

U.S. Constitution

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Amendment I

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.

Amendment II

A [well regulated Militia](#), being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to [keep and bear Arms](#), shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

[No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house](#), without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against [unreasonable searches and seizures](#), shall not be violated, and [no Warrants shall issue](#), but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a [Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces](#), or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; [nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.](#)

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the [right to a speedy and public trial](#), by an [impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed](#), which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be [informed of the nature and cause of the accusation](#); to be [confronted with the witnesses](#) against him; to [have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor](#), and to have the [Assistance of Counsel](#) for his defence.

Amendment VII

In [Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury](#) shall be preserved, and [no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.](#)

Amendment VIII

[Excessive bail](#) shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor [cruel and unusual punishments](#) inflicted.

Amendment IX

The [enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights](#), shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X

The powers [not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States](#) respectively, or to the people.