much power. The Preamble our founding fathers wrote tells the **purpose**. "**We the People of the United States, in Order 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,** do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

The Bill of Rights which are the first ten amendments to the Constitution were approved in 1791 to give us specific freedoms. **First Amendment guarantees the freedom of religion, of speech, of the press, of assembly, and of petition to the government for redress of grievances.** Second Amendment gives the **right to bear arms openly**, Third Amendment freedom from quartering soldiers in a house without owner's consent Fourth Amendment protects people against unreasonable search and seizure. **No searches without warrant** or probable cause. This is also about **privacy** that people supposed to be entitled to have their homes and personal effects private and free from searches. Fifth Amendment **no person shall be held** for "a capital or otherwise infamous crime" **without indictment**, be twice put in "jeopardy of life or limb" for the same offense, be compelled to testify against himself, **or "be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law."** It also prohibits government from taking private property without "just compensation," Sixth Amendment guarantees the **right of speedy and public trial by an impartial jury** in all criminal proceedings and the right to have legal counsel for the accused and guarantees that the accused may require witnesses to attend the trial and testify in the presence of the accused. It also guarantees the accused a right to know the charges against him. Seventh Amendment guarantees right of trial by jury in almost all civil cases. Eighth Amendment. Excessive bail, fines "cruel and unusual" punishment prohibited.