# Article XIV - v0.3.0 Draft EOS.IO Constitution - No Positive Rights[[1]](#footnote-1)

# Purpose

Prevents the creation of positive Constitutional rights.

# Text of Article

This Constitution creates no positive rights for or between any Members.

# Discussion

As described in the [Design Principles of this Draft Constitution](https://forums.eosgo.io/discussion/424/design-principles-of-my-v0-1-draft-eos-io-constitution), it's important for several reasons that the Constitution not create, directly or by implication, any positive rights.

Negative rights provide the greatest freedom of action for all parties.

Negative rights can (almost) always be respected via inaction, and violations are (usually) easy to spot.

Negative rights do not create obligations for action on others and don't create a slippery slope of entitlement or a path toward transforming this chain's default token into a de facto security.

The intention of this article is to make it clear that none of the other articles, and nothing in the subordinate governing documents (BP Agreement, Arbitrator Agreement, etc.) can or should be interpreted as conferring a positive right on any Member.

# References

None yet

1. https://forums.eosgo.io/discussion/750/article-xiv-v0-3-0-draft-eos-io-constitution-no-positive-rights [↑](#footnote-ref-1)